Fish and Wildlife Biologist
Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service - Helena, MT

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WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All U.S. Citizens

The employee in this position serves as a permanent, full-time Fish and Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6, Ecological Services, located in Helena, Montana.

DUAL CONSIDERATION: This position is being advertised for status candidates (current or former Federal employees and people eligible under special hiring authorities) under vacancy announcement R6-15-1377366-M. TRAVEL REQUIRED

Occasional Travel
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No KEY REQUIREMENTS
U.S. citizenship required
Completion of a one-year probationary period may be required DUTIES: Back to top

Primarily responsible for Section 7 consultation with the Federal Highways Administration

Evaluates complex biological information and prepares documents relative to the Ecological Services programs using the best scientific and commercial data available

Maintains a high level of cooperation and communication with a variety of other offices and interested parties, including other Federal agencies, the press, State, private and public organizations and works very closely with Montana Department of transportation and the Federal Highway Administration in facilitating road and highway projects

Develops, prepares and presents workshops and briefings to assist others and inform management of sensitive or controversial issues

Prepares recommendations and documents in final form for approval and review by higher level management QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Back to top

In addition to meeting the “Specialized Experience Requirements” listed below, applicants must meet the education requirements as described under "Basic Education Requirements."

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:
GS-12: One year of progressively responsible experience equivalent to the GS-11 grade level. Qualifying specialized experience includes all of the following: independent work as a professional biologist planning and conducting ecological investigations of complex land and water resources; implementing the Endangered Species Act, specifically section 7; and implementing other laws and policies
including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife.

BASIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:
A. Successful completion of a full 4 year course of study in an accredited college or university leading to a bachelor's degree or higher degree in biological science, agriculture, natural resource management, chemistry, or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

OR

B. Combination of education from an accredited college or university and experience -- courses equivalent to a major, as shown in "A" above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

This position requires completion of the specific course of study as reflected above. ALL APPLICANTS, including those who currently, or have previously, occupied a position in this job series, MUST submit a copy of their transcripts (official or unofficial) to verify that they meet these educational requirements. If you have attended more than one university/college or have completed more than one degree, you must submit documentation from each university/college. If the position being filled requires specific classes or a specific number of credits, applicants MUST ensure that the transcripts submitted verify completion of those courses or credits. Failure to submit transcripts that verify qualifying education by the closing date will result in disqualification from further consideration.

Foreign Education: Education completed outside the United States must have been evaluated by a private U.S. organization that specializes in interpretation of foreign educational credentials, commonly called a credential evaluation service or education that is recognized by the Secretary of Education from an accredited body. You must submit the credential evaluation with your application to have your education considered.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to show how he/she satisfies the course requirements. This may include providing course syllabi or an official course description, as provided by the university course catalog. If you do not provide information that clearly shows how your completed course work meets the specific course requirements above, you will be rated ineligible.

Qualification requirements must be met by the closing date of this announcement. HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED:

In addition to the Specialized Experience requirement and any applicable Basic Education requirement, the following competencies are required:

(1) Ability to implement the Endangered Species Act; (2) Ability to conduct biological surveys/investigations; (3) Ability to communicate in writing; (4) Ability to communicate orally; (5) Ability to work collaboratively with outside organizations

Applications are evaluated and rated under Category Rating and Selection procedures. Category rating combines the applicant's total experience and/or education/training into a single category. Your application will initially be rated against the criteria outlined in this announcement. Qualifying applications will then
be placed into one of the following categories:


Applications in the Best Qualified category will be evaluated to ensure that the job requirements, including Specialized Experience, Basic Education, Selective Factors, and eligibility requirements are met and supported/verified by the resume and other documents submitted. This will include a review of your resume and supporting documentation as compared to your responses to the occupational questionnaire. If, after reviewing your resume and supporting documentation, a determination is made that you have inflated your qualifications and/or experience, your category placement may be adjusted to more accurately reflect your abilities.

Full-time work is generally considered to be 35 to 40 hours of work per week. Part-time experience will be credited on the basis of time actually spent in qualifying activities.

IT IS THE APPLICANT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT HIS OR HER RESUME AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FULLY SUPPORT THE EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION CLAIMED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE. APPLICATIONS THAT FAIL TO SUPPORT CLAIMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

APPLICANTS WHO DISQUALIFY THEMSELVES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FURTHER.

Information for Veterans: The category rating process does not add veteran's preference points but protects the rights of veterans by placing them ahead of non-preference eligibles within each category. Preference eligibles who meet qualification requirements and have a compensable service-connected disability of at least 10% will be listed in the highest quality category, except when the position being filled is scientific or professional at the GS-09 grade or higher. BENEFITS: Back to top The Federal government offers a comprehensive benefits package. This link provides an overview of the benefits currently offered to Federal employees: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Pay_and_Benefits

OTHER INFORMATION:
Career Transition Assistance Programs: CTAP/ICTAP provides placement assistance for Federal employees who are surplus, displaced, or separated. If you are claiming CTAP/ICTAP eligibility, you must submit a copy of your most recent performance appraisal, proof of eligibility, and your most current SF-50 noting position, grade level, and duty location with your application. To be considered under CTAP/ICTAP, you must meet the definition of well-qualified. For this vacancy, the definition of well-qualified is placement into at least the well-qualified category. For more information on CTAP/ICTAP, visit: http://www.opm.gov/ctap/index.asp

Male applicants who were born after 12/31/1959 must be registered or exempt from Selective Service (see www.sss.gov).

If a selection is made at a lower grade, promotion up to the full performance level may be made without further competition. However, promotion(s) will depend on the employee’s satisfactory performance and are not guaranteed.
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All application materials and supporting documentation must be submitted and received by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on the closing date of the announcement in order for you to be considered for this vacancy.

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that all application information, including the questionnaire, resume and any additional documents, whether uploaded or faxed, is received, legible, and accurate. HR will not modify any questionnaire answers or documents submitted by an applicant.

To begin the process, click the Apply Online button to create an account or log in to your existing USAJOBS account. Follow the prompts to complete the Assessment Questionnaire. Please ensure you click the "Submit My Answers" button.

NOTE: To verify your application is complete, log into your USAJOBS account here: https://my.usajobs.gov/Account/Login . Select the "Application Status" link and then select the "more information" link for this position. The "Details" page will display the status of your application, the documentation received and processed, and any correspondence the agency has sent related to this application. Your uploaded documents may take several hours to clear the virus scan process.

To return to an incomplete application, log into your USAJobs account and click "Update Application" in the vacancy announcement. You must re-select your resume and/or other documents from your USAJobs account or your application will be incomplete.

To fax supporting documents you are unable to upload, complete this cover page: https://staffing.opm.gov/pdf/usascover.pdf using the following Job Opportunity Announcement number: 1377367. Fax your documents to 1-478-757-3144.

NOTE: If you applied online and your application is complete, do not fax the paper application (1203FX) as this will overwrite your prior online responses and may result in you being found ineligible.

If you cannot apply online:
1. Click the following link to view and print the assessment questionnaire View Occupational Questionnaire , and;
2. Print this 1203FX form along with your responses to the assessment questionnaire https://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/OPM1203FX.pdf , and;
3. Fax the completed 1203FX form along with any supporting documents to 1-478-757-3144. Your 1203FX will serve as a cover page for your fax transmission.

Keep a copy of your fax confirmation in the event verification is needed.

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