Highland Mountains Bighorn Sheep Research Project

Position Description:

In cooperation with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit will be hiring multiple field technicians to assist with a bighorn sheep research project in the Highland Mountains in southwest Montana. The objective of this project is to evaluate the efficacy of management actions to increase lamb survival and population performance, and ultimately inform management directed at restoring bighorn sheep populations. The primary duties will include assisting with lamb capture operations, monitoring lamb production and survival, and investigating bighorn sheep mortality events. Dates of employment are April 11 – August 31, and the end date is flexible for students returning to school. This is the first year of a five-year research study.

Qualifications:

1. Must be capable of hiking with a backpack off-trail in steep, rugged terrain and comfortable working in high elevation, backcountry terrain.
2. Must have demonstrated experience performing detailed and accurate data collection and data entry.
3. Must have experience safely operating 4WD vehicles in rough, mountainous terrain.
4. Must be willing and able to work as part of a team for long and irregular hours to include weekends, evenings and holidays.

Pay will be $13.50, plus housing at the field site. Housing may consist of camping and/or trailer camping. Field vehicles will be provided.

To apply, please send cover letter describing relevant experience, resume, and contact information for 3 references to Dr. Kelly Proffitt, kproffitt@mt.gov.