**Seasonal Positions – 5 Field Technicians**

**Remote Camera Surveys in Yellowstone National Park**

**Agency:** Montana State University (Bozeman, MT)

**Location:** Yellowstone National Park

**Dates:** September 9 – mid November (approx.)

**Salary:** $15.50/hour, 40 hours per week

**Job Description:** The selected candidates (5 positions) will assist with an intensive effort to retrieve camera traps throughout Yellowstone National Park (YNP); these cameras have been randomly placed to estimate density of grizzly bears and other species. This field work is extremely physically and mentally challenging. Technicians will work on foot, hiking long distances in challenging environments (steep terrain, thick vegetation, bear habitat) to retrieve cameras, often in remote areas of YNP. Technicians will also assist with image sorting and classifying animals in images to species.

The position will begin ~September 9 and end ~November 15. Typical work weeks will be Tuesday-Friday, with some weekend work required. This research project will be based out of Mammoth, WY. A large portion of the work will be conducted in backcountry settings that often will require overnight camping; front country camping also will be necessary on occasion. Housing in Mammoth, Wyoming also will be provided.

**Required Qualifications:** Applicants must be able to hike 15-20 miles per day in rugged, mountainous terrain, while carrying heavy packs (often >50 pounds). Much of the travel is off-trail and very challenging. Field technicians should be organized and able to follow rigid protocols, record detailed data in the field, and navigate using maps/compasses and GPS devices. Additionally, technicians must have strong communication skills and the ability to work well within a team.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Preferred candidates will have prior experience using camera traps and classifying animals in images, working in bear country (preferably grizzly bears), as well as a background in wildlife biology, ecology, or a related science; however, people from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to candidates who are available for the entire field season.

**To apply:** Please send: 1) a cover letter focused on your interest and how you meet the required and preferred qualifications and 2) your resume with 3 references to Oscar Dalling, oscar.dalling@student.montana.edu. Please submit these materials as a **single file** labeled as “last\_name\_first\_name\_bear\_technician” (e.g., Doe\_John\_bear\_technician).

We will begin reviewing applications on July 15, 2024, and will continue until candidates are selected.