



DEPARTMENT OF  
**NATURAL RESOURCE  
ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT**

## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Assistant Professor  
Wildlife Extension Specialist**

Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management  
Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater OK

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### **Position Description:**

The Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management (NREM) at Oklahoma State University (OSU) invites applications for a full-time, 11-month, tenure-track position, approximately 75% OSU Extension and 25% OSU Ag Research appointment.

**Extension Component:** The mission of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is to disseminate information to the people of Oklahoma and encourage the adoption of research-generated knowledge. The faculty member will provide leadership in planning, implementing and continually evaluating a state-wide wildlife extension education and outreach program. Program emphasis will include intrinsic values of game and non-game wildlife resources. Audiences will include wildlife, forestry and range professionals, private landowners and managers of rangelands, forests and farms, wildlife interest groups, and the public. This position will provide the following: 1) the integration of natural resources planning and management as a part of overall agricultural production (forest, range, farm) activities; 2) continuing education programs for wildlife, forestry, and range management professionals, as well as Extension personnel; 3) curricula, training and support for Extension, Tribal, local, state and Federal agency professional field staff; 4) maintain professional liaison and develop cooperative programs with academic colleagues, industry professionals, and state, federal, and private natural resource management agencies; 5) public education regarding beneficial relationships associated with sound wildlife habitat management practices on forest, range, and farm lands; and 6) work in collaboration with youth education faculty on developing age-appropriate educational materials.

**Research Component:** The faculty member will be expected to work collaboratively with research faculty in the NREM department (including the Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit), in other departments at OSU or at other universities to conduct nationally recognized, externally funded research in wildlife habitat management in natural areas that directly yield agricultural products (e.g., forests and rangelands), or are integrated within farmland operations. Research direction will be responsive to the needs of the State of Oklahoma, the Southern Great Plains region and the nation.

**Service Component:** Service is an important component of this tenure track position and is assumed to be a part of the Extension and research appointment. The Specialist will be expected to serve on Departmental, Division and University committees appropriate to interests, responsibilities, and organizational mission, and provide service to professional wildlife-related societies (e.g., serving on committees, manuscript reviews, proposal reviews, etc.).

### **Qualifications:**

Qualifications include: 1) a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology, wildlife biology, conservation biology, ecology, environmental science, or other related biology, and BS and MS degrees in wildlife or related areas at the time of appointment, 2) demonstrated ability to communicate effectively to the public and conduct educational programs in natural resource management, 3) demonstrated interest and ability to seek and secure extramural funding to support research, and 4) ability and desire to work collaboratively with NREM faculty, faculty in other departments or universities to address Extension and research goals, and 5) ability and interest to work with wildlife and other natural resource agencies and professionals.

### **Salary:**

Competitive and commensurate with education, training, and experience.

### **Application Procedures:**

Applications must be submitted online at: <https://jobs.okstate.edu> (search by keyword req17504). Candidates should submit: 1) a letter of application that includes a brief description of the applicant's research and teaching philosophy, 2) a complete CV that includes: background, education, experience, and a list of publications and any received extramural funding, 3) official academic transcripts, and 4) contact information for three (3) references. Questions can be directed to Dr. Kevin Allen, [kevin.allen@okstate.edu](mailto:kevin.allen@okstate.edu).

Review of applications will begin May 15, 2024, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The position will be filled by January 25, 2025, or as soon thereafter as an outstanding candidate is available. Continuation of this position is subject to performance and need.

### **About the Department, Division, University and Stillwater**

The department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management is comprised of 22 faculty with expertise in fisheries, forest, rangeland, and wildlife resources, plus 12 administrative and research support staff. More than 50 master's and doctoral graduate students are advised by NREM faculty, and we serve over 230 undergraduate students. The Department is also the administrative home of the Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit.

For more information about the department, visit <http://nrem.okstate.edu>.

To learn more about OSU Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and Stillwater, visit these websites:

- <https://agriculture.okstate.edu>
- <https://agresearch.okstate.edu>
- <https://extension.okstate.edu>
- <https://www.okstate.edu>
- <https://www.visitstillwater.org>
- <https://www.stillwaterchamber.org>

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