



Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Seasonal Wildlife Technician - Wolf Pack / Caribou Monitoring Program

Work Schedule: Up to 40/wk

Pay: \$20/hr

Location: Glennallen, Alaska

Fieldwork: GMU 11 & 13

Reports to: Wildlife Biologist

Dates: June through August (Extensions may be granted based on performance)

Summary: Join our research team in a study aimed at understanding the range distribution and diet of wolf packs and caribou herds within the Ahtna Territory. The Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) in Glennallen, Alaska, is hiring two seasonal Wildlife Technicians to assist in summer fieldwork in southcentral Alaska. This study seeks to contribute to the preservation of local ecosystems by monitoring wolf populations and their prey. Technicians will play a critical role in data collection, utilizing GPS collar data and fieldwork methodologies.

Technicians will be expected to work productively both independently and in a group setting. They will be expected to show enthusiasm in the field and through desk activities. Some field sites are located in remote locations accessible by ATV, boat, foot, and/or small aircraft, technicians should be comfortable with these methods of transport. technicians should be able to and comfortable hiking 5+ miles per day across extremely difficult terrain. The ideal candidate is one who meticulously collects data and thoroughly fills out digital and paper datasheets. Technicians must be organized, detail-oriented, and safety-minded at all times. We are looking for technicians who will keep a positive attitude despite adverse, potentially extreme, field conditions that include thick vegetation, swamps, poor trails, swarming mosquitoes and other biting insects, and inclement weather. Candidates must also be comfortable hiking and camping in bear country.

The work schedule may vary from month to month and even week to week depending on the projects. Technicians should be flexible with their work hours and understand that some weeks may require additional hours to complete the projects in a timely manner. The primary schedule will be a 4-day on, 3-days off, however, this is subject to change depending on weather conditions and the needs of the project. This position requires a candidate capable of working in pairs in remote field locations under limited supervision. Due to our strict field schedule, requests for time off will not be considered.

Canvas tents behind the AITRC office will be available for technicians. A field truck/SUV will be provided to pairs of workers to navigate to field locations. Food while in the field will also be provided in lieu of per diem.

Minimum Qualifications

- Driver's license and clean driving record
- Background check
- Minimum age: 18
- Remote wilderness experience
- ATV experience and mechanically inclined
- Ability to carry at least 50 pounds on rugged terrain

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Investigate potential kill sites and rendezvous sites based on GPS data
- Collect scat, hair, and tissue samples for dietary and DNA analysis
- Install and monitor game cameras at strategic sites
- Utilize various modes of transportation for site visits, which may include: hiking, ATVs, snowmobiles, bush planes, and helicopters, ensuring minimal ecological impact
- Carefully drive project-provided vehicles with trailers to and from field sites
- Safely operate ATVs in snowy, muddy, or flooded conditions
- Ability to problem-solve in the field
- Excellent attention to detail and ability/willingness to follow specific directions
- Able to navigate difficult terrain and associated elements in remote locations in Alaska
- Safely navigate to and from sampling locations using GPS or maps
- Able to follow established protocols and take meticulous notes
- Effectively communicate to hunters and other stakeholders about various projects
- Ensure data integrity by keeping samples dry and organized in the field
- Maintain regular communication with coworkers and project leaders
- Be bear aware at all times in the field
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including early mornings, evenings, and weekends

Tribal Member Preference

Pursuant to PL 93-638, as amended, preference will be given to qualified Ahtna Native Corporation Shareholders, Descendants, and Spouses in all phases of employment.

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee incumbent in this position. The employee will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job-related duties requested by any person authorized to give instructions or assignments.

To Apply: Submit your resume, cover letter, and two professional references to connect@ahtnatribal.org with the subject line "2024 Wildlife Technician."

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled.