

Lesser Prairie Chicken Service Directors (2) Job Announcement

The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) is seeking two Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) Service Directors. These positions will be based in one of the five states within the range of the lesser prairie chicken - Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas or Colorado. The LPC Service Directors will provide support to implementing landscape conservation efforts like the *Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-wide Conservation Plan (RWP)*, work in close cooperation with the LPC Program Manager, collect biological data and carry out a variety of habitat development, maintenance and management tasks, assist in preparing summary reports and the annual budget, supervise staff and direct work flow, attend staff, program and project planning meetings and assure project goals are met. These positions serve as the primary leads for industry and landowner conservation efforts.

Minimum education is graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in biology or any animal or wildlife-related science. Preferred qualifications would include a Master's degree in the same fields.

The LPC Service Directors must have at least 5 years of experience working in a statewide and/or national administrative position or the same amount of experience working on wildlife conservation efforts, endangered species issues and/or Farm Bill programs, and an additional 3-4 years of experience (typically wildlife or animal management-related) with acquired knowledge at the level of a certified or published wildlife biologist; be adept at coordinating, facilitating and summarizing meetings; and have strong written and verbal communications skills, and a demonstrated ability to build partnerships and teams to accomplish objectives. These positions require frequent travel.

The salary range for these positions is \$62,000 - \$81,000 annually, plus fringe benefits.

Additional details concerning these positions can be found on the WAFWA website at <u>www.wafwa.org</u>. **Application deadline is December 1, 2014,** with an anticipated start date of early-January 2015. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume to the WAFWA Executive Secretary at <u>larry.kruckenberg@wafwa.org</u>.