

Kodiak Refuge Invasive Plant & Resource Monitoring – Alaska

Agency	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Location	Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
Job Category	Volunteer Openings
Salary	Volunteer Benefits
Start Date	05/10/2019
End Date	09/30/2019
Last Date to Apply	03/22/2019
Website	https://www.fws.gov/refuge/kodiak/

Position Description:

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is looking for one seasonal volunteer to serve as member of a team responsible for a variety of habitat management and monitoring operations between May 10 and September 30, 2019. Primary duties include invasive plant monitoring and management (50%), requiring some spray application of herbicides. Additional field activities include: monitoring of berry-producing shrubs important to brown bear (20%); monitoring of water temperature in lakes and streams that function as important salmon habitat (15%); and data management (15%).

The first few weeks of duty will be dedicated to required training, including Aviation Safety and Water Ditching (includes a simulated plane crash in a pool), Firearms Safety, Bear Awareness, Motor Boat Operation, and State of Alaska Certified Pesticide Applicator. The majority of fieldwork will be conducted in remote sites accessed by floatplane.

BENEFITS: The Fish and Wildlife Service will pay round-trip airfare to Kodiak; provide shared lodging; reimburse grocery expenses up to \$150 per week when residing in Kodiak; and pay all field mission costs except personal clothing.

Qualifications:

Applicants must be a US resident at least 18 years of age

You should be capable of:

- Hiking steep, trail-less mountain slopes with thick vegetation.
- Carrying a loaded 30 lb backpack for 10 or more miles
- Safely carrying and handling a firearm in bear country (training provided, but prior experience desirable)
- Dealing with frequent inclement weather and biting insects
- Camping and working in remote, roadless areas for up to two consecutive weeks.
- Contributing a positive attitude to the work team

Preferred Skills:

- Experience collecting biological field data
- Interest or experience with invasive plant management

To Apply:

Email daniel_hernandez@fws.gov a single document with a cover letter expressing your interest and academic/work experience, qualifications, resume, and contact data for three references.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2019. Position may be filled as qualified applicants are identified. For more information, contact Danny Hernandez, Biological Science Technician via email or phone (907) 487-0246.