

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Job Vacancy**

Position Number: 77900597

Position Title: Cave Bat Biologist; OPS Biological Scientist I; Temporary-Seasonal

Closing Date: **30 November 2014**

Pay Rate: \$14.00 per hour

Location: Lake City, Florida

Working Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Residency Requirement: None

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Description of Duties: Position is responsible for surveying Florida's caves to estimate bat abundance prior to potential impacts from White Nose Syndrome (WNS). Duties include working independently or with other staff members to contact landowners and land managers to request property access, enter caves and culverts to monitor for the presence of bats and signs of WNS, install and monitor temperature data loggers in caves, and ensure that standard WNS decontamination procedures are followed. Additional duties may include recording bat emergences from cave roosts, estimating colony size, comparing estimates of current and past colony size, managing databases, and providing educational programs or materials on WNS. The position is expected to last from December to March. This is a 40 hour per week position not to exceed 640 hours (approximately 16 weeks).

Type of Position: This is a seasonal, OPS position

Benefits: No health benefits or other benefits are provided.

Level of Education: B.S. degree in the biological sciences is required. A degree in wildlife science, natural resource management, ecology, or similar discipline is preferred.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Applicants should possess a B.S. degree, preferably in wildlife biology or similar field, and should have experience working in caves and with bats. Must be able to carry-out extensive field work in caves and related field conditions. Knowledge of bat biology, conservation, and species ID is preferred, as is experience with cave conservation and data loggers. Experience with MS Excel or Access, ArcGIS, and database management also is preferred. Applicants should have strong organizational and communication skills, and be able to work cooperatively with diverse colleagues, partners, landowners, and citizens.

How to Apply: You must apply for this position online through People First.

- Go to the Career Opportunities link on the FWC website:
(<http://www.myfwc.com/get-involved/employment/careers/>)
- Or go directly to the People First website (<https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>). Go to the vacancy search page and under keywords search for the position number. To apply online, you will need to complete the People First registration process and complete a State of Florida employment application electronically.

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