



Weekly Announcements for March 1-7, 2009

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68 in room SPA 315 at noon.**

Seminars

Scott F. Collins, MS graduate student with Dr. Colden Baxter, will present his Thesis Proposal seminar, "Food-web Impacts of Salmon Carcass Additions," **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**, at **2:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 15/17.**

Bryan Leatham, MS graduate student with Caryn Evilia, will present his Proposal seminar, "Characterization of an Unusual tRNA Synthetase from an Extreme Halophile," **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, at **12:00 Noon** in **Lecture Center 10.**

Ryan Patterson, MS graduate student with Dr. Caryn Evilia, will present his Proposal seminar, "Design of a Halobacterial Plasmid Expression Vector, and its Applications," **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, at **12:00 Noon** in **Lecture Center 10.**

Dr. Charles Peterson, Department of Biological Sciences, Idaho State University, will present his seminar, "Wildlife Viewing in East Africa," **Thursday, March 5, 2009**, at **4:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 10.**

Publications

Villepique, J. T., V. C. Bleich, R. A. Botta, B. M. Pierce, T. R. Stephenson, and R. T. Bowyer. 2008. Evaluating GPS Collar Error: A Critical Evaluation of Televilt POSREC-Science Collars and a Method for Screening Location Data. *California Fish and Game* 94: 155-168.

Schmidt, J.I., K.J. Hundertmark, **R.T. Bowyer**, and K.G. McCracken. 2009. Population structure and genetic diversity of moose in Alaska. *Journal of Heredity* 100:170-180.

Presentations

Dr. Jeff Meldrum delivered an invited presentation, "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science," to the USDA – Natural Resource Conservation Services – Area East All Employees Meeting at Pocatello, Idaho, February 24, 2009.

Scholarships Available

The Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) announces scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students in their pursuit of degrees specializing in the fields of Environmental Science. WALPA will award one \$1000 scholarship and one \$750 scholarship in May 2009. Scholarship funds may be used by recipients to cover the costs associated with education and/or research expenses.

Eligible applicants must be enrolled as a part or full time, undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university and be completing course work or research related to biology, hydrology, ecology and management or restoration of lakes and watersheds in Washington or Idaho. Both scholarship recipients will also receive a one-year membership in WALPA and a waiver of registration fees for the 2009 conference. Scholarship recipients will also be invited to give a presentation on their research at the 2009 conference.

Applicants must provide a statement of interests, including: research interests and explain why their research is of importance to the field of limnology and/or watershed management, career goals, and intended use of scholarship funds (one-page limit); a one-page resume; and recent transcripts of all college/university course work. A recommendation from someone in the applicant's field of study is encouraged, but not required. All application materials should be sent to the WALPA Scholarship Program Committee by **April 15, 2009**; email submission of the application as a PDF file is preferred. The scholarship recipients will be contacted by the Scholarship Program Committee in May 2009, and announced at the 2009 WALPA conference in Spokane, WA, September 22-23. Please send the completed application packet/file to: Frank M. Wilhelm, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, P. O. BOX 441136, Moscow, ID 83844-1136. Email: fwilhelm@uidaho.edu

Job Opportunities

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition and National Park Service are partnering to offer a great opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, or recent graduates interested in wildlife biology, interpretation and/or park management. Applications are sought to fill two paid internship positions in Grand Teton National Park. Successful applicants will assist National Park Service staff in providing a safe wildlife viewing environment for visitors and wildlife along park roads, in developed areas and on popular trails. Individuals selected for these paid, full-time summer positions will gain significant knowledge related to animal behavior, bear management, natural history, and park and recreation management.

DETAILS: Twelve-week internship completed between May and September 2009. Required to display pleasant, helpful, and professional attitudes. Work in close proximity to bears, moose, and other large, potentially dangerous mammals. Compensation is \$12/hour. Must possess valid driver's license. Work performed mostly outside. Students may use internship to satisfy academic requirements.

APPLICATION: Interested candidates should submit following materials: cover letter addressing individual's interest in internship and relevant experience, resume outlining applicant's experience and education, including contact information for three references (include at least one previous work supervisor). Email applications (subject line "Grand Teton Internship") to amy@greateryellowstone.org.

Applications are due by midnight (MST) on March 11, 2009. Before hiring, a background check may be required. Questions directed to Amy McNamara at 406-586-1593 or to the above email address.

The **Sawtooth National Recreation Area** anticipates hiring a **Fish Biologist** (GS-482-9, \$45,040.00+/year) in the coming weeks. The duty station for this permanent, full time, position is **Ketchum, Idaho**. If interested, or for questions or updates, please contact Mark Moulton, Sawtooth NRA Fish and Water Program Leader at 208-727-5000, e-mail: mmoulton@fs.fed.us. The **vacancy announcement for this position** is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov under specific Forest Service internal and external announcements: ADS08-FSJOBS(FishBio)-0037G and ADS08-FSJOBS(FishBio)-0037D. Those that wish to be considered for this position should anticipate applying to the vacancy announcement no later than **March 15, 2009**, with Ketchum, Idaho, identified as a "preferred location".

Watershed Assessments Field Crew Member in Eastern Nevada

DUTIES: Field crew members will be responsible for collecting vegetation data in semi-desert and Mojave Desert ecosystems. The data will be collected with PDA's from randomly located sampling plots using variety of vegetation monitoring techniques. Crew members will also be responsible for the collection of unknown plant specimens for future identification.

CONDITIONS: Candidates must be able and willing to hike long distances carrying a 30-lb pack over rugged terrain and work long hours in extreme conditions, including rain and 100+ F° heat, in remote areas. Crew members will be required to provide their own housing and personal field gear.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Strong applicants will either be currently enrolled in or graduated from a program in natural resources or a related field. Experience in taxonomic keys and field botany is essential. A working knowledge of the flora of the Great Basin desert is preferred but not required. Applicants must be experienced with 4WD, GPS, backcountry navigation, and a clean driving record for the past 3 years. Backcountry camping will be required for certain study areas

SALARY: \$14-16/hour, depending on experience (plus per Diem when camping)

DURATION: Positions will begin May 18, 2009, and last three months or longer, depending upon availability of work.

LOCATION: The crews will be based out of the Coalition's office in Ely, NV, and will be working in southern White Pine County, NV, and Lincoln County, NV.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2009

TO APPLY: Please send a cover letter, resume, and a list of three (3) references (names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and relation to applicant) via e-mail to: Moira Ilg, Milg_enlc@sbcglobal.net. Include 'WA Field Crew Member' in the subject line of the email. Phone interviews will be scheduled following the application deadline. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Moira Ilg at Milg_enlc@sbcglobal.net or 775-289-7974 ext. 7#.

ALL applicants must be citizens of the United States. Please note these positions are part of a separate project from our vegetation technician positions. For more information regarding our other positions, please visit our web site at www.envlc.org.

Detroit Ranger District, Detroit, Oregon

Chris Wagner, District Botanist (phone: 503-854-3890; email: clwagner@fs.fed.us) will be hiring 1 or 2 Botanist this summer to do surveys. He is looking for students that plan on going back to school in the fall. They only need to express their interest and send the listed documents. He will gladly take an email version of a resume while rest of documents is in transit. If anyone is interested in the other resource positions (wildlife, hydrology and fisheries), they need to contact Rich Hatfield, Natural Resources Staff Officer, Detroit Ranger District, Detroit, OR (phone: 503-854-4219; email: hatfield@fs.fed.us)

Application Process: In order to apply for Student Temporary Jobs on the Willamette National Forest, the following paperwork needs to be filled out and given to a supervisor that is interested in hiring you. The forms you need are: OF-612 Optional Application; OF-306 Declaration for Federal Employment; Copy of most Recent Transcripts; Letter of intent on school letterhead concerning status of student. If you have any questions about completing the forms or have any questions concerning the STEP program, please contact Human Resources at 1-877-372-7248.

Please apply by March 28, 2008: Information on the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/step.html>.

Payroll Information

Our **next pay period ends March 7**. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, March 9 at 12 NOON**. This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by March 10** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them. In the past late time cards were accepted, but with the new system they are not. If you have **questions about Web Time Entry**, go to the following link for answers.

<http://www.isu.edu/tigeri/training/bengalweb/FAQs.shtml#WebTimeEntry>.