

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITY

Title: Bat Community Assessment Technician

Region: Northern Missouri

Location: Kirksville, Missouri

Start Date: Immediately

End Date: October 31, 2017

Pay Rate: \$9.86/hour

Description: The Missouri Department of Conservation has an opening for a full-time resource technician to work on a multi-year project focused on assessing the bat community in areas of potential wind energy development throughout northern Missouri. The project utilizes Wildlife Acoustics SM2Bat detectors to acoustically sample bats at over 100 sites. The sampling sites are visited multiple times during the sampling period running from mid-March through the mid-October. Technicians will primarily be responsible for deployment of detectors, vegetation sampling, and data entry. There is potential to conduct targeted mist-netting efforts in areas where species of special interest have been detected acoustically.

General Responsibilities Include:

- Locating sampling sites using GPS units and maps
- Deployment and takedown of bat detectors
- Vegetation sampling and tree identification
- Operating ATVs
- Driving trucks and towing ATV trailers
- Carrying 50+ lbs. of equipment over rugged, uneven terrain (up to a ¼ mile)
- Work outdoors in extreme and undesirable conditions, i.e., hot and cold temperatures
- Filling out data sheets
- Data entry using Microsoft Access
- Limited mist-netting

Basic Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in natural resources, wildlife biology, or related field
- Previous field experience
- Willingness and ability to travel throughout the study area (northern Missouri)
- Accept all responsibilities of the job and assigned tasks
- Demonstrate technical proficiency in areas of responsibility
- Recognize a problem, analyze relevant information, develop solutions and solve problems
- Maintain focus, remain optimistic and persistent even under adversity
- Ability to communicate well with team members, supervisors, and the public
- Ability to use Microsoft Access for data entry

Preferred Qualifications:

- One or more years of field experience working on bat related projects
- Experience with acoustic monitoring of bats and/or mist-netting
- Experience using handheld GPS units and reading maps
- Experience towing trailers
- Pre-exposure rabies vaccinations

Special Notes:

The Department of Conservation will hire only United States citizens and aliens authorized to work in the United States. All new employees will be required to complete an "Employment Eligibility Verification" (Form I-9) and produce requested documentation after employment.

Candidates seeking initial employment must submit to a drug screen following offer of employment.

The position will remain open until filled.

Contact Person

Send cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references via email as a pdf attachment to jonathan.brooks@mdc.mo.gov

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