

Wild Utah Project Conservation Biologist Position

Organization Background: Wild Utah Project strives to provide non-profit partners and public agencies with the best available and up-to-date science to advance conservation across Utah.

Overall Description: The conservation biologist will work with other staff and the board to develop and execute Wild Utah Project's Wildlife Science and Citizen Science Programs, while offering important support to our Wildlife Policy Program. Priorities include assisting with current research and publication efforts; funding, planning and orchestrating new studies with conservation, management and policy implications; and joining our current commitment to provide the needed scientific support for NGO, state and federal agency, municipal, and academic partners. This appointment will begin as a ¾-time position, with the option to advance to full time in 2018 if and when the anticipated 2018 funding for the full-time position has come in.

Areas of Responsibility:

- Provide biological analyses for other Utah conservation groups, and potentially other clients such as state and federal agencies, municipalities, and private landowners (e.g. biological studies, literature reviews, status reviews and/or ESA listing petitions, and ecological analyses of federal land management plans, including preparing conservation alternatives for NEPA processes)
- Build and oversee WUP's Field Intern and Citizen Science Programs
- Initiate, design, develop grant proposals and carry out original research and/or continuing science-based projects that fill a hole in the ecological literature, have implications for wildlife or habitat management or policy, and fill a need for the conservation community in Utah and the Intermountain West
- Publish study results, monitoring efforts, and research in peer-reviewed journals.
- Accept speaking engagements and invitations to present Wild Utah Project's research and other ecologically-based work, and seek out relevant conferences to do the same
- Engage in stakeholder groups or working groups developing new or updating existing management plans for WUP's focus species and associated habitats
- Facilitate collaborative studies with researchers at state and federal agencies, and academic institutions
- Keep abreast of the emerging conservation biology literature, including active membership in scientific societies and local chapters of scientific societies
- Keep abreast of relevant wildlife/public land-related policy issues, especially those where application of best science can bring about conservation oriented outcomes through advocacy efforts by our partners.
- Engage in direct communications with media and local leaders regarding ecological science as it relates to conservation issues in Utah
- Assist with the fundraising program for the Wildlife Science and Citizen Science Programs

Qualifications:

- Advanced Degree in Biological Sciences or Resource Management (M.S. or Ph.D.)
- Sound field biology/field data collection experience required
- Technical and professional writing skills needed
- Passion for Utah's wildlands and wildlife
- Strong communication, interpersonal and collaboration skills needed
- Sound organizational skills; ability to meet detailed/technical writing deadlines
- Willingness to work independently in some areas and with a team in others
- Experience with public land and/or wildlife management issues preferred (i.e. knowledge of agency decision processes and wildlife and wildlands management policy)
- Prior experience working with nonprofits preferred
- Grant writing experience welcome

Salary: competitive with other nonprofit conservation organizations of our size, commensurate with experience

Application Procedure: Send Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae, Attention: Allison Jones, Wild Utah Project: allison@wildutahproject.org (email preferred but hard copies also accepted). Wild Utah Project, 824 South 400 West, Suite B-117, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

Application deadline: July 15, 2017