

TITLE: ECOSYSTEM HABITAT TECHNICIAN

CLASSIFICATION: SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL OFFICER (RESOURCE) 18

JOB OVERVIEW

One temporary, Auxiliary Scientific/Technical Officer 18 (STO 18) position is available within the Skeena LWRS Ecosystems Section, based out of Smithers in Northwest BC

The position can start the week of June 13th, 2022 and go until mid-October 2022 there may be possibility for extension. These dates will be finalized with the successful candidate's start date availability (approximately 4.5-month term).

The successful applicant will support Bio 24s and senior biologists in the development of legal habitat designation packages for moose and grizzly bear, by collecting and interpreting field data necessary to verify habitat polygons and wildlife habitat models. The technician will support research that contributes to an understanding of moose and grizzly bear habitat quality in areas of the South Skeena region. Work will involve conducting habitat assessments in areas identified as potentially high-quality habitat for moose or grizzly bears and include the collection of vegetation and stand structure data, food availability and wildlife use. The technician will be responsible for managing field data, updating field data protocols, and to complete necessary reporting requirements.

This work will be supervised and supported by the Senior Habitat Biologist and Wildlife Ecologist. The Ecosystems Habitat Technician will contribute valuable input to support habitat mapping and analyses to improve modelling and identification of ungulate winter ranges (UWR) and wildlife habitat areas (WHA) for moose and grizzly bears. This work requires strong organizational skills, mapping and analytical experience, and attention to details.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

Required:

- Carries out technical aspects of research/ monitoring outlined in approved work plans and protocols.
- Assists in the development and preparation of field data protocols, work plans, and schedules.
- Compiles, organizes, documents and archives data sets in accordance with protocols and policy.
- Prepares figures, graphs, photographs and schematics for presentation and publication.
- Prepares detailed establishment, progress, and summary reports for each project, and contributes to writing internal and external reports.
- Analyzes and adapts work plans to accommodate unforeseen local circumstances, to remedy/avert problems.
- Adapts technical procedures and equipment to meet specific requirements.
- Strong organizational skills

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- Ability to hike long distances with a heavy backpack, often in trail-less and steep mountainous terrain, across unbridged rivers, and in inclement weather conditions
- Strong computer skills
- Experience and proficiency with GPS and map navigation skills

JOB REQUIREMENTS

The ideal candidates will be highly motivated, positive self-starters who take initiative to get tasks completed. They must work well independently and as part of multidisciplinary teams. They require excellent oral and written communication skills, and strong organizational skills. The candidates must have a background in biology/ecology and with ecological field projects. Experience with either grizzly bear or moose stewardship is an asset.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Diploma or equivalent in the natural resource field.
- A minimum of one season of previous experience in the field.

WILLIGNESS STATEMENTS:

- Must possess and maintain a valid British Columbia Class 5 driver's licence.
- Must be eligible to work in Canada.
- Must be physically able to carry equipment and supplies in difficult terrain.
- Willingness to conduct field work in all weather conditions and environments. This may include travel to remote areas by vehicle, or foot, overnight or extended stay in camp conditions and operation of a variety of equipment.
- Willingness to meet safety standards of WorkSafe BC.
- Must successfully complete security screening requirements of the BC Public Service, which may include a criminal records check, and/or Criminal Records Review Act (CRRA) check, and/or enhanced security screening checks as required by the ministry.

HOURS & COMPENSATION

This temporary position is based on a 35-hour week. Field shifts may vary in length and timing, and the successful candidates will be required to work longer days or possibly over weekends as required. Field work is a major component of this position.

The positions can start the week of June 13th, 2022, and is a 4.5-month term (October 2022) with possibility of extension. Start dates will be finalized with determination of the candidate's start date availability. These positions are offered at a Bio24 level. Compensation is ~\$30.68/hr (\$ 2,147.71 biweekly).

Currently, provincial, and federal guidelines are shifting regarding programs, safe activities, and health recommendations due to COVID 19. This position is offered in good faith under today's known guidelines and is subject to change as required to meet additional recommendations.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter and CV to Karine.Pigeon@gov.bc.ca with "Ecosystem Habitat Technician Bio 18" in the subject line.

Please respond with an expression of interest and describe your education and related work experience.

Deadline for applications is May 31st, 2022 at 11:59 pm

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