

## Seasonal Position- Field Technician

### Grizzly Bear Resource Selection in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

**Agency:** Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

**Location:** Yellowstone National Park (YNP), Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) and John D. Rockefeller Parkway

**Dates:** May 10<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>

**Salary:** \$8.50/hour, 40 hours per week; housing provided

**Job Description:** This study is an intensive effort to monitor food habits and fine scale resource selection of GPS-collared grizzly bears in YNP and GTNP through point searches of GPS locations. The position will begin ~May 10<sup>th</sup> and end ~August 21<sup>st</sup>. Typical work weeks will be Monday-Friday, with occasional weekend work required. We will be based out of housing in GTNP, but a large portion of the work will be conducted in a backcountry setting that may require overnight camping. Additionally, as individuals are spread across the GYE, front country camping during the work week may be necessary. The field work is extremely physically and mentally challenging.

**Qualifications:** Prospective applicants **MUST** be able to hike 15-20 miles per day in the rugged, mountainous terrain of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Most travel is off-trail and very challenging. Applicants must be able to carry heavy packs (which will likely be full of bear scat) and have a sense of adventure. Preferred candidates will have prior experience working in bear country (preferably grizzly bear) and working with large carnivores. However, because bears are omnivores, people with a botany background are encouraged to apply. The ability to navigate with a map, compass, and GPS unit is required. Prior experience with radio-telemetry and plant identification is also desired. Candidates should have a background in wildlife biology, ecology or other related science. Preference will be given to candidates who are available for the entire field season.

**Housing:** Rustic, shared housing will be provided in Grand Teton National Park. There is limited Wi-Fi and cell service. No pets are allowed. As this project will have a heavy backcountry focus, many work weeks will be spent in camping. Additionally, field work will cover a large area and overnight stays in front-country campgrounds also may be necessary.

**To apply:** Please email a **cover letter addressing your qualifications and interest as well as your resume with 3 references** to Elise Loggers at [elise.loggers@montana.edu](mailto:elise.loggers@montana.edu). Please submit it as a **single file** labeled as “last name\_ first name\_ bear\_ summer\_ technician” (e.g., Elise\_Loggers\_bear\_summer\_technician).

Applications are due no later than February 21<sup>st</sup> 2020.