



USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

Position. Biological Science Technician – Wildlife/Plants

Duration. 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting July 2024 through February 2025 (dates are dependent upon the start date).

Location. Superior National Forest – Tofte Ranger District, 7355 W. Hwy 61, Tofte, MN

Reports To. The Biological Science Technician will report to the Wildlife Biologist and Botanist.

Job Overview

This is an entry-level position on the Superior National Forest that will assist with the management of wildlife and plants. The position will gain broad exposure to the different types of work the Forest Service does and will have opportunities for training to promote career development. The internship requires a person with a strong work ethic, willingness to learn, and an interest and desire to work in the field. The position will work in the Wildlife and Botany Programs on the East Zone of the Superior National Forest, and most of the work will be in the field at various locations, with some office work.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Assist with monitoring and inventory of habitat and species (e.g. surveys - N. goshawk, owls, Canada lynx; monitor – wildlife openings, moose habitat)
- Assist with habitat improvement and restoration projects: reconnaissance, layout, inspect ongoing habitat projects.
- Assist with management of invasive plants (e.g. herbicide spraying, hand-pulling or cutting)
- Use GIS software to make maps, manage data, and perform simple analyses.
- Assist with pollinator habitat improvement projects and native seed collection for pollinator projects.
- Assist with routine equipment maintenance.
- Operate 4WD pick up and/or ATV while carrying out work (5-10% travel time)
- Perform physical labor such as carrying a backpack sprayer, hiking, crouching, stooping, walking on uneven ground.
- Some work performed in office (e.g. data entry), other work performed at various field locations on the National Forest
- Frequently work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions



Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in biology, conservation biology, wildlife management, or natural resources
- Interest in field work.
- Ability to work alone or with partners.
- Driver's license required.

Minimum Requirements

- Completion of 4 years at an accredited university or higher
- US citizenship or permanent residency. RAs must undergo a government background check if selected.
- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for July 2024