Wildlife Biologist at Fountain Grove CA, Meadville

Employer: Missouri Department of Conservation

Closing: 5/6/2016

Salary Range: $32,100 - $56,544

Beginning Salary: $32,100 - $36,792 depending upon qualification.

Location: Meadville, MO

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Duties and Responsibilities

Under the direction of a Wildlife Management Biologist, plans, implements and supervises wildlife management programs on state-owned conservation areas, including glade, woodland, forest, grasslands, and wetland management areas in assigned counties. Plans and supervises a crop program of legumes, cereal grains, and native plants. Manages plants, animals, and natural communities of conservation concern. Conducts monitoring and evaluation on habitats and utilizes adaptive resource management techniques to achieve desired results. Manages and reports on natural areas. Annually identifies priority areas for invasive plant species treatment. Advocates for wildlife diversity and outdoor recreation issues and proposals. Supervises salaried personnel and hourly employees. Plans and participates in prescribed burn program in a leadership capacity. Assists in providing technical advice and training to landowners, municipalities, agencies, and organizations on wildlife, native plants, and natural community practices through tours, workshops, and farm visits. Works with conservation landowners such as the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Prepares annual and long-term management plans. Monitors plants, animals, and natural communities and management activities. Plans and assists with managed hunts, bird counts, vegetation surveys, and public-use management. Assists with district reports. Prepares and coordinates budget and purchasing needs. Represents the Department and the Wildlife Division at fairs, exhibits and local public meetings. Plans and participates in Department promotional events. Helps implement the Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy, Missouri Department of Conservation Strategic Plan and other interdivisional plans. Prepares articles for the Conservationist magazine, local newspaper and other publications. Conducts radio or TV programs upon request. Attends Department-sponsored seminars, workshops and safety meetings. Performs other duties as required.

Qualifications

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor’s Degree in Wildlife Management or closely-related subjects and one year of professional experience in wildlife work. A Master’s Degree in the above area will substitute for the one year of experience. Approval as Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society is desired.

Special Ability Requirements

Ability to:
Work independently at field locations despite adverse field conditions.
Adapt to a variety of job situations involving long hours, hazardous conditions and difficult...
circumstances.
Conduct conservation programs to special interest groups and the general public.
Proficiently use GPS, digital camera, Arc MAP, PowerPoint, and BehavePlus technologies within a year of employment.
Travel and stay overnight and meet periodic needs for extended out-of-town travel.
Train and supervise other employees.
Lift and carry objects up to 50 pounds.
Obtain a valid Driver License by date of employment.

Exemption Status/Special Notes

This position has been determined to be exempt according to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Employees must agree to accept compensatory time off in lieu of cash payments in accordance with the Department’s Compensatory Time Off and Overtime policy.

Smoking is prohibited in all owned, rented or leased Department of Conservation offices, buildings, and similar facilities, in Department aircraft, and in vehicles.

The Department of Conservation will hire only United States citizens and aliens authorized to work in the United States. All new employees will be required to complete an "Employment Eligibility Verification" (Form I-9) and produce requested documentation after employment.

Candidates seeking initial employment or re-employment must submit to a drug screen following offer of employment.

All persons employed with the state of Missouri shall file all state income tax forms and pay all state income taxes owed.