

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Employment Announcement

Title: Natural Resource Research Technician (4 positions) - Upland Game Bird Survey Projects (Sharp-tailed Grouse and Wild Turkeys)

Location: Wisconsin, USA (statewide)

Hourly Rate: \$13.00 - \$16.00 per hour depending on qualifications

Duration: Jobs start approximately March 23, 2015. Each position will last approximately 10 weeks.

The research technicians will support two multi-year upland game bird projects aimed at documenting habitat occupancy and distribution of sharp-tailed grouse and wild turkeys in Northern Wisconsin. This project is a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW). Two positions will be stationed in Grantsburg at the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area and two will be stationed at the UW Kemp Natural Resources Station near Woodruff. Jobs start approximately March 23, 2015. Each position will last approximately 10 weeks.

90%: Assist in field research efforts to survey Sharp-tailed Grouse and Wild Turkeys in northern Wisconsin to understand their habitat occupancy rates and distribution. This will include conducting road-side and off-road auditory and visual surveys in the early mornings to document the presence of birds, collecting environmental information at each survey point, using GPS to mark locations of birds, and coordinating with volunteer citizen scientists to confirm bird observations.

10%: Coordinate processing of field data following protocols developed by WDNR and UW, enter appropriate data into computer databases, and maintain data quality control assurances to maintain the integrity of data.

Temporary office space and housing will be provided at either the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area near Grantsburg or the UW Kemp Natural Resources Station near Woodruff. Field vehicles will be provided.

Knowledge Required: University-level training in wildlife or closely related field; ability to detect upland game birds by sight and sound, ability to read maps and navigate roads of Wisconsin; good organization skills; ability to use Microsoft Office products (MS Word, MS Excel). Positions involve independent daily travel in state-owned vehicles, therefore a valid driver's license is required.

Desired Qualifications: Prior experience with bird surveys particularly upland game birds, familiar with GPS, GIS; responsible and dependable; good oral communication skills; positive attitude; ability to be part of a multi-agency team, to travel, and to have a flexible work schedule and work in the very early mornings.

To Apply: Submit Form 9100-162 LTE Application (hard copy also available at most WDNR offices) , resume, cover letter and references to:

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Emailed submissions are preferred; mailed hard copies are also acceptable.

Application materials will be reviewed and the most qualified candidates will be invited for an interview.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2015