

# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Position Title:** Desert Tortoise Wildlife Technician  
**Duration:** Three month position  
**Location:** Hurricane, Utah  
**Salary:** \$13.00 to \$15.00 depending on experience

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is hiring Wildlife Technician(s) to assist with management, recovery and population monitoring of native reptiles within southwestern Utah.

One to two Wildlife Technicians are needed from April 5 to June 11, 2021, to assist primarily with population monitoring of desert tortoises. Primary work will include desert tortoise transect surveys and radio-telemetry within the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve (Red Cliffs National Conservation Area) as well as on Shivwits Paiute land. Other (minor) tasks could include: endangered fish monitoring on the Virgin River; non-native fish distribution surveys; restoration projects; and other recovery and conservation project implementation. The majority of the work will include locating and marking desert tortoises using distance sampling, radio telemetry, and presence/absence surveys.

Applicants must be willing and physically capable of hiking up to 8 miles per day over rough terrain, under adverse field conditions (e.g., extreme heat). Applicants must also be willing to work a flexible field schedule working up to 10 hours a day.

## **Qualifications:**

Applicant must have an interest in native wildlife management and conservation, particularly in native fish, reptiles and amphibians. Experience in population monitoring techniques, endangered species management, habitat monitoring, and data analysis is preferred. A completed degree in biological sciences, ecology, zoology, wildlife, fisheries, or closely related field is preferred. Position requires hiking up to 8 miles a day over rough terrain, working long hours in extreme heat and adverse weather. Applicant must be able to commit to the three month time frame from April 5 to June 11, 2021.

For additional information please email or contact Ann McLuckie ([annmcluckie@utah.gov](mailto:annmcluckie@utah.gov); 435-680-1062). Email (or mail) cover letter, resume, copy of college transcripts, and references to address below.

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