



**Wildlife Area (Columbia Basin) Intern**  
**Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife**  
**Job Number 6**

**Location:** Columbia Basin & Bridge Cr Wildlife Areas  
Pendleton Office, Pendleton OR  
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 (June 2026- August 2026)

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

Work will occur on multiple wildlife areas (Columbia Basin & Bridge Creek Wildlife Areas), other public lands (BLM, USFS) and private property.

**Duties:**

Habitat and Wildlife Monitoring: 50%

- Operating a volunteer-based waterfowl banding program
- Plan, coordinate, and execute waterfowl banding
- Maintain thorough and complete data
- Completes waterfowl and other bird surveys
- Completes rangeland vegetation surveys

Habitat Projects: 25%

- Wildlife forage plots – planting, maintenance and irrigation of plantings and crops
- Noxious weed control - utilizing mechanical means (tractors, weed eaters, chainsaws, other hand tools)
- Monitors/adjusts water levels in wetland units for habitat conditions

- Maintains wetland vegetation with tractor operation and implements (mowing, disking and/or plowing)
- Operates, maintains and repairs heavy equipment such as tractors, dozers, backhoe, grader, loader and a wide variety of implements

Assist Umatilla Wildlife District: 25%

- Assist with wildlife damage complaints
- Assists with livestock investigations where wolves are suspected to be involved
- Assists with upland bird surveys (quail, turkey, grouse, pheasant)
- Assists with wolf population monitoring through deployment of trail cameras in areas of Known Wolf Activity
- Assists with elk population monitoring through deployment of trail cameras using standardized sampling methods in Mt. Emily Unit
- Posts road closure signs throughout Umatilla National Forest Travel Management Area
- Other district wildlife duties

**Work Conditions:** Frequently works independently outside during inclement weather, may be required to work before and after daylight. Occasionally required to work on weekends. 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.