

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM REQUEST

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 3, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Beaverhead and Ruby Fisheries Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Dillon, SW Montana (throughout FWP Region 3)

WORK START/END DATES: June 9, 2025 - August 29, 2025

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 480

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: June 9, 2024

HOURLY PAY: \$13.00/hr. for 12 weeks

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION/RESOURCES:

Housing provided

If yes, please list type of housing available:

Vehicle provided

Per Diem

Other (please explain):

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The fisheries intern in the Beaverhead and Ruby River Watersheds will assist in the completion of projects pertaining to native fishes such as: Westslope cutthroat trout conservation in tributary streams to the Beaverhead, Red Rock and Ruby rivers. The selected intern will assist a FWP crew in survey and inventory of native resident Arctic Grayling and Westslope cutthroat trout populations to determine population status and genetic characteristics to develop conservation plans, physical removal of non-native fishes occurring in sympatry with Westslope cutthroat trout via electrofishing, eDNA sampling and piscicide application. Surveying and inventory of fish assemblages in high mountain lakes via gill netting to develop lake-specific management strategies. This position will also assist with wild fish transfers and stocking hatchery fish. Bathymetry data collection, flow measurements, genetic sample collection and other conservation related work will be completed during this internship.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a college or university (i.e., no housing will be provided). Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in majors such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. The person hired must be in good physical shape and be able to hike 5 miles per day and carry equipment including, but not limited to a 40+ lb. backpack, small outboard motors, and other heavy objects. Most work will be performed outside and often in remote places. Incumbent must be comfortable working outdoors and knowledge of camping and backpacking are valuable, as is the ability to read and interpret topographical maps. Person must have a valid driver's license and be comfortable riding ATV's. Person must also be comfortable communicating and working as a team towards a common goal.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- References
- Other (please specify):

SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: lbateman@mt.gov

COOPERATING SPONSORS OF PROJECT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCES: SWG

PROJECT NUMBERS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR: 3382

DO ANY OF YOUR PROJECT NUMBERS USE FEDERAL FUNDING? Yes No

IF SO, PLEASE NOTE WHICH PROJECT NUMBERS AND FUNDING SOURCE: 3382

EXPECTED COST OF INTERNSHIP, INCLUDING ALL BENEFITS AND OVERHEAD, PER FISCAL YEAR:

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF INTERNSHIP: \$9,115

WILL ANY GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS BE USED TO FUND THE INTERNSHIP?

Yes No

IF SO, PLEASE LIST NUMBERS ATTACHED TO THOSE: NA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Dillon is in the southwest corner of Montana. The population of Dillon is around 4300 and the town offers several grocery stores, great food options, a brewery, and numerous parks. Trout fishing around Dillon is world renowned with the Beaverhead River flowing through town and the Ruby, Big Hole, Jefferson, and Madison rivers all nearby. Dillon also offers ample hiking and camping opportunities in the surrounding National Forest.

The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for someone majoring in Fish and Wildlife Management or a related field and for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual project, or independent study.