

From: Rachel Endicott
Subject: Interns needed for food web study

Dates: Late March through early June

Location: Carrizo Plain National Monument, California (60 miles east of San Luis Obispo)

Duties: 2 interns are needed to conduct a variety of animal surveys as part of a long-term food web study in the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The Carrizo is the largest remnant of the San Joaquin grassland ecosystem and contains many endangered plants and animals. Interns will work on a team of 3-5 people and will conduct a variety of surveys, focusing especially on mark-recapture of endangered kangaroo rats. Mark-recapture surveys of threatened squirrels, visual line transects for reptiles, pitfall trapping for invertebrates, and spotlight surveys for predators and lagomorphs may also be conducted, and team members will help with vegetation sampling. Interns will also take down precipitation plot equipment and assist with other duties as needed.

Requirements: All applicants must be pursuing or have a bachelor's degree in the natural sciences and have previous field experience. Applicants must be able to start work by the last week of March and work through early to mid-June. A strong interest in natural history, conservation, and/or management and a high level of responsibility, organization, and motivation are required. It is helpful to have PIT tagging experience, small mammal trapping experience, and familiarity with the plants and animals of California. Must be flexible and live and work well with others in an isolated setting. Applicants must be able to maintain work quality and a positive attitude during challenging field conditions. Applicants must be in good physical condition and experienced with or able to tolerate hot and cold field conditions. Must be able to work long hours and be comfortable working at night. Prefer applicants with experience and strong interest in grassland or desert species.

Work schedule: Approx. 40 hrs per week, variable throughout season

Compensation: \$600-800/month. Housing is provided at an active research facility on the Monument.

To Apply: Please email a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 2-3 references as a single Word or PDF attachment to Rachel Endicott at rendicott@berkeley.edu. Please

apply by January 27, 2017.

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