MSU work-study student to assist area biologist

**DUTIES**

In fall semester, student will assist the Bozeman Area wildlife biologist with 5 weekends of hunter check stations (October 26-Dec 1) to collect biological data from harvested game animals and observations from hunters. In spring semester, student will hold primary responsibility for weekly or biweekly bighorn sheep surveillance to include radio-collar survival checks, counts, and classifications. Student may help retrieve collared pronghorn mortalities and provide support to pronghorn research in the Madison Valley. Student may assist biologist with necropsy of dead bighorn sheep, pronghorn, and other species as needed. Some office work will also be expected which may include data entry. Some work will occur outdoors under inclement conditions. Overnight stays may occasionally be required. Most field work will be in the Madison Valley south of Ennis, Montana. Some field work may occur in the Gallatin Canyon and near West Yellowstone.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- MUST be work-study qualified
- A Fish & Wildlife student is preferred, related majors may also be considered.
- Good communication skills are important, as student will be representing the department while working with landowners and sportsmen.
- GPA >3.0 preferred.
- Experience with hunting, animal handling, and telemetry preferred, but training will be offered.
- Student should be able to handle dead animals.
- Student must be trustworthy and reliable, and capable of working in a group or by themselves.
- Student must be flexible, understanding there are unplanned aspects to the work (i.e., winter-related mortality events).
- Student must be able to drive safely on winter roads.
- Student must be available 5 of the 6 weekends during hunting season (October 26-December 1).
- During spring semester, bighorn sheep surveys require about 6-8 hours to complete, so student must be able to work a full day either during the week or on a weekend. Hours are flexible as long as a survey is completed every week or two.

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