

**Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge  
Volunteer Position Announcement  
FY10**

**Project Title:** Kodiak Brown Bear Monitoring

**Agency:** Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

**Location:** Kodiak Island, Alaska

**Job Description:**

Working long hours in remote, rugged, inclement conditions, volunteer will assist KNWR staff in monitoring Kodiak brown bear activity. Duties may include: carry firearm and act as bear guard; monitor wild salmon runs; radio telemetry for collared bears; visit telemetry locations to collect site-specific data; ground-truth satellite imagery; enter data in MS Access and ARC GIS; possibly conduct preliminary data summary and analysis.

This position requires extended field deployment (June-August) via float plane or helicopter without access to communications (e.g., internet or telephone). Lodging will be in both cabins and tents.

To apply, submit detailed cover letter, résumé, and three (3) references.

Applicants must be available from May 20 to August 30, 2010.

**Qualifications:**

Required skills and experience

- minimum junior standing in biology or related college program
- capable of intense physical activity, including working extended hours, hiking substantial distances through rugged terrain in bear country, and carrying 40 lbs. pounds of gear
- capable of carrying a shotgun (should be proficient shooter or willing to become proficient through practice)
- prior experience collecting biological data in the field
- strong desire to live and work in back-country setting for several months (including living and working from a tent for 2 week periods)
- positive attitude and proven ability to function as team member in stressful situations

Preferred skills

- familiarity with botany and plant taxonomy
- GPS (preferably Trimble)
- data entry & analysis in ARC GIS and MS Access
- experience living and working in bear country

**Salary:** Housing and living allowance provided; travel support to Alaska may be available

**Deadline to Apply: January 31, 2010**

**Website:** <http://alaska.fws.gov/volunteer/needs.htm>

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