Alaska USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Opportunities 2018

Listed below are several employment opportunities with Wildlife Services in Alaska for 2018. We will continue to accept applications until positions are filled. If you are interested in any of these offerings, please provide us with contact information, availability, and a resume'. We will e-mail applications to those respondents who are interested and available. We can be reached at the following:

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Airport Direct Control Wildlife Hazard Management

Eielson Air Force Base

Location: Eielson AFB, AK Work environment: Urban

Timeframe: Late March through September

Appointment: Full time seasonal Grade: AD-404-4, plus 3.74% COLA*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: 4

Eielson Air Force Base, located approximately 20 miles southeast of Fairbanks, is the main base supporting the State's Red Flag operations. Red Flag is a series of war game exercises conducted at Eielson AFB for a variety of military aircraft from various states and countries. Wildlife Services provides a Wildlife Hazard Management Program designed reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. Eielson AFB offers a unique experience in managing a variety of wildlife species hazardous to aircraft. Wildlife species may consist of moose, lynx, fox, woodchucks, ravens, waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. A team of 4 Specialists and 1 Biologist operate independently on twelve and eight hour shifts. Specialists are required to patrol the property, operate around aircraft, and communicate with the Control Tower via radio. Specialists are responsible for securing their own housing and transportation to and from the project.

Anchorage Urban Projects

Location: Anchorage, AK Work environment: Urban

Timeframe: May through September Appointment: Full time seasonal Grade: AD-404-4, plus 3.74% COLA*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: 3

Wildlife Services receives requests for assistance in resolving human-wildlife conflicts in the Anchorage area each summer. This work includes, but not limited to, removing gull nests and eggs from businesses in Anchorage, where specialists must be able to safely climb ladders to access rooftops, and work in inclement weather. This is a highly visible project; interaction with cooperators, the public, and other agency representatives can be expected. Specialists will also be used to cover shifts at the local landfill and airport projects throughout the season. Bryant Army Airfield, located within Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), is adjacent to Anchorage Alaska. Wildlife Services provides Bryant Army Airfield with a wildlife hazard management program designed to reduce wildlife hazards to aircraft. JBER as a whole offers a unique aspect to airport wildlife damage, where Specialists deal with a diverse population of wildlife from moose and bears to gulls and waterfowl. Data collection and reporting is critical; the ability to use a computer and reconcile data between multiple databases is required. Specialists are responsible for housing and transportation to and from the project.

Deadhorse Airport

Location: Prudhoe Bay, AK (North Slope)

Work environment: Urban Timeframe: Mid May to Mid July Appointment: Full time seasonal Grade: AD-404-4, plus 5.30% COLA*

Hours expected: 80 hours per pay period, plus necessary comp time Benefits: Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave

Positions: 1

The Deadhorse Airport is located at Prudhoe Bay on the North Slope of Alaska. WS provides the airport with a wildlife hazard management program 7 days a week, which is structured to cover arriving and departing aircraft. A typical 8 hour day may start at 0600 and end at 1800, with down time mid-day. A government-owned travel trailer is on site for Specialist's use and lodging. The DOT facility is available for Specialists to cook meals and use the facilities. Food is provided to the Specialist upon the start of the project, and re-supply shipments are made as necessary. A vehicle is provided for use on the airport. Species encountered include migrating caribou, and nesting waterfowl and shorebirds. Transportation will be provided to Deadhorse from Anchorage. The Deadhorse Airport project is typically worked in two month rotations.

^{*} The AD Salary schedule mimics the GS Locality Pay Tables for Alaska which can be accessed at http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2018/AK_h.pdf . Federal employees in Alaska receive an additional Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) benefit of 3.74% or 5.30% depending on project locale.