Job Description:
One field assistant is needed from mid-May through mid-July to work with a graduate student from the University of Montana on the National Bison Range (NBR). This project will investigate the relationship between bison grazing intensity and grassland songbird habitat selection. Data collection will consist of early morning transect surveys, nest searching and nest checking in grassland habitat, and grazing transects. The field assistant will identify grassland birds by sight and sound, navigate by GPS, hike in rough and uneven terrain, and enter data. Work schedule will require beginning work as early as 5:00AM, and will run primarily Monday through Friday, although some flexible hours may be deemed necessary. College credit may be available for this position, but arrangements to receive credit are the responsibility of the student.

Salary: $200/week, plus free housing provided in bunkhouse

Qualifications: Applicant should be working toward or have completed a degree in wildlife biology, conservation, resource management, or a related field. Experience identifying Western birds, especially grassland/prairie birds, is preferred. Applicants should possess the ability to work independently, problem solve, and have good vision and hearing. Applicants should demonstrate physical stamina under field conditions and a willingness to learn new skills.

Start Date: May 16-July 8, 2016. Start and end dates may be flexible.

Agency/Organization: University of Montana

Website: http://www.cfc.umt.edu/asc/

To Apply: Please send resume and a cover letter addressing your interest in and qualifications for the position to the email listed below. Applications are reviewed as they are received, so you are encouraged to apply early. Position will be filled as soon as a qualified applicant has been found.

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