Vacancy Announcement

Wildlife Research Ecologist with Quantitative Skills (2 positions)

Location: 1 scientist in Ogden, UT and 1 scientist in Missoula MT

Responsibilities: We are seeking a permanent research ecologist with strong statistical and spatial modeling skills to develop a research program in the Northern Rockies (Missoula position) and in the forests and rangelands of the Central Rockies (Ogden position). Research may center on species, populations, communities and/or ecosystem level questions, but should focus on one of the following topics: spatial ecology, disease ecology or genetics, development and analysis of broad-scale monitoring programs, or assessment of how forest restoration treatments affect species, populations or communities. A successful candidate will be able to demonstrate ability to conduct quantitative analysis of forest and woodland landscapes and associated wildlife and their habitats using quantitative spatial metrics or statistical analysis (including statistical modeling, bioinformatics or artificial intelligence related to natural resources). They must also show their success in disseminating research findings at scientific meetings and publishing results in peer-reviewed journals.

This position will be housed in the research branch of the USDA Forest Service. Applicants should have the interest in interacting with a dispersed group of scientists throughout the Rocky Mountains and with the management branch of the Forest Service to co-produce knowledge that helps in the decision-making processes. The scientist will be asked to balance a portfolio of basic and applied science. A strong commitment to conservation and program development is important.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in a biological discipline relevant to quantitative wildlife biology and quantitative research ecology. Post-doctoral experience is preferred. The candidate should demonstrate research excellence, high levels of productivity (e.g., publications, invited talks, research products), creative problem solving, the ability to build a research
program as documented through peer-reviewed publications, and obtain independent, extramural funding. Demonstrated ability to work with a team and lead others is essential.

Salary: GS-12

Applications: This position will be advertised on USAJOBS and open between December 28, 2020 and January 4, 2021. Please apply at USAJOBS (https://www.usajobs.gov/). The specific link for this job will be live on December 28th: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/587668600

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