

Department Head and Professor

Utah State University Department of Wildland Resources

The Department of Wildland Resources in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources at Utah State University (USU) invites applications for the position of Professor and Department Head. This is a full-time, 12-month appointment starting July 1, 2020. The Department Head is the principal administrative and academic officer of the department and provides leadership and administration for the research, teaching, extension, and service functions of the department. We seek candidates with excellent scholarly credentials and a strong commitment to interdisciplinary terrestrial ecosystem science who will provide vision, leadership, and expert administration for the department. Application review will begin September 9, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. A tenure review will be conducted for the successful candidate.

The Department of Wildland Resources (<u>http://qcnr.usu.edu/wild/</u>) includes 32 faculty with diverse interests in the ecology and management of wildlife, forests, and rangelands, and in conservation biology. The department has about 300 undergraduates in four majors (Forest Ecology and Management, Conservation and Restoration Ecology, Wildlife Ecology and Management, and Rangeland Ecology and Management) and a graduate program with 100 students pursuing M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Ecology, Forestry, Range Science, and Wildlife Biology. USU is Utah's Land Grant University and the department strongly supports the land-grant tradition of scholarship for the public good in collaboration with the <u>USU Ecology Center</u>, the <u>Utah Agricultural Experiment Station</u>, and <u>USU Extension</u>. 2018 rankings from Washington Monthly place USU as the <u>5th best public national university in the nation</u>.

Qualifications: Applicants for the position of Department Head must have:

- an earned doctorate in a Natural Resources, Wildlife, Forestry, Range or Conservation disciplines, or a closely related field
- an outstanding record of academic achievement that merits appointment as a full professor
- demonstrated success in leadership and management in higher education
- a record of securing external funding from multiple sources
- demonstrated experience in personnel and budget management
- demonstrated ability to establish and maintain positive, innovative, and productive relationships among faculty members from disparate disciplines
- a compelling vision regarding the role of interdisciplinary terrestrial ecology in higher education and research
- ability and commitment to develop and promote constructive relations with on- and off-campus stakeholders
- evidence of a commitment to diversity in personnel management

To learn more about the position, and to apply, go to <u>hr.usu.edu/jobs/</u>. For additional questions, contact the search committee chair, Dr. Peter Wilcock (<u>wilcock@usu.edu</u>).

Logan offers the amenities of a college town and a low cost of living within the Cache Valley metropolitan zone of \sim 115,000 people (<u>http://www.loganutah.org/visitors/about logan/index.php</u>). Cache Valley is positioned between the Wellsville and Bear River mountain ranges at the eastern edge of the Great Basin and offers a superb array of outdoor activities minutes from campus. It is immediately adjacent to Forest Service and Wilderness lands and is within a day's drive of ten national parks. USU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and is dedicated to recruiting strong candidates from a diverse applicant pool, including women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities. USU is sensitive to the needs of dual-career applicants and offers competitive salaries with outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits.

