



Wildlife Diversity Program/East Region
District Intern (Pendleton)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 26

Location: Pendleton ODFW office. Housing is not provided.

Pay Range: \$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 between March 2026 - June 2026

Job Description: Primary duties will provide a student intern with on-the-job training experiences related to wildlife management and conservation. This position will assist with a variety of wildlife species and projects including Washington Ground Squirrel surveys and DNA collection, Western Painted Turtle Surveys, Bighorn sheep surveys, remote trail camera monitoring, Golden Eagle nest surveys, rangeland health and habitat surveys, wildlife population monitoring, and implementation of the Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan. The benefit of this position is to recruit and train potential employees seeking careers in wildlife management/conservation. Intern is expected to gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a natural resource agency. Intern will have the opportunity to participate in wildlife research, data collection used to guide wildlife management decisions, and wildlife habitat improvement projects. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to collect data, learn about analyze data, and develop technical writing skills.

Working Duties:

Assist with wildlife and habitat surveys (80%)

- Survey for Oregon Species of Greatest Conservation Need (e.g. Washington ground squirrel, western painted turtle, golden eagle) as well as annually monitored game species (e.g., mule deer, rocky mountain elk, bighorn sheep)
- Assist with Washington ground squirrel captures and DNA and fecal sample collection.
- Assist with habitat surveys in shrub steppe and grassland
- Follow detailed monitoring and capture protocols

- Collect high quality data in field conditions

Review and digitize new and historical wildlife observation data (10%)

- Collect data using ArcGIS products (Survey 123, Field Collector)
- Manage collected data

Assist with implementation of district programs (10%)

- Performs data organization and quality control
- Assist with camera deployment and monitoring for wolves
- Assist with monitoring and retrieval of radio-collared deer and elk, investigating mortality events, performing necropsies, collecting biological samples.
- Assist with habitat improvement projects including planting native species, removing invasive species, and coordinating with outside organizations

Preference will be given to candidates with the ability to work independently, especially in a remote or field setting.

Work Conditions: 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.