Reclamation Biologist - Division of Fish and Wildlife

Job ID: 601897

Apply Before: 04/30/2016
Location: Jasonville

Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular
Salary: $34,320.00
City/County/St: Jasonville, Greene County, IN

Job Description:

The Reclamation Biologist serves as a field biologist in the Division of Fish and Wildlife but is assigned to the Technical Services Section of the Division of Reclamation. Incumbent serves as the Division of Fish and Wildlife's expert on mining operations.

Incumbent interacts with co-workers from other DNR divisions, other state and federal governmental agencies, public officials, mine industry personnel, and the general public to explain and interpret agency guidelines, disseminate data and technical information in response to requests, provide technical service, and resolve issues through cooperative problem solving. Coordinates with local, state, and federal governmental agencies on cooperative review of mine plans to ensure thorough and consistent reviews. Serves as an expert witness and prepares evidence for fish and wildlife issues involved in litigation. Develops guidelines and procedures to implement complex regulations.

Responsibilities:

- Review permit applications and mining plans
- Provide recommendations to Division of Reclamation staff with regard to impacts upon fish, wildlife, and botanical resources, applying knowledge of biological principles, ecological variables and interactions, water and land management, and the life histories and population dynamics of fish and wildlife species.
- Review projects to determine and ensure that the plans are accurate and meet legal and technical requirements of the applicable laws and regulations.
- Conduct field inspections of proposed project sites and evaluates data provided by mine operators to determine compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Provides technical assistance in restoration designs.
- Prepare written reports of investigations with recommendations.
Preferred Experience:

Bachelor of Science degree from an accredited college or university in Biology, Wildlife, Fisheries, or a closely related field is required, with specialized knowledge of biological principals, ecological variables and interactions, and life histories of wildlife species developed through on the job training and relevant experience.

- Must possess a valid Indiana driver's license.
- Knowledge of laws and regulations as related to surface and underground mining.
- Specialized knowledge of other disciplines such as geology, mining technology, hydrology, blasting, permitting procedures, bond releases and cartography.
- Able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, superiors, other governmental officials, mine operators, and the public;
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to prioritize variable workloads and multiple projects.

Benefits:

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