Wildlife Field Technician Position Announcement – Hair Snagging Assistant (#18-002) University of Montana / US Fish and Wildlife Service, Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk Mountains Grizzly Bear Study, Libby MT  Closing Date: 20 February 2018

**Position:** We are taking applications for two or three technician positions for the summer (May-September) of 2018 conducting hair snagging for grizzly bears in northwest Montana and north Idaho. Position is employed by the University of Montana, but supervised by US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Duties:** Primary tasks will include: set-up, checking, and collecting hair from rub trees for DNA analysis, set-up and maintenance of barb wire corral hair collection sites (DNA) and remote cameras, ground monitoring of radio collared bears, and other duties as assigned. Applicant must expect and be willing to hike and work alone in grizzly bear habitat. This position will require the employee to be capable of driving pick-up trucks with manual and automatic transmissions. Experience pulling trailers on state highways and forest service logging roads will be beneficial. Additional tasks may include assisting with public information and education regarding bears and this study, minor equipment maintenance, and data manipulation. Applicant must write legibly and keep accurate records for biological data collection, organize collected samples, and perform data entry.

**Qualifications:** Applicant must be in good physical condition with ability to hike 5-10 miles per day for several consecutive days often in poor weather conditions and carry a 20-30 pound backpack in rugged terrain. Applicant must have ability to work independently with minimal supervision, completing fieldwork tasks in grizzly bear habitat. Valid state driver's license required. License must be presented to supervisor for inspection on first day of work. Applicant must be experienced and proficient at operating a four wheel drive truck on gravel and dirt roads; trailer towing experience preferred.

**Experience:** The following are work experiences that are preferred but not required. Performing fieldwork independently in grizzly bear habitat; driving on gravel or dirt logging roads; towing and backing up a trailer with a pick-up truck; operation and maintenance of a chainsaw; operation of 2-way radio communications, use of a satellite phone, trail camera experience, set-up and collection of hair at corral sites, use of wildlife radio telemetry equipment; use of bear spray, and operation of GPS. Ability to enter Canada preferred (Passport book or card).

**Terms of Appointment:** Mid-May through August (possibly September), 2018 (specific start and finish dates may be negotiable), Position will receive $14.00/ hour plus $20.00 per diem each day worked Work schedule is negotiable, but typically 10 days on, 4 days off. Housing provided. Successful applicant required to provide their own transportation to field camps.

Please contact us with any questions. To apply send a generous or lengthy resume and cover letter to email or mailing address below on or before February 20, 2018. Files should be labeled with first and last name: J Doe_Coverletter@xxx, J Doe_ Resume@xxx.

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