East Region District Management Intern (The Dalles)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 8

Location: The Dalles field office
Housing may be provided

Pay Range: $19.77 - $22.23 per hour

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours (10 weeks) (May 2025 – September/October 2025)

Job Description: The purpose of this position is to assist with day-to-day wildlife districts tasks and support staff with ongoing wildlife research projects. Primary duties will be to provide a student intern with on-the-job training experiences related to wildlife management, research, and habitat restoration. 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 natural resource agency programs.

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

Duties:

- Assisting the Mid-Columbia Wildlife District with general management activities (e.g., upland bird counts, bighorn sheep surveys, trail camera deployments, habitat projects, and other wildlife surveys) in order to gain a wider diversity of general experience at the wildlife district level (35%)

- Assist with ongoing research projects including northwestern pond turtle trapping/tagging, fecal collection for mule deer diet analysis, vegetation surveys for bighorn sheep diet analysis/habitat use study (35%)

- Utilizing radio telemetry to locate radio-collared animals that are missing or on mortality (5%)

- Assist with various habitat restoration activities throughout the district. Duties to include habitat planting, fence removal, vegetation monitoring, and weed control activities (10%)

- Assisting with the Upland Cooperative Access Program (5%)

- Assisting with general data entry and trail camera photo processing (10%)

Requirements: Preference will be given to candidates with the ability to work independently and can navigate using a map and GPS, especially in a remote or field setting. 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.

Working Conditions: Work locations will be in a field setting. Hiking and driving in remote and potentially rugged terrain is required. This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a work week. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor.