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National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc.

Job Description

Position: **Wildlife Biologist I – Amphibian (3 positions)**
Reports to: Research Scientist
Work Week: 40 hours per week
Revised: January 13, 2025
Duty Station: Northern Oregon Coast Range – precise location TBD
Duration: June 9 – end of August
Salary: \$19.00 - \$21.50/hour; commensurate with experience
Key Words: stream associated amphibians, eDNA, forestry, Oregon Coast Range
Benefits: Position not eligible for benefits, does provide paid designated holidays

Job Description: We are looking for three eager individuals to assist in scientific research in the northern Oregon Coastal Range. This work focuses on surveying for stream associated amphibians including Columbia torrent salamander (*Rhyacotriton kezeri*), southern torrent salamander (*Rhyacotriton variegatus*), coastal giant salamander (*Dicamptodon tenebrosus*), Cope's giant salamander (*Dicamptodon copei*) and coastal tailed frog (*Ascaphus truei*). Responsibilities include field work and data management throughout the 12-week summer season. Field surveys consist of daily sampling at sites located on public and private managed forests. Sampling will consist of manual searches for amphibians in headwater streams, overturning objects such as rocks, woody debris, and searching under vegetative cover. In addition, staff will collect and filter water samples for eDNA. This position requires working in uneven terrain and searching at ground level and in streams for extended periods, regardless of weather conditions. Each work week on average will consist of four 10hr days (usually Monday-Thursday), including a mix of time in the field (70%), data management (15%), and equipment upkeep (15%). Some days will require significant travel time to field sites. Field housing is included.

Essential Job Functions:

1. Position will require working outdoors in inclement weather, occasionally in recently harvested forest stands. Must be able to carry heavy gear (20+ lbs.) on steep slopes with challenging field conditions. Must be able to get to and work from several remote locations throughout NW Oregon, drive unimproved forest roads, read maps, navigate through a forested landscape, and relate well with other team members.
2. Gather data using specific protocols, record data completely and neatly, and enter data once back at the field house.
3. Willingness to have a flexible work schedule and travel between study locations.
4. Demonstrate an ability to work effectively with others toward meeting the goals of the National Council of Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI).
5. Develop a familiarity with NCASI's mission, policies, practices, and procedures.
6. Become acquainted with the environmental issues of the forest products industry.
7. Read, absorb, process, and communicate complex information.

Additional Responsibilities and Requirements:

1. Undertake additional activities assigned by Supervisor.
2. Follow all safety protocols.
3. Pass a mandatory pre-employment drug test

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Senior standing as an undergraduate (>3 years college education and >2 seasons prior field work) or a degree in a biological sciences discipline or related environmental field.
2. Must have driving record which can be approved by Federal Agencies to drive government vehicles, insurable at standard rates, and agree to have driving record pulled and reviewed.
3. Basic data entry experience (Microsoft Excel).
4. Self-motivated with a strong work ethic
5. Able to work and live harmoniously with a small team.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Prior forest road navigation and field experience.
2. Track record of working in a safe, efficient, and cooperative manner in a team setting.
3. Knowledge of amphibians in the Oregon coast range.

To Apply: Please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references with phone numbers and e-mail addresses to: Laurie Clark, NCASI, 8769 Hwy 42, Tenmile, OR 97481, preferably delivered electronically to: lclark@ncasi.org with "Amphibian Crew Application – Bio 1" in the subject line. Applicant review will begin February 2025 and continue until the positions are filled. NCASI is an equal opportunity employer.