The National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (USDA-APHIS-WS) program is expected to recruit a Research Project/Field Station Leader for its Hilo field station.

NWRC provides science-based solutions to the complex issues of wildlife damage management as related to agriculture, human health and safety (including wildlife disease), natural resources, invasive species, and threatened and endangered species.

NWRC’s Hilo Field Station conducts research to develop information and tools for managing damage caused by invasive species and injurious native species. Most research is field-based, but limited animal and laboratory facilities exist at Hilo. Additional support is provided via other NWRC facilities.

For more information on current NWRC research efforts, please visit www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlifedamage/nwrc.

Position Duties

The Research Project/Field Station Leader plays a key role in determining research priorities for the field station. The incumbent is expected to interact and collaborate with a broad range of internal and external stakeholders, including the WS Operational Program, the State of Hawaii, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Defense, and non-governmental organizations.

The mission area for the research assignment encompasses a variety of species and objectives:

- Conducting basic and applied experimental and observational research in wildlife biology and ecology to develop and enhance control methods for invasive species and injurious native species.
- Developing methods to prevent crop and natural resource damage caused by birds, mammals, snakes, and other taxa.
- Developing and applying performance metrics for efficacy of wildlife damage management actions.

The following skills, expertise, and experience are required:

- Excellent people skills to interact and communicate with diverse stakeholders.
- Supervisory, budget, and grant writing experience required.
- Expertise in experimental design for field and captive animal research.
- Expertise in natural history and ecology of birds and/or mammals (rodents).
- Knowledge and skills using basic statistics/experimental design/Bayesian analyses/multivariate analyses.
- Incumbents with other skill sets are encouraged to apply, so long as the agency mission can be addressed.

Position Location

The duty station for this position is in Hilo, Hawaii. The successful candidate is expected to qualify for adjunct faculty status with institutions of higher learning.

Salary

The initial grade is a GS-12/13. Promotional potential is GS-15 subject to time in grade and evaluation by Research Grade Evaluation Panels as outlined by the Office of Personnel Management guidelines.

To Apply

The position is expected to be advertised as a Research Biologist (GS-0401). The official announcement is expected to be posted in 2019.

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