



Summer Internship Opportunity with IDFG: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Aspen Assessments

We are recruiting **four**, 12-week summer interns to work with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) on a collaborative aspen assessment and restoration project on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest (NPCNF). Three of these internship positions will be classified as Wildlife Habitat Technicians, and 1 position will be the Crew Leader. Internship dates are from **May 26 – August 11, 2021**. Due to the remote location of aspen stands, work days will be (8) 10-hour consecutive days on, followed by 6 days off (Wednesday–Wednesday, with every other weekend off). Work will be carried out throughout the NPCNF, but most work will occur in the backcountry of the North Fork and Lochsa/Powell Ranger Districts (IDFG Lolo Zone, Game Management Units 10&12). Interns will be responsible for completing aspen stand assessments, forest vegetation species identification, data collection, and mapping but *may* assist with other duties as assigned (additional fish, wildlife, and vegetation surveys; habitat projects; radio-telemetry; deploying wolf cameras; etc.).

Minimum qualifications: This will be a physically demanding project with extensive hiking in steep and remote, rugged terrain, so applicants should be in excellent physical health. Long, irregular hours and extreme conditions are expected. Applicants must demonstrate a high level of flexibility and be able to work independently and in a team setting. Experiences in backcountry travel, hiking, and camping, as well as GIS/GPS, map, and compass uses are desirable. Successful completion of coursework that facilitates plant identification and/or vegetation assessment skills is highly desirable but is required for the Crew Leader position. The Crew Leader should also possess leadership knowledge and/or experience. University of Idaho students working towards a Bachelor's degree or minor in wildlife biology will be given preference but other CNR majors will be considered. Selected applicants must be willing to recognize, understand, and support IDFG's mission and operate within its context at all times.

Financial Support for Interns: Three interns will receive a **\$6,316 stipend**, and the Crew Leader will receive **\$6,772 stipend in addition to a per diem allowance (\$45 maximum/work day)**. During work days, IDFG and USFS will provide remote housing, when and where available. Otherwise, remote camping gear (e.g., wall tent) will be provided. IDFG will provide a field vehicle from the Regional Office in Lewiston to any remote location assigned.

Application Requirements: Interested applicants should submit: 1) a cover letter outlining how you meet the requirements of either position (Crew Lead and/or Wildlife Habitat Technician), 2) a resume which includes contact information for 3 references, and 3) unofficial transcripts in a single PDF to Kim Stout (kstout@uidaho.edu) by **Monday, January 25th**. Finalists for the internships will be invited for an interview with IDFG in early February.

Additional questions: Contact Lisette Waits: lwaits@uidaho.edu or Brandi Felts: brandi.felts@idfg.idaho.gov