

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge
now recruiting for
Biological Assistant Internship

Employer: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa, Idaho, 83686, <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat>

Position Summary:

The Biological Assistant intern will work with Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge staff to conduct research on wildlife biology and visitor use. Depending on when the member is active, research projects could include one or more of the following. 1) Breeding bird survey investigating the effects of clearing riparian forest to create fire breaks on bird populations. 2) Breeding bird survey investigating the effects of recreational activities at Lake Lowell on aquatic and riparian bird populations. 3) Monitor bald eagle nesting activity. 4) Conduct survey to determine the success of rehabilitation efforts following a 2003 fire. 5) Conduct survey of visitor numbers and activities. The member will also help with other biological activities (e.g., noxious weed removal, refuge plant survey) as needed.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Help plan research protocol(s).
- Collect data and enter into database(s).
- Design database(s) for data entry and analysis.
- Analyze data.
- Write research summaries and reports.
- Participate in other biological activities as needed.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and/or weekends.
- Assist with general office duties related to position (mailings, filing, e-mail, phone calls, etc.).

Requirements:

- Valid driver's license and good driving record. Member will be required to drive a government vehicle as required for the position.
- A background in wildlife biology, natural resources, or a related field. A bachelor's degree is a plus, but not required.
- Desire to serve with people to promote education, environmental stewardship, and an ethic of service.
- A cooperative manner, and the ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent computer skills, including experience with word processing and database software.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including early mornings, evenings, and weekends.
- Ability to walk long distances on uneven terrain while conducting field research during inclement weather.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience identifying birds by sight and by ear.
- Experience planning research designs in wildlife biology.
- Experience identifying Southwest Idaho native and non-native plants.

Member Benefits include:

- Upon successful completion of 450 hours of service, intern receives an AmeriCorps education award of \$1,250. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational, or for trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
- Access to government vehicle for member service activities.
- Funding may be available for some position-related training.

To apply: Submit resume and cover letter before January 15, 2007

For more information:

Visit <http://www.fws.gov/deerflat/internship.htm>
Or contact Susan Kain at susan_kain@fws.gov or 208-467-9278