



## Internship/Corps Position

### Position Information

**Position #**

PO-00732620

**Number of Requested Openings**

2.0

**Title of Position**

Backcountry Lakes Survey Interns

**Partner Managing This Position**

Lander Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office

**Partner Contact**

Patrick Hnilicka

### Position Dates

**Actual Start Date**

Mon Jul 04 00:00:00 GMT 2022

**Actual End Date**

Sun Oct 02 00:00:00 GMT 2022

**How many weeks will this project take? Enter the start date and number of weeks. The end date will calculate automatically when the page is saved. If you would like to change the end date, change the number of weeks then click save again.**

13.0

**How flexible are your dates?**

Not Flexible: Must start on the date given

### Position Requirements

**Please describe this position:**

Looking for a high mountain adventure in some of the most beautiful country in the lower 48? We at the Fish and Wildlife Services located in Lander Wyoming are looking for 2 interns to accompany our staff and assist with backcountry fishery surveys of dozens of lakes and streams in the Wind River Mountains. The mission of our office is to assist the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes with all things fish and wildlife related to the Wind River Indian Reservation, an incredible landscape of over 2 million acres. Your duties would include backpacking into remote wilderness at high elevation (8,000 to 12,000 feet) for 5 to 10-day trips with the primary purpose of sampling lakes and streams using standard fishing gear. The goal is to assess the species and conditions of catchable fish present and to collect genetic samples from native cutthroat trout. You will experience all the lows and highs of remote country including long arduous hikes in rugged terrain, mosquitoes and black flies, inclement weather, sore feet, the joys of connection to the natural and pristine world, the satisfaction of a hard-earned job well done, and the camaraderie that comes from working closely together with peers.

A typical trip will include 1-3 additional FWS staff, working 8-12 hours per day at high elevations in 70-80F daytime highs to 30sF at night. Rain showers are sporadic, but can occur daily. Trips typically would include a long hike in on Day 1 of 8-12 miles to establish a base camp from which day trips would follow to sample various lakes within a headwater drainage basin, with a final day of a long hike out. Weekend work will occur.

These positions are ideal for individuals with a can-do attitude, who can function independently in remote conditions as well as in close quarters with others, are in good physical condition, are willing to work hard, and who enjoy fishing and handling fish. Positions are a good match for someone interested in pursuing a career in fishery management.

Compensation amounts:

- \$1,100- one time RT travel allowance
- \$100 - weekly living allowance
- \$500 - Duty Travel & Member Reimbursement
- \$500 - monthly housing allowance (3 months of housing)
- AmeriCorps eligible (\$1,678 education award)

\*All allowances subject to applicable federal, state, and local taxes

**Position Headline (This is the brief blurb we will use when marketing the position to candidates. Not to exceed 255 characters.)**

Looking for a high mountain adventure in some of the most beautiful country in the lower 48?

**In order for SCA to ensure that we're meeting the needs of your organization, please tell us what community or conservation need this position will address.**

These positions will help us support and appropriately manage fisheries in high elevation lakes and to conserve potentially unique genetics of native cutthroat trout. A comprehensive survey of 220 lakes of interest has not occurred since the 1970s-80s and our knowledge is deficient in the current state of the fisheries at many of these lakes.

**Please list at least 1-3 measurable work objectives that will address the conservation/community need described above. These should match the objectives in your site's formal written Agreement with SCA. This is critical for federal reporting requirements.**

1. Survey 20 lakes within the Wind River Mountain portion of the Wind River Reservation.
2. Collect 50 cutthroat trout fin clips for genetic sampling.

**What will be the position's main area of focus?**

Natural Resources Mgmt

**Service Location Description**

The Lander office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service has been assisting the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes since 1941 with fish and wildlife conservation. Primary species we help conserve and monitor are cutthroat trout, sauger, burbot, mule deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, black and grizzly bears, wolves, cougars, trumpeter swans, bald and golden eagles, and sage-grouse. Lander is a progressive though rural town of 7,500 that embodies much of the western way of life.

**Please enter a website URL relevant to this position:**

**What type of educational and recreational opportunities will be available to the member?**

Lander and the surrounding area provide many areas to explore, including world-class rock climbing, historical mining districts, Native American cultural centers, Pioneer Museum, and local art galleries.

**What type of training opportunities will be available to the member?**

Two weeks of preparatory training including: bear safety and use of pepper spray, CPR and First aid review, use of GPS and other equipment.

**Which of the following certifications are required, if any, for an applicant to be considered for this position?**

CPR/First Aid

**Does the candidate need to be a US Citizen?**

No

**Partner Statement of Compliance**

## Housing

**How will housing be provided?**

C.Partner will pay the SCA to provide housing allowance for the member.

**If you selected A, please provide a brief description of the housing (e.g: shared apartment, bunkhouse, etc. If housing limits the position to only males or females, please explain why.)**

**If you chose B, please provide the monthly housing budget. Note: By selecting this option, you will locate housing and provide SCA with landlord/rental agency contact information. SCA will secure contract with landlord/rental agency and administer rent.**

**If you selected C, please provide the monthly housing allowance. Note: By selecting this option, you are agreeing to assist member if locating suitable housing prior to their arrival.**

500.0

**If you are providing housing that is single-sex housing please specify which gender and why. Please provide a brief description of, and distance to, the nearest town. In your description, include available facilities, amenities restaurants, and entertainment.**

**Access to Amenities**

By foot/bike;By car

## **Living Allowance**

**Our standard weekly living allowance is \$85 for internships less than 16 weeks (\$100 for non-contiguous US), and \$160 for internships over 16 weeks. Do you want the standard?**

Yes

**If you are providing a non-standard living allowance, please enter the living allowance amount here.**

100.0

## **Driving Requirements**

**Does the candidate need a valid driver's license for this position?**

Yes

**4 Wheel-Drive Experience**

No

**Manual Driving Experience**

No

**Which option best describes your intern's need to have a personal vehicle?**

Recommended

**If you believe the member needs to have their personal vehicle please explain why.**

Lander is a smaller (7,500) rural town. Public transportation is very limited. Closest airtravel is 30 miles, however we can pickup and return interns to the airport.

**Will any driver training be provided?**

No

**If you are providing driving training, please describe the driving training that will be provided.**

## **Transportation**

The following are travel vouchers amounts for to/from travel:

\$650 for travel within the contiguous United States when a car isn't required, \$1,100 for vehicle required positions, and amounts for non-contiguous United States locations will be site specific.

**A weekly commuting allowance is required when a member's housing is 10+ miles from their assigned office location. The allowance is calculated at a minimum of \$.19/mile. Please enter the weekly amount you will provide.**

## **Other Logistics**

**Are there any other project expenses you would like to include in this estimate?**

**Please select the uniform package that best meets your intern's needs**

All Weather Package - Includes a variety of items which can be combined and layered for a variety of weather conditions

## **Service Conditions**

**Where will the intern be serving primarily?**

Outside

**How strenuous is the labor associated with this position?**

Physically strenuous labor

**What level of visitor interaction will the intern experience?**

Limited level of visitor interaction

**Will the intern serve alone, with others, or a combination of the two?**

Combination

**Please select one or more languages that a candidate is required to know in order to be considered:**

Not necessary

**Is your facility ADA compliant?**

Yes

**Will the position include regularly scheduled/anticipated work with people under 18, over 59, or with disabilities? This includes physical proximity, electronic or telephonic communication. Please select "No" if this access is episodic or unplanned.**

No

## Skills

**ATV-All Terrain Vehicles**

Competent with Supervision

**Backpacking**

Competent with Supervision

**GPS**

Competent with Supervision

**Orienteering/compass skills**

Competent with Supervision

## Educations

**Biology**

Some Coursework or experience

**Earth Sciences**

Some Coursework or experience

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**Other Logistical Support Provided**

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## Location

**Location Name**

**Location Type**

**Start Date**

**End Date**

US Fish & Wildlife Service -  
Lander Conservation Office

Service Location

7/5/2021

9/26/2021

## Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Email	Phone	Contact Role
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## Funding Information

Is your funding currently confirmed for any or all of these openings?

Anticipated Funding Source

Provide specific funders and applicable dollar amount. Ex. ABC Funder - \$10000; DEF Funder - \$5000

Are you using a pre-existing agreement?

Pre-existing Funding Document Number

Do you have any other instructions regarding funding/agreements?

Only check this if your partner states that the agreement will fall under the legal PLC Authority

false

## Hazard Assessment

Category	Sub Category	Other Sub Category	Type	Sub Type	Other Type	Severity	Probability	Mitigation Strategy
								Will provide living in bear country training: appropriate food storage, camp setup, use of pepper spray, what to do in an encounter, etc.
								Will schedule interns for formal FWS 8-hr hands-on training by certified trainer, but may not be offered due to COVID.