

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 5, 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

POSITION TITLE: Washoe Park/Big Hole River Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 2

LOCATION(S): Anaconda, Butte, Big Hole River Drainage

WORK START/END DATES: May 5, 2025 through August 22, 2025

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 640

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 5, 2022 (starting date is flexible depending on schedule)

HOURLY PAY: \$15.00/hr

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION/ RESOURCES:

Housing provided

If yes, please list type of housing available:

Vehicle provided

Per Diem

Other (please explain):

Housing is provided in a modular home on the Mt Haggin Wildlife Management Area. A state vehicle will be provided for transportation to and from work areas. Per diem may also be available for meals and overnight stays.

POSITION DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK: Fisheries interns in the will have 2 primary responsibilities: 1. In May and early June successful applicants will assist in fish culture duties at the Washoe Park Fish Hatchery in Anaconda. These duties will include spawning and rearing westslope

cutthroat trout, spawning of wild cutthroat trout that are reared in an isolation building, and other hatchery duties including stocking of fish, grounds keeping and maintenance. The second primary duty will be to assist in fisheries related research and restoration in the Big Hole drainage. Interns will participate in large-scale native fish restoration projects that will involve the removal of non-native trout species and the eventual restoration of native westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling. The internship will also include electrofishing small streams to quantify the abundance and distribution of Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, and other fish species. Mid elevation lakes will also be sampled using netting techniques such as gill and trap nets. Backcountry work sampling high mountain lakes may also be performed. Inventories of native burbot, western pearl shell mussels and restoration of westslope cutthroat trout may all be conducted.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a college or university. 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. Almost all 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 drivers license and be comfortable riding ATV's. Person must also be comfortable communicating with private landowners and the public.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Resume**
 - Cover Letter**
 - References**
 - Other (please specify): Most recent transcript (unofficial is ok). Please include in your cover letter the following: why you would like this position and how it relates to your career goals and how you are physically prepared for strenuous outdoor work., 3 references from most recent positions.**
- SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: jimolsen@mt.gov or hard copies can be sent the address listed above.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Housing for this position is provided in a modular home on the Mount Haggin Game Range approximately 10 min from Anaconda. 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 related field and for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project, or independent study. It is also suitable for teachers pursuing college credit for re-certification, although they must arrange for the credits themselves.