Summer Internships Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) – Craig Mountain

**Location:** Craig Mt Wildlife Management Area (WMA) - Lewiston/Waha, ID

**Dates of Internship:** Between May 17, 2021 and Aug 13, 2021 (Dates flexible)

**Working days/hours:** Monday – Thursday 7am – 5pm

**Pay Rate:** $13.16/hr for up to 526 hours, hired by UI but interning with IDFG

**Other Support:** We have a small cabin with propane amenities and a gas generator for electric along with a heated shower house and a vault toilet. There is no cell service but we expect to have access to satellite internet by the time the technician arrives. The only associated out of pocket cost would be propane for heat and cooking which may be shared with others staying there. Depending on current COVID protocols, the technician may be sharing a cabin with other technician(s).

**Internship Description:**
Collect vegetation data to determine AUMs, across various proposed pastures on the WMA. The data will be used to generate possible areas to use cattle grazing as a management tool. The position will also GPS fences, watering sites, sensitive areas, etc to help build a comprehensive plan and map for cattle management. We would expect the position to work closely with staff and/or individually to complete the work. All work would be compiled into a report along with a GIS map product to be presented to the WMA manager. We expect the position to have about 2 months of field work and 1 month of data analysis. The Department can either provide the following for transportation; UTV or ATV (with approved training), 4x4 truck or provide current reimbursement rate for the personal use of vehicles. Horses are welcome at the facility with available fenced pasture and eligible for reimbursement for the use of this project (with supervisor direction and approval).

**Internship minimum qualifications:** Applicants should have a strong passion for applied wildlife habitat management, be willing to work long hours in rough and unforgiving terrain and able to work independently. The position can be physically demanding as long days hiking in steep terrain may be required. Open to all CNR majors with a preference for WLF majors and minors.

**Internship desired qualifications:** Although preference will be given to those with Arc GIS skills, native and nonnative plant identification and those that are self-starters, on the job training is available.

**Internship application and selection process:** Interested candidates should submit an application electronically to Kim Stout (kstout@uidaho.edu) by Monday **January 25th** that includes: a letter of interest (ie. Cover letter), resume, names and contact information for three references and unofficial transcripts in a single PDF. Finalists for the internship will be invited for an interview with the selection committee in early February.

**For questions about the internship contact:** Lisette Waits lwaits@uidaho.edu or Andrew Mackey <andrew.mackey@idfg.idaho.gov>

**For more information about the Craig Mt Wildlife Management Area see:**
https://idfg.idaho.gov/wma/craig-mountain