Wildlife Area Intern (Summer Lake WA)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Klamath Watershed District
Job Number 4

Location: Summer Lake Wildlife Area
Housing is provided

Pay Range: $19.77 - $22.23 per hour

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours (10 weeks) (July 2025 – September 2025)

Job Description: Primary duties will be to provide a student intern with on-the-job training experiences related to wildlife area/habitat management and operations. The benefit of this position is to recruit, train and provide skills to potential employees seeking careers in wildlife management.

Student will gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a wildlife area and natural resource agency programs.

Internship experience will help identify academic strengths and weaknesses and enhance opportunities for future professional employment.

Intern will have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of facilities and wildlife habitat management, and related wildlife management projects focused primarily on wetlands and water birds, public use facilities and acquire hands-on skills. Duties include:

- Assists wildlife area staff with habitat maintenance and management that includes (35%):
    - Wetland habitat restoration work through water level management, herbicides, ground disturbance (disking, mowing etc.) and grazing.
    - Repair and maintain dikes, levees and water control structures.
    - Maintain and improve roads, trails and public use facilities.
    - Culture and irrigation of plantings and crops.
    - Noxious weed control through herbicide spraying and mechanical means.

    - Operates, maintains and repairs heavy equipment such as tractors, dozers, backhoe, grader, loader and a wide variety of implements.

- Assists SLWA staff in buildings, grounds, and facilities maintenance that includes (30%):
    - Preventative and corrective maintenance/repairs using hand tools and power equipment, painting, mowing.
    - Cleans restrooms, restocks supplies and collects trash at campgrounds, headquarters facility, office, and parking areas.
    - Picks up and disposes of garbage and litter.
    - Posts signs and maintains informational kiosks.

- Assists SLWA staff in conducting, recording and reporting biological and habitat inventories that includes (20%):
    - Waterfowl and other water bird surveys.
    - Capture and band waterfowl, doves and other water birds.
    - Measure water flows and levels.
    - Data entry, mapping and detail write ups of surveys.

- Meets the public to provide assistance, information and answer questions (5%).

- Other duties, opportunities, and training as available and can be assigned to assist District wildlife staff with inventories and special projects. (10%).

Requirements: Frequently works outside during inclement weather (hot, cold, wet), required to work before and after daylight (at times), occasionally required to work on weekends. Overnight stays and camping are sometimes required in remote areas.

Interactions with the public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.

Work Conditions: Frequently works outside during inclement weather, and work can begin before and after daylight hours and occasionally requires working on weekends. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor.

This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked daily, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a work week.