

# **Wildlife Field Biologist**

## **Temporary Position # 60034033**

### **North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**

#### **Private Lands Program**

#### **Job Description**

This position is responsible for assisting the District 9 Biologist with all aspects of the management of the wildlife resources in NCWRC, District 9 which includes Polk, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Jackson, Transylvania, Swain, Clay, Graham, and Cherokee in western North Carolina. The employee will work with the town of Maggie Valley to monitor elk in the area. The position will also provide assistance with the capture, sedation, and collaring of elk; aversive conditioning of nuisance elk; monitoring elk population; providing technical guidance to landowners regarding elk, bear and other wildlife. Duties include assistance with surveys and monitoring projects including the handling of live and dead wildlife. The employee may use immobilization drugs to capture and handle live animals. The employee must conduct wildlife disease/mortality investigations including field necropsies.

The employee will prepare and present wildlife programs to a wide variety of audiences and must have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Pay will be \$16.00 per hour for a typical 40 hour work week and the NCWRC will deduct taxes. This is an 11 month temporary position starting from the time of hiring with the possibility of another term after a 1 month break. Work weeks are typically 40 hours Monday thru Friday, however the applicant should expect variability which may include early morning or late night work periods and occasional weekend duties. Insurance benefits are not provided for temporary positions, however Human Resources may provide assistance in obtaining insurance through the Affordable Care Act at the employee's expense if eligible.

The employee will be expected to find and pay for their own housing in the Maggie Valley area.

#### **Qualifications**

A 4-year degree and two years of experience in Wildlife Biology or related field is required. A Master's Degree may substitute for 2 years of experience. Some prior experience with elk preferred. Desired skills and abilities include:

- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff biologists, cooperating agencies and organizations, sportsman's groups, and the general public
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
- Advanced knowledge of personal computers and associated software
- Ability to operate GPS and GIS software and hardware
- Knowledge of the principles and techniques of wildlife management
- Knowledge and ability to use basic wildlife management tools and equipment
- Ability to conduct wildlife surveys and collect scientific data
- Ability to use presentation media and digital cameras
- Physical stamina to work outdoors for prolonged periods of time in adverse weather conditions

#### **Applications**

Send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to: Mike Carraway, Wildlife Biologist  
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**Deadline:** Applications must be received by 5pm on February 15, 2016