Summer wildlife biology/ecology field technicians

GS – 4, 5, 6 & 7
Duty Station: Alta, CA
Reply Due: APRIL 19 2016

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POSITION INFORMATION:
Temporary Biological Sciences Technician (Wildlife) with the USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station: Series 0404, Grade 4, 5, 6 and 7. Duty station: Alta, California.

START AND END DATES: At least three contiguous month period between May 2016 to end of September 2016

SALARY: Approximately $2,500 – $3,500/month depending on GS grade (4, 5, 6 or 7)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project focuses on wildlife movement in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California (study area falls in the general area of Auburn, Cisco and Nevada City, CA) with a duty station in Alta, CA. Understanding wildlife movement is critical to predict where wildlife will cross roads in the future; wildlife road crossings are important because they are locations where wildlife put themselves and motorists at risk of dangerous collisions. This work aims at developing a better understanding of where wildlife movement corridors are and their relationships with roads. An extensive grid of remotely activated cameras (i.e. camera traps) and small mammal traps, along with road-kill surveys, will be used to model wildlife movement broadly across the landscape.

DUTIES: Lead a team responsible for monitoring wildlife. Applicant should be responsible, organized and motivated. Field teams will be working with small-mammal traps, camera-traps (remotely-triggered wildlife-cameras), road-kill surveys and assessing underpasses for wildlife suitability. Field work will involve navigating and hiking across rugged terrain to field sites while carrying heavy equipment. During periods without field work, efforts will be focused on data entry and identifying wildlife species in camera-trap photos.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have experience working with small-mammal live-traps and California small-mammal identification. Applicant should have previous supervisory experience. Applicant should be detail oriented with the ability to take careful notes in field and office settings (Microsoft Excel experience). Applicant should be in good physical condition with the ability to hike at high elevation and in rugged terrain while carrying equipment. Applicant should be comfortable working outdoors and in challenging field conditions (e.g. hot/cold). Applicant should have basic competency using GPS/maps to locate field sites. Available to work full-time (40 hours/week).

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS (NOT REQUIRED): Driver license; experience with camera-traps, possibility to work alternative schedules (e.g. 4 days on with 3 days off; 40 hr/week average) & an interest in ecology and wildlife biology.
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Please respond no later than APRIL 19 2016

INTERESTED APPLICANT INFORMATION:

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