JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:
FLAMMULATED OWL SURVEY TECHNICIANS

Dates of Employment: May 15 – June 30, 2021

Position Description: The Wyoming Natural Diversity Database is hiring two field technicians to conduct surveys for the Flammulated Owl (*Psiloscops flammeolus*) throughout southern and eastern Wyoming. This small, highly nocturnal, cavity-nesting owl occurs in forested habitats across western North America, but its distribution and status in Wyoming are poorly understood. Technicians will work as a team to conduct nighttime playback surveys and install passive acoustic recorders to document the presence of Flammulated Owls. Field work will take place in the beautiful and rugged mountain landscapes of Wyoming and will require navigating through rough terrain and remote areas at night. Surveys will consist of driving or walking transects and stopping at pre-determined points to conduct playback and listen for owls. The positions will be based in Laramie, Wyoming. Technicians will car camp near survey locations while in the field. Shared housing will be available in Laramie when not in the field.

Qualifications: Applicants must meet the following requirements: 1) ability to learn to identify owls by sight and sound; 2) experience safely operating 4WD vehicles on rough roads; 3) experience hiking in rugged terrain; and 4) meticulous data collection and management skills. Additional desired qualifications include prior experience surveying for owls, safely conducting wildlife fieldwork at night, and using a handheld GPS unit for navigation. Successful applicants will have a proven ability to work as part of a small team, maintain a positive attitude under challenging field conditions, and solve problems that arise in the field. A valid U.S. driver’s license and clean driving record are required. Please address the above qualifications, especially your experience with owl identification and nighttime fieldwork, as well as dates of availability in your cover letter.
Pay: $12–$15/hour DOE, plus $20 per diem for days spent in the field. A work vehicle, field supplies, and some camping gear will be provided, along with shared housing in Laramie.

Covid-19 Precautions: Technicians will be provided with a Covid-19 test upon arriving in Laramie and will self-isolate until they receive a negative result. Crewmembers will then be considered a “Covid Pod,” meaning that they will live in shared housing and travel together in the same vehicle to conduct field work. Technicians will be required to adhere to local health guidelines (such as always wearing a mask in indoor public settings, avoiding large gatherings, and practicing social distancing) for the duration of their employment with WYNDD.

To Apply: Please send a cover letter, résumé, and contact information for three references in a single PDF document to Don Jones (djones46@uwyo.edu).

Application deadline is February 15, 2021. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and qualified candidates may be hired before the deadline.

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