



PAID WILDLIFE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
South Willamette Watershed District

Location: Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Veneta, Oregon. Majority of work will be conducted on WWMP properties within Fern Ridge Wildlife Area with some travel to other sites in the Willamette Valley. Housing is not provided.

Duration: June 2018 – September 2018 (start and end dates flexible, not to exceed 10 weeks).

Salary: \$12.29/hr.

Job Description: Student intern will assist ODFW staff with projects associated with the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP). Habitat restoration, management, and monitoring actions will be completed on lands at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and other sites within the WWMP.

Intern will gain the ability to develop and refine academic and professional goals as well as understand the structure of land protection through conservation easement, habitat restoration and the operation of a wildlife area. We will attempt to provide the student intern with desired work experiences when they align with project goals and objectives. Intern will have the opportunity to interact with multiple partners including volunteer groups, land trusts, tribes, and other state and federal agencies.

Wildlife habitat restoration and management projects are primarily in riparian areas, wetlands, grasslands, and oak woodlands.

Working Duties: Assists WWMP/FWRA staff with habitat restoration actions (55%).

- Plant procurement – collects seeds, cuttings, and bulbs.
- Mowing of vegetation
- Use GPS and GIS (ArcMap) to map habitat types and to document habitat treatments
- Operates, maintains, and repairs tractors, skid steer, backhoe, dump truck, ATV, UTV, chainsaws, chipper, and farming implements such as plow, disc, harrow, seeder, and mowers.
- Noxious weed control through mechanical, chemical and physical means.
- Maintain and improve levees, trails and parking areas.

Assists WWMP staff with monitoring actions (15%).

- Conduct habitat and easement monitoring visits to sites within the WWMP.
- Compile project and monitoring data into WWMP database.
- Prepare maps and forms for field visits.

Assists WWMP staff with evaluating present and future conservation sites (10%).

- Attend site tours to potential and current conservation properties in the Willamette Valley.

Assists FRWA staff in buildings, grounds, and facilities maintenance (10%)

- Preventative and corrective maintenance/ repairs using hand tools and power equipment, painting, mowing.
- Clean/organize buildings and grounds
- Collects trash at parking lots, wildlife area and Headquarters Facility/Office.
- Installation of signs, kiosks, and fences

Assists FRWA/WWMP staff in conducting biological assessments (5%)

- Waterfowl and other avian surveys.
- Capture and banding of waterfowl, doves and other water birds.

Other duties as assigned (5%)

- Opportunities and training as available and assigned to include assisting District wildlife and fisheries staff with inventories and special projects

Work Conditions: Frequently works outside during inclement weather (hot, cold, wet).

Requirements: Preference will be given to students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. If the student is recently graduated, the student **must** have a requirement to complete an internship to satisfy their degree requirements.. Must have a valid driver license and an acceptable driving record.

This position requires a flexible work schedule that varies in the number of hours worked on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, or a work schedule in which the starting and stopping times vary on a daily basis, but not necessarily each day, and does not exceed forty (40) hours in a work week. Work exceeding 40 hours per week requires prior approval by the supervisor. Dealings with the public, local residents and other agency personnel are frequent and a well-developed sense of diplomacy is required.

To apply: Please submit a cover letter and your resume to david.a.speten @state.or.us.

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