



UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Positions: Wildlife Technician I/Wildlife Technician II
Utah Big Game Range Trend Studies Project – 9 Positions

Location: Great Basin Research Center – Ephraim, UT

Work Dates: **Range Trend Project Position:** May 9 - August 25, 2021
(beginning and end dates may be flexible depending on school schedule or applicant availability)

Range Trend Description: **Range Trend:** The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, monitors key big game habitat throughout Utah. Repeat long-term range trend studies are used to evaluate vegetation condition and trend of big game habitat. The primary responsibility of this position is to monitor changes in plant communities using various vegetation-sampling methods. The first half of the summer will focus primarily monitoring these range trend studies in **Central and Southern Utah**. These areas include the Deep Creek, Indian Peak, Sevier Plateau, Canyon, Sheeprock, Pavant, San Pitch, and South Wasatch mountain ranges. The last half of the summer will focus on monitoring habitat improvement projects as part of the Watershed Restoration Initiative (WRI), such as chainings, bullhog, harrow, lop and scatter, seedings, and other restoration projects. Because these improvement projects occur throughout Utah, applicants can expect to be in various parts of the state each week. For more information about the range trend project, visit our website at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/range-trends.html> or Google "Utah Range Trend".

Individuals working on the project will gain plant identification skills and knowledge of big game habitat. This is a great opportunity for those seeking a career in natural resources to gain needed experience and working knowledge of Utah's big game habitat.

Working periods consist of 4 consecutive days in the field, with weekends off. A typical workweek consists of 40-50 hours Monday-Thursday. Typical working hours are from 7:00 am to 5:30-7:30 pm. **Overtime will be paid at time and a half for time worked over the 40-hour workweek.** For the first part of the summer, we will be working near Ephraim and returning to the office each night. Following completion of work around Ephraim, the crew will then camp during the week in camp trailers or tents at various locations in the state depending upon the work schedule. **Per diem will be issued while camping out in the field as per division policy.**

Physical Requirements: Ability to work under extreme conditions and/or inclement weather. Work requires physical exertion. May require the ability to stand; walk over rough surfaces; bend, crouch, stoop, stretch, reach, lift moderately heavy items (up to 50 lbs.) in a recurring manner and/or for long periods of time.

Skills: Ability to pay close attention to details and listen to instructions, tolerance of repetitive work, and ability to work as a team member. **Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge of plant identification, plant and range ecology, vegetation monitoring, basic computer skills, and 4x4 vehicles.**

Salary: **Wildlife Technician I** - Starting wage for those with no plant identification experience is \$12.13/hr.
Wildlife Technician II - With qualifying plant identification experience, the starting wage is \$13.50/hr.

To Apply: Send a **resume** (please include previous work experience and list of references), copy of **college transcripts** (unofficial), and a **list of current coursework** to:

Email: Jason Cox (jasoncox@utah.gov) **or** UDWR Great Basin Research Center
494 West 100 South
Ephraim, UT 84627

Applications must be received or postmarked by February 28, 2022 for first consideration. Applications received after March 1st will be considered if all positions have not yet been filled.

For additional information contact: Jason Cox: **phone:** (435) 201-7270
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