

Position: Biological Science Technicians (Wildlife)

Agency: USGS Western Ecological Research Center

Location: Dixon, California

Description: The USGS Western Ecological Research Center is seeking to fill multiple positions for Biological Science Technicians to work on multiple field studies that involve one of the following species: giant gartersnake, San Francisco gartersnake, and Spadefoot toad. The studies will take place in multiple locations throughout Northern California

For the giant gartersnake project, primary duties include aquatic trapping to capture snakes for demographic and occupancy studies, and habitat and vegetation surveys. Summer weather in the Sacramento Valley is sunny and hot, with average daytime temperatures in the 90s F with many days well over 100 F. Technicians will meet at the Dixon office each day, but field work is conducted across the Sacramento Valley on private, USFWS, and NGO properties. Housing is not provided. Project dates range from March through September

For the San Francisco gartersnake project, primary duties include terrestrial trapping to capture snakes for demographic and occupancy studies, and habitat and vegetation surveys. Spring weather in San Mateo County is mild with foggy mornings which can burn off to sunny afternoons typically in the 70s F. Exposure to poison oak and ticks is likely. Housing is not provided, though camping may be an option. Project dates range from March through May.

For the spadefoot toad project, primary duties include occupancy and habitat surveys. Camping tours in remote areas lasting up to 10 days is expected. Project dates range from February through May. Multiple locations in Northern California will be sampled.

Qualifications: B.S. degree in biology, wildlife management, or a related field is required. Prior field research experience preferred. Valid driver's license required. Experience driving large 4x4 trucks on dirt roads preferred. Successful applicants must possess the ability to hike distances in waders and kayak while carrying equipment, often in hot or otherwise inclement weather. Hours can be irregular and long. Must be willing to work weekends. These positions are physically demanding. Must be able to record and maintain data in field notebooks and electronic databases (iPhone). Ability to work independently and as part of a team while maintaining good communication with the field supervisor is essential.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references *in a single document* saved with your last name as the file name to jersan@usgs.gov with "Wildlife Technician" in the subject line. Please rank projects by preference if you would like to be considered for multiple projects.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience; typically ~\$20 (GG-05).

Last Date to Apply: Dec 17 2018. Phone interviews will be conducted in late Dec/early Jan

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