



## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Employment Job Posting

AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I - AGFC BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN I

POSITION NO: 22096001

### **POSTING INFORMATION:**

Advertisement Opens: Dec. 21, 2021

Advertisement Closes: Feb. 24, 2022

Full Time: Yes

Salary: \$39,925.00 - \$39,925.00 Annually

### **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:

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management or a related field.

#### 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:

Ability to pass a walk test of 2 miles in 30 minutes with a 25 pound pack. Proficient in computer skills that involve Microsoft and Google software. Experience with tractor use and other large equipment is preferred. Completion of basic fire courses or ability to complete those courses - Introduction to ICS (I-100), Human Factors in Wildland Fire Service (L-180), Firefighter Training (S-130), Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (S-190), and NIMS: An Introduction (IS-700).

**POSTING DETAILS:**

Position Location:

City: Hardy

Office: Calico Rock Regional Office

Division: Wildlife Management Division

Job Summary:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Biological Technician I 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, and 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:

Duties include, but are not limited to: Large tractor operation using a variety of implements for habitat management, such as food plot establishment, fire line maintenance, fallow disking, bush hogging, etc....prescribed fire duties at the holder and ignitor level, chainsaw operation for a variety of habitat work, herbicide use through a variety of techniques for habitat improvements, data collection for a variety of wildlife species, online/application data entry, CWD monitoring efforts, road/trail and other area maintenance, communications with area users, assistance on other areas as needed, and all other duties as assigned.

### Certificates, Licenses, or Registrations:

Must possess a valid Arkansas driver's license.

### Special Job Dimensions:

n/a

Other Specific Information:

This position has the designation of a safety-sensitive position. Applicants being considered for this position are subject to pre-employment drug and alcohol testing. Refusal to submit to testing will result in disqualification of further employment consideration. If offered a position, employees in this position will be subject to periodic drug and alcohol testing.

All applicants are subject to a criminal background check.

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