Summer Internships Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) – Clarkston Office

**Location:** Blue Mountains Wildlife Area Complex

**Dates of Internship:** Between May 15 and Aug 11, 2023

**Working days/hours:** Monday – Thursday 6:30am – 5pm

**Pay Rate:** $15.74 hr for up to 400 hours, hired by UI but interning with WDFW

**Other Support:** Furnished housing provided in bunkhouses in the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area, Asotin Creek Wildlife Area, and WT Wooten Wildlife Area. Field vehicles also provided.

**Internship Description:**
Interns will conduct various land management activities in the Blue Mountains Wildlife Area Complex such as spraying noxious weeds, repairing elk and stock fences, maintaining water developments, irrigation, planting agricultural crops for wildlife, and maintaining existing habitat areas. Interns will assist with radiotelemetry and tracking of bighorn sheep. Interns will also assist with vegetation monitoring and monitoring of threatened plants such as Spaulding’s Catchfly.

**Internship minimum qualifications:** Must have own transportation to work location, must provide own adequate work boots/clothing. Intern must be fully vaccinated for COVID19. Selected applicants must verify their vaccination status with WDFW. See link: Visual Guide to Official Washington State Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination

WDFW will provide Personal Protective Equipment for various work activities. Current enrollment in Fish and Wildlife, Range and Ecology and Conservation Biology majors or minors required.

**Internship desired qualifications:** Farming or agricultural experience growing up, good physical fitness, strong work ethic, experience operating all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), ability and desire to work outside for long hours in extreme temperatures and difficult terrain.

**Internship application and selection process:** Interested applicants should submit: 1) a letter of interest, 2) a resume which includes contact information for 3 references, and 3) unofficial transcripts in a single PDF to Patience Mateer (pmateer@uidaho.edu) by Wednesday Jan 18th. Finalists for the internship will be invited for an interview with the selection committee in late January.

For questions about the internship contact: Lisette Waits lwaits@uidaho.edu

For more information about the Wildlife Areas see: http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/00111/