Wildlife Management Biologist at Albany Office, Albany

Employer: Missouri Department of Conservation

Salary Range: $36,084 - $63,588

Beginning Salary: $36,084 - $41,352 depending upon qualification.

Closing: 5/6/2016

Location: Albany, MO

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**Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the supervision of the Wildlife Regional Supervisor, serves as the wildlife resources specialist on the Upper Grand River District Conservation Team. Designs and coordinates management, maintenance and operation of conservation areas. Writes wildlife management plans and habitat proposals. Provides leadership and general guidance for work team staff regarding district work planning, management and general area operation and maintenance. Prepares annual budget and oversees accounting of expenditures including administration of contracts. Conducts wildlife inventories and management/evaluation projects such as migratory bird banding, quail and grassland bird surveys, Breeding Bird Surveys, radio telemetry and vegetation monitoring; Administers managed hunts. Makes recommendations to improve conditions of wildlife populations and habitats by using various tools including GIS applications and various habitat inventory and assessment processes. Plans and drafts capital improvement requests, and prepares and administers grant requests. Coordinates Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs with permittee farmers. Recommends area regulations pertaining to public use and wildlife population management. Coordinates management of wildlife administered areas and district programs and supervises staff to accomplish projects and annual work plans. Provides technical assistance to private landowners in habitat planning and wildlife management. Works with other federal and state agencies and non-government groups related to natural resource management for the development of wildlife habitat and wildlife diversity projects. Serves as Team Leader within the Grand River Grasslands priority geography, Acts as liaison with field trial groups, birding groups, and other conservation and community organizations; and addresses natural resource questions from the public. Performs other duties as required.

**Qualifications**

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife, Forestry, Agriculture or closely related subjects and at least three (3) years of progressively responsible professional experience in wildlife management or closely related natural resource field; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Approval as Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society is desired. Experience with GIS preferred. Experience with private and public lands is desirable.

**Special Ability Requirements**

Ability to:
Obtain a Missouri Driver License by date of employment.
Adapt to a variety of job situations involving long hours, hazardous conditions and difficult circumstances.
Operate ½-ton truck and burning equipment.
Occasionally work weekends.
Conduct special conservation programs to special interest groups and the general public.
Train and supervise other employees.
Work outdoors in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

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 Compensation 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.