



**East Region Research Intern (La Grande)**  
**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Job Number 30**

- Location:** La Grande, OR  
**Remote housing may be available**
- 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 (10 weeks) (May 2026 - September 2026)
- Job Description:** Primary duties will be to provide a student intern with on-the-job training experience related to management of Oregon Conservation Strategy Species. Specifically, the intern will assist East Region wildlife research staff implement a camera and passive acoustic survey at the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range in the Starkey and Ukiah Management Units.
- Other benefits of this position are to recruit and train potential employees seeking careers in wildlife management. 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.
- Duties:**
- Assist with conducting surveys of wildlife populations (50%)**
- Assist staff with remote camera surveys to monitor carnivore and ungulate populations
  - Assist staff with passive acoustic surveys to monitor bird and bat populations
  - Assist staff with golden eagle nest surveys
- Assist with data entry and validation (40%)**
- Verify ungulate and carnivore species identification in camera trap images
  - Verify bird and bat species call identification in sound files
  - Enter and check survey data in electronic forms and databases
- Assist with miscellaneous duties as necessary (10%)**
- Maintenance of wildlife equipment, vehicles and facilities
  - Other duties as assigned

**Working  
Conditions:**

Successful applicants must be in good physical health, possessing the ability to hike long distances over steep, rocky, and remote terrain in often inclement weather. Applicants may be required to camp overnight in remote conditions. Applicants will also be required to sit during data management activities for long periods. Applicant should have a positive attitude while working odd, long, and variable hours. Contact with the public and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy and ability to interact in a professional manner is essential.

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 workweek. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor. Applicant must be available to start working on or before June 8, 2026.

**Preferred Skills:**

Preference will be given to applicants that have some or all of the following skills: 1) GPS navigation and map reading skills; 2) Ability to work safely alone in remote areas; 3) Safely operate a 4WD pickup; 4) Experience with outdoor activities such as hunting, wildlife tracking, hiking, and camping; 5) Ability to identify species by photo or sound.