Closing Date: 24 February 2020

Position: We are taking applications for 2-3 technician positions for May-September of 2020 conducting hair snagging for grizzly bears in northwest Montana and north Idaho. Position is employed by the University of Montana, but supervised by US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Duties: Primary tasks will include: set-up, checking, and collecting hair from rub trees for DNA analysis, set-up and maintenance of barb wire corral hair collection sites (DNA) and remote cameras, ground monitoring of radio collared bears, and other duties as assigned. Position will provide day-to-day supervision of an assistant. Applicant must expect and be willing to hike and work in grizzly bear habitat. This position will require the employee to be capable of driving pick-up trucks with manual and automatic transmissions. Experience pulling trailers on state highways and forest service logging roads will be beneficial. Additional tasks may include assisting with public information and education regarding bears and this study, minor equipment maintenance, and data manipulation. Applicant must write legibly and keep accurate records for biological data collection, organize collected samples, and perform data entry.

Qualifications: Applicant must be in good physical condition with ability to hike 5-10 miles per day for several consecutive days often in poor weather conditions and carry a 20-30 pound backpack in rugged terrain. Applicant must have ability to work with minimal supervision, completing fieldwork tasks in grizzly bear habitat. Valid state driver's license required. License must be presented to supervisor for inspection on first day of work. Applicant must be experienced and proficient at operating a four-wheel drive truck on gravel and dirt roads.

Experience: The following are work experiences that are preferred but not required. Performing fieldwork in grizzly bear habitat; leading a field team and working with minimal daily supervision; driving on gravel or dirt logging roads; towing and backing up a trailer with a pick-up truck; operation and maintenance of a chainsaw; operation of 2-way radio communications, use of a satellite communication device, trail camera experience, set-up and collection of hair at corral sites, use of wildlife radio telemetry equipment; use of bear spray, and operation of GPS.

Terms of Appointment: Early-May through September, 2020 (specific start and finish dates may be negotiable). Position will receive $15.00/hour plus $20.00 per diem each day worked. Work schedule is typically 10 days on, 4 days off, but may vary. Housing provided. Successful applicant required to provide their own transportation to field camps.

Please contact us with any questions. To apply send a generous or lengthy resume and cover letter with dates of availability to email or mailing address below on or before February 24, 2018. Files should be labeled: NAME_Coverletter.pdf, NAME_Resume.pdf.

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