Carnivore Ecology Field Technician

Location: Mt. Rainier National Park and Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Salary: $13.14/hr with benefits

Last Date to Apply: May 1, 2016

Start Date: June 20, 2016

End Date: September 9, 2016

Description:

We are seeking a summer field technician for a research project at the University of Washington studying the trophic interactions of reintroduced fishers in the South Cascade Mountains of Washington. The purpose of this research is to assess how prey availability and presence of other carnivores affects establishment success of reintroduced fishers. Duties will include conducting mark-recapture surveys for small mammals (voles, mice, chipmunks, squirrels, hares), establishing and maintaining remote camera grids to monitor mammalian predators, habitat sampling, and other field and data management duties. Housing will be provided in Mt. Rainier National Park and the majority of work will occur within the park and adjacent Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Depending on sampling locations, we may spend time camping closer to field sites during sampling. The field season will be approximately from mid-June to mid-September.

Qualifications:

Applicants should have completed or be working towards a B.S. degree in biology, ecology, wildlife science or a related field and have an interest in mammalian ecology. We are seeking candidates with experience conducting small mammal surveys, with emphasis on forest habitats. Experience using remote cameras and sampling forest vegetation is preferred. Must be able to work well in a team as well as individually. Must be able to work late evenings and early mornings and deal with adverse weather and field conditions while maintaining a good attitude. Must have experience navigating with GPS and maps, experience navigating through closed forest is preferred. Must be able to hike 10 miles a day carrying up to 50lbs of gear over uneven terrain through forest understory. Experience conducting data entry and management using Microsoft Excel is preferred. Applicants must have valid driver’s license and be US citizens.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter, CV and contact information for 3 references to Mitch Parsons: pars2997@uw.edu