



Weekly Announcements for March 29-April 4, 2009

Please submit newsletter information to Pam at chripame@isu.edu

Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68 in room SPA 315 at noon.**

Seminars

Amber Hoover, MS graduate student with **Dr. Matt Germino**, will present her Proposal seminar **Thursday, April 2, 2009**, at **12:00 Noon** in **Lecture Center 10.**

Publications

Sihem Boudina, Heiko Bugger, Sandra Sena, Brian T. O'Neill, Vlad G. Zaha, Olesya Ilkun, Jordan J. Wright, Pradip K. Mazumder, Eric Palfreyman, Timothy J. Tidwell, Heather Theobald, Oleh Khalimonchuk, Benjamin Wayment, Xiaoming Sheng, **Kenneth J. Rodnick**, Ryan Centini, Dong Chen, Sheldon E. Litwin, Bart E. Weimer, and E. Dale Abel. 2009. Contribution of Impaired Myocardial Insulin Signaling to Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Oxidative Stress in the Heart. *Circulation* 119:1272-1283.

Bansal, S. and **Germino, M. J.** 2009. Temporal Variation of Nonstructural Carbohydrates in Montane Conifers: Similarities and Differences Among Developmental Stages, Species, and Environmental Conditions. *Tree Physiology* 29:559-568.

Ryan A. Long, Jonathan D. Muir, Janet L. Rachlow, and **John G. Kie.** 2009. A Comparison of Two Modeling Approaches for Evaluating Wildlife-Habitat Relationships. *The Journal of Wildlife Management* 73(2):204-302.

Travel

Dr. Amy Marcarelli is visiting Tomakomai Experimental Forest in Hokkaido, Japan, as a visiting postdoctoral scholar March 23 - April 22, 2009. During her visit, she will complete field research to estimate energy flow through the food web of Horonai Stream. This project is in collaboration with Colden Baxter and Dr. Masashi Murakami (University of Chiba). Amy's travel and research is supported by a short-term postdoctoral fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

Awards

Quinn Shurtliff, Ph.D student with Dr. Marjorie Matocq (co-advised by **Dr. Rick Williams**), has been awarded the A. Brazier Howell graduate student honorarium award by the American Society of Mammalogists. Benefits of this award include a \$1,500 travel grant and invitation to present his research during the opening plenary session of the annual ASM meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, in June. Congratulations.

Sheel Bansal, Ph.D student with Dr. Matt Germino, has been chosen as the 2009 recipient of the

Outstanding Student Achievement Award for the School of Graduate Studies-Doctoral at Idaho State University. Congratulations.

Affiliate faculty member, **Vernon C. Bleich**, was the recipient of the 2009 Wild Sheep Biologist Wall of Fame Award, bestowed by the Wild Sheep Foundation of Cody, Wyoming, "In recognition of his dedication to the wild sheep of North American, and in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of North American wild sheep hunters." The award, sponsored by the Kevin Hurley family, was established, "To honor and acknowledge the passion, commitment, and vision of those men and women dedicated to sound biological management of, and hunting opportunities for, North America's wild sheep."

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.

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. 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

City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rocks State Park offers a variety of employment opportunities each year. Go to: <http://www.nps.gov/ciro/parkmgmt/jobs.htm>. Click on the job titles to see which opportunities are being offered in 2009.

[Maintenance Crew Leader](#)

[Park Maintenance Aide](#)

[Natural Resource Technician](#)

[Natural Resources Crew Member](#)

[Youth Conservation Corps Crew Leader](#)

[Volunteer Campground Host](#)

The newly formed **Twin Falls County Pest Abatement District** is seeking a **Pest Abatement Manager** to oversee the district activities, including development and execution of a pest abatement plan, management of staff, budgeting and cooperative activities with agencies and organizations affected by the district. A detailed job description is available at <http://www.twinfallscounty.org> or by writing to P.O. Box AC, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0094. Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to the above address.

References will be required. For additional information contact John Snelling at 208-326-6119.

Nick Bartok (M.Sc. candidate with LPW) is seeking 1-2 research assistants to work with him this summer (May-mid August). Assistants needed to assist master's student conducting marsh bird call/broadcast surveys targeting Least Bittern, a threatened species in Canada. Assistants should have a keen interest in ornithology and/or botany; no experience is necessary. Full training will be provided. Assistants will spend days in Long Point wetlands, mostly by canoe, broadcasting Least Bittern calls and recording responses of all secretive marsh birds. Detailed habitat assessments will be done daily at all survey points after the survey; nest searching will also be performed. Assistants should expect to work 40-50 hours per week in variable weather conditions and be able to tolerate bugs and sun. Assistants will be paid \$1500 per month for 4 months, including housing and food. Please send cover letter, resume and 3 references to Nick Bartok (nickbartok@hotmail.com).

The Middle Fork Ranger District, located in Westfir, Oregon, will be **hiring Biological Science Technicians (Botany)** for field work this summer. Salary level is dependent on experience and education. The GS4 level position pays \$12.73/hr the GS5 position pays \$14.24/hr and the GS7 position pays \$17.64/hr. For general information about the Middle Fork Ranger District and/or the position, please contact: Wade Sims, Natural Resources Staff Officer at: wsims@fs.fed.us, or phone (541) 782-5253.

HOW TO APPLY - Application deadline is April 10, 2009

(Option 1) The USDA Forest Service is continuing to use the AVUE application program for nationwide centralized recruitment notices for the 2009 season. Go to:

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html>. (Announcement Numbers: TEMP-OCR-404-4-PLANT, TEMP-OCR-404-5-PLANT, TEMP-OCR-404-7-PLANT) On April 10, 2009, will be requesting a list of all qualified applicants that applied to one or more of these three announcements and which have indicated Westfir Oregon as a preferred work location, and will be hiring employees from these lists.

(Option 2) The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) provides an opportunity for currently-enrolled college students to earn money, continue their education, train with professionals, and combine academic study with on-the-job experience. Information on the STEP program is available at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/step.html>. If you are eligible and interested in being hired under the STEP program, please contact either Wade Sims or Molly Juillerat at the contact points listed below.

Payroll Information

Our **next pay period ends April 4**. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, April 6 at 12 NOON**. This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by April 7** 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>.