



East Region Wildlife District Management Intern
(Heppner)
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Job Number 8

Location: Heppner field office
Housing is 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 (10 weeks) (June 2026 – August 2026)

Job Description: The purpose of this position is to assist with day-to-day wildlife district tasks with an emphasis on wolf and bighorn sheep management activities. The intern will gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure and operation of a natural resource organization. The intern will also have the opportunity to participate in wildlife research, data collection used to guide wildlife management, and wildlife habitat projects. Duties include:

Wildlife Monitoring: 90%

- Investigating wolf sightings
- Tracking movements of known wolves
- Assisting district with wolf trapping
- Monitoring bighorn sheep activities
- Utilizing radio telemetry to locate radio-collared animals

Habitat Projects: 2%

- Assist staff with native habitat, farming, and fencing projects

Other District Duties 5%

- Maintaining ODFW facilities and equipment
- Compiling data and writing reports

District - Public Relations: 3%

- Assisting and interacting with public on ODFW programs

Interaction with the public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent, and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required. This position works alone in the field with intermittent contact with supervisory staff.

The position requires familiarity with equipment such as tractors, heavy machinery, tire changing equipment, chain saws, winches, jumper cables, camping equipment, fire starting materials, power tools, hand tools, spotlights, and firearms.

**Working
Conditions:**

Frequently work outside during inclement weather, and work can begin before and after daylight hours, and occasionally requires working on weekends. Individual shifts can be long and can start and stop at odd hours in the night. Overnight stays and camping may be required at Department owned facilities or in remote areas. Interns should be prepared to walk long distances over steep, uneven ground.

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.