



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

PART-TIME AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM TECHNICIAN - **AGFC CONSERVATION PROGRAM
TECHNICIAN**
POSITION NO: 22095791

POSTING INFORMATION:

Advertisement Opens: July 30, 2020

Advertisement Closes: Aug. 13, 2020

Full Time: No

Salary: \$12.75 - \$12.75 Hourly

POSTING REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum Education and/or Experience:

The formal education equivalent of a high school diploma; plus two years of field experience in wildlife or fisheries management or forestry or land management, or a related area.

OTHER JOB RELATED EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ALL OR PART OF THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT FOR CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, UPON APPROVAL OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES CHIEF.

Preferred Education and/or Experience:

None

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Knowledge of the procedures and methods used in documenting wildlife investigations.

Knowledge of the equipment and techniques used to maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

Knowledge of fish propagation, harvesting, cultivation, and maintenance activities.

Knowledge of tissue and blood sampling techniques used in collection research.

Knowledge of agricultural methods and basic land laws.

Knowledge of timber marking, land surveying, and other related forestry techniques.

Ability to collect samples of wildlife, perform fish hatchery, prepare reports, maintain files, and present oral and written information.

Ability to operate and maintain wildlife equipment.

Preferred Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

Preference will be given to applicants that possess an understanding of habitat and wildlife management techniques and have past experience in operating farm equipment and implements.

POSTING DETAILS:

Position Location:

City: Centerville, Arkansas

Office: Petit Jean River Wildlife Management Area

Division: Wildlife Management

Job Summary:

The Conservation Program Technician is responsible for forest and fish propagation, fire prevention, cultivation, and harvesting activities and/or maintaining a wildlife management area. This position is governed by state and federal laws and agency policy.

Typical Functions:

Inspects forest lands for damage by insects or disease, assists in implementing plans or recommendations for control measures, and prepares plans for site preparation or improvement of planting, harvesting, marketing, or wildlife use.

Conducts or assists in conducting research on collected samples, such as fish, blood, water, soil, and plant species, and examines animals and specimens to detect diseases or other problems.

Conducts agricultural and forest management activities on wildlife management areas, including preparing seed beds and plant foods; selects and marks trees for thinning and/or logging utilizing soil erosion control measures and maintains waterways, dams, and ponds.

Monitors and inspects public and private wildlife to ensure compliance with state regulations and trains various personnel in activities, such as fire safety, accident prevention, and maintenance and calibration of scientific and technical equipment.

Gathers, provides, and presents general and forestry educational information and training to various federal, state, local health officers, community organizations, and the general public.

Provides technical support and services for scientists and engineers working in fields, such as agriculture, environmental science, resource management, and biology.

Assists in conducting fish and game propagation and maintenance activities, including monitoring of spawning, hatching, incubation, sexing, and feeding.

Prepares reports pertaining to wildlife findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Cleans, maintains, prepares, and supplies work areas.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

This position will assist AGFC staff with ongoing management and maintenance projects on the Petit Jean River Wildlife Management Area and surrounding wildlife management areas along the Arkansas River Valley. Job duties include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Assist field personnel in conducting wildlife surveys in accordance with statewide species plans.
 - a. Assist, and/or complete independently, spring quail call counts.
 - b. Assist field personnel in completing bear bait stations survey(s).
 - c. Assist field personnel in capturing and radio collaring adult female black bears to obtain reproductive and recruitment information.
 - d. Assist field personnel in trapping and banding wood ducks and giant Canada geese.
- (2) Assist field personnel with handling nuisance bear and other wildlife complaints.
- (3) Assist in the implementation of established natural resource management projects on multiple Wildlife Management Areas.
 - a. Assist field personnel in feral hog and beaver eradication on Wildlife Management Areas.
 - b. Assist field personnel in operating, maintaining and monitoring marsh habitat, green-tree reservoirs, and moist-soil units.
 - c. Assist field personnel in operating, maintaining and monitoring wildlife openings and old field systems.
 - d. Assist field personnel in maintaining and monitoring ongoing upland and bottomland forest management projects.
 - e. Assist field personnel with ongoing maintenance and habitat restoration projects.
 - d. Assist field personnel with prescribed fire prescription planning, burn unit preparation, prescribed burning and post burn analysis.
- (4) Operating GIS/GPS equipment, chainsaws, tractors, boats, power units, ATVs/UTVs, and other farm implements.
- (5) Assist staff with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and other wildlife health related efforts.

Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Driver's License with a good driving record.

Special Job Dimensions:

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check.

Other Specific Information:

This position is considered part-time employment and the hours are subject to state fiscal year funding allocations, project timing and weather.

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As an equal opportunity employer, the Commission will make any reasonable accommodations necessary to ensure equal employment opportunities.