

**Title: Greater Sage-grouse Crew Leaders, Technicians, and Interns**

**Classification:** Temporary Seasonal Positions

**Agency:** U.S. Geological Survey, Idaho State University, & Great Basin Bird Observatory

**Location:** Nevada and California

**Job Description:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with Great Basin Bird Observatory (GBBO), Idaho State University (ISU), Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), is seeking to fill multiple positions for Crew Leaders, Technicians, and Interns to conduct avian biological surveys primarily targeted at Greater Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*), and Common Ravens (*Corvus corax*) at multiple study sites across Nevada and California. Primary duties may include Sage-Grouse capture and handling, lek counts, radio-telemetry, nest and brood monitoring, habitat sampling, avian predator point count surveys, Raven nest searching and monitoring, pellet collections, nest camera monitoring of Sage-Grouse and Ravens, data entry and management, and other biological surveys as needed. Work hours will be irregular and include nights, early mornings, and weekends. The Great Basin landscape is beautiful but rugged. Temperature extremes will range from well below freezing to above 100 degrees F during the field season, and inclement weather is always a possibility.

These temporary, full-time appointments start now and will continue through the middle of July or beginning of August, with the potential for extended employment depending on funding and performance. Primitive field housing will be provided, and successful applicants will be required to stay on site during work periods. **It is recommended to have a residence within a day's drive of Reno, NV in the case of a COVID-19 quarantine or isolation event, although not required for employment.**

Please submit a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three references (including at least 1 field reference) in a single PDF document saved with applicant's last name in the title to: [sagegrouse.science@gmail.com](mailto:sagegrouse.science@gmail.com). Please indicate in your cover letter which positions you would like to be considered for: Crew Leader, Technician, and/or Intern. Cover letters and correspondence may be addressed to Dr. Steven Mathews. Please include "Greater Sage-Grouse Position" in the subject line.

Applications and interviews are open now and will continue until all positions are filled. Positions will be filled as successful applicants are identified.

**Qualifications:** B.S. degree in a natural resource field preferred although experienced undergraduates are encouraged to apply for intern positions. U.S. citizen with valid driver's license required. Successful applicants must possess the ability to hike long distances over rough terrain often in inclement weather (snow, rain, hail, high winds). The ability to take direction and work independently, a strong work ethic, a willingness to learn, a desire to gain experience while maintaining an enthusiastic attitude, and good communication skills with field supervisor and teammates are essential for all positions. Prior experience driving ATVs/4x4 vehicles over rough terrain is also preferred for all positions. **It is highly recommended to have a residence within a day's drive of Reno, NV in the case of a COVID-19 quarantine or isolation event, although not required for employment.**

**Crew Leaders:** We are seeking individuals with extensive experience working on wildlife-related field research projects, previous experience with animal capture and handling, radio-telemetry and habitat surveys, and strong interpersonal communication skills. Prior supervisory experience, or demonstrated potential for supervising field crews, is preferred.

**Technicians:** Preference will be given to applicants with demonstrated experience assisting with wildlife field research. Previous experience with animal capture and handling, habitat surveys, and radio-telemetry are also preferred.

**Interns:** Internships will be offered to applicants that lack demonstrated field experience related to this type of work, but demonstrate a passion for wildlife ecology, a willingness to learn new techniques, a desire to work as part of a team, a desire to work hard in a remote but beautiful field setting, and have strong references. Payment is based on reimbursement of travel expenses set on established rates and is not considered an hourly wage. Previous field experience is desirable, but not required.

**Start Date:** 24 March 2021 or later

**Salary:** Crew Leaders: (~\$2400-2600/mo, dependent on experience)

Technicians: (~\$1700-2200/mo, dependent on experience)

Interns (~\$700-1400/mo travel reimbursement, dependent on number of days worked)

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