



Wildlife Area Intern (Elkhorn)
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 1

Location: Elkhorn Wildlife Area, North Powder
Housing provided

Pay: \$19.77 - \$22.23 per hour

Note: this position will receive a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.5% which is not reflected in the salary listed in this posting. The effective date of the increase is February 1, 2026.

Duration: Not to exceed 400 hours (10 weeks) June 2026 – August 2026 (start and end dates flexible, not to exceed 10 weeks).

Job Description: Student intern will assist ODFW staff to monitor seasonal livestock grazing and ensure that activities are meeting the objectives of the EWA grazing management plan. Additionally, the student intern will assist with habitat restoration projects, farming, public access management, and wildlife monitoring on department lands.

Intern will gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand land and public access management of a wildlife area. The position will include working with the NRCS, Bureau of Land Management and Eastern Oregon University to implement the wildlife area grazing monitoring plan. Other tasks include large equipment operation, infrastructure maintenance and wildlife surveys. We will attempt to provide the student intern with other desired work experiences when they align with project goals and objectives.

Wildlife habitat restoration and management projects are primarily within rangeland and dry forest type habitats.

Duties: Assists EWA staff implement the wildlife area grazing management plan (65%)

- Monitor habitat conditions at established sample points
- Collect biological field samples
- Utilize GPS, GIS, and computer related programs
- Operates, maintains, and repairs 4x4 trucks and ATV/UTV

Assists EWA staff with other habitat projects, buildings, grounds, and facilities maintenance (25%)

- Operate tractors, backhoe, and farming implements such as plow, disc, harrow, seeder, and mowers.
- Noxious weed control through mechanical and physical means.
- Build and maintain area fences
- Preventative and corrective maintenance/ repairs using hand tools and power equipment, painting, mowing, welding, and woodworking
- Clean/organize buildings and grounds
- Installation and/or maintenance of signs, kiosks, fences, culverts,

Other duties as assigned (10%)

- Opportunities and training as available and assigned to include assisting District wildlife and fisheries staff with inventories and special projects.

**Working
Conditions:**

Frequently works outside during inclement weather (hot, cold, wet).

This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which the starting and stopping times vary 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. Dealings with the public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.