Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Seeks University of Idaho Summer Interns to Assist with Wildlife Resource Monitoring and Management

Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (https://www.fws.gov/refuge/kodiak/), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska is looking for two interns to serve as members of a team responsible for assisting resource monitoring and management operations between May 15 and August 17, 2018. The first 10-14 days will consist of training (e.g., aviation safety, bear awareness, firearm safety, motor boat training; pesticide applicator certification, etc.) at Refuge Headquarters in Kodiak town. Thereafter, all work will be carried out at remote tent camps and at a base camp where the Refuge has a field station consisting of three simple cabins. Work may consist of monitoring bear occupancy along salmon streams using a combination of time-lapse cameras and direct observation; monitoring salmon escapement in targeted anadromous streams; invasive plant management; monitoring stream temperature; monitoring berry-producing shrubs important to brown bear; aerial bear surveys; mountain goat telemetry; data collection and management; and other opportunities as they arise.

Minimum qualifications: Successful applicants should be fit and able to carry a loaded 40-pound pack for hours at a time across steep/rugged terrain and off-trail; deal with frequent inclement weather and biting insects; readily handle camping and fieldwork in remote areas; able and willing to enter large amounts of data with attention to detail; contribute to a positive attitude to the team under challenging field conditions; have a high degree of self-initiative; and be safety oriented. Applicants must be a US resident at least 18 years of age and must have experience in the use of firearms. Experience in bear country is also a strong asset but not required.

Financial Support for Intern: The US Fish and Wildlife Service will provide housing and gear specific to Kodiak. Food will be provided when conducting field work. Wildlife majors and minors selected for this internship will receive a stipend ($3000) and travel allowance (up to $1000) from Gratson Fellowship Funds. These funds are not available to other majors.

Application Requirements: Interested applicants should submit: 1) a letter of interest, including how this internship will benefit the applicant in achieving his/her career goals, 2) a resume which includes contact information for 3 references at least one of whom should be able to speak to the applicant’s field skills, and 3) unofficial transcripts in a single PDF to Kim Stout (kstout@uidaho.edu) by Monday January 22.

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