

**Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge
Volunteer Position Announcement
FY2012**

Project Title: Kodiak Mountain Goat Research Project

Location: Kodiak, AK

Position Vacancy: Mountain Goat Volunteer Research Assistant

Three volunteer field research assistants needed to assist on a U.S. Fish and Wildlife study of mountain goat diets and feeding site selection patterns on Kodiak Island, Alaska. The duration of the field season is from May 10 to August 31, 2012. Incumbent must enjoy extended camping and strenuous hiking in mountainous terrain without trails, be in excellent physical condition, and relish isolated duty in a challenging environment. Ideal candidates have experience conducting biological field work on large mammals, camping in extreme and isolated conditions, working in bear country, and GIS and GPS skills. A demonstrated ability to safely travel in steep terrain and over snow is preferred. Volunteers will spend 10 days or more tent-camping while in the field. Study sites are in remote wilderness areas that are accessed by plane or helicopter and have no amenities. While not in the field, volunteers will assist with camp logistics, gear maintenance, and data entry. The ability to work well in a team and contribute to a positive camp-living situation is critical. Successful applicants will assist with locating and monitoring mountain goats, collecting mountain goat hair and fecal samples, and conducting alpine vegetation sampling.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will cover round-trip airfare to Kodiak, provide shared housing while in Kodiak, and pay all field costs except personal gear. A small living allowance is offered to cover food costs. Mandatory training (will be provided) includes: Firearms Safety, Bear Awareness, Aircraft Safety, Aircraft Water Ditching and Survival (including a simulated plane crash in a pool), and Motorboat Operator Certification. Applicants must be able to arrive on Kodiak Island by May 10 to participate in scheduled training. For additional information about volunteering in Kodiak, please visit our website: <http://kodiak.fws.gov/workwithus.htm>

To apply: please email a cover letter addressing the above criteria, your resume, and phone numbers for 3 references to Lisa Hupp, Volunteer Coordinator, Kodiak NWR (email: lisa_hupp@fws.gov; PH: 907-487-0285) and McCrea Cobb, Wildlife Biologist, Kodiak NWR (email: mccrea_cobb@fws.gov, PH: 907-487-0246). **Application period:** December 28 - January 30, 2012; positions may be filled as qualified applicants are identified. Applicants will be notified about decisions by March 15, 2012.