



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Wildlife
Services

An Equal Opportunity
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: March 24, 2022

CLOSING DATE: March 30, 2022

POSITION TITLE: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife)

TYPE OF POSITION: Full Time Temporary with possibility for Federal Employee Health Benefit, Sick and Annual Leave Benefits, Excepted Service

WORK SCHEDULE: Full-Time, Maxiflex work schedule to be tailored to seasonal wildlife activity.

ANNOUNCEMENT #: AK-2022-FTTEMP

SERIES/GRADE: AD-0404-3/4

FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL: AD-0404-4

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATIONS: 1 – Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska

SALARY: AD-0404-3 \$32,278 – \$41,961 per year Plus 2.86% COLA
GS-0404-4 \$36,233 – \$47,102 per year Plus 2.86% COLA

WHO MAY APPLY:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 18 years old
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959 and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must be registered with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions (proof of registration and/or exemption required). Website: <http://www.sss.gov>.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Resume (include hours per week and days/months/years worked)
- Transcripts (if qualifying on education)
- DD-214 (Member 4 copy) and/or VA letter if applicable for Veteran preference.
- Current active duty members must submit a certification that they are expected to be discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions not later than 120 days after the date the certification is submitted.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested individuals should mail or email (preferred) a resume, transcripts, veteran documentation (if applicable) to the address listed here:

Spencer Atkinson, Asst. District Supervisor
USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
9001 E. Frontage Road, Palmer Alaska 99645
Phone: (907) 745-0871
Spencer.W.Atkinson@usda.gov (Preferred Method)

DUTIES:

These positions are located in the Wildlife Services (WS) Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The WS Program provides federal leadership in addressing wildlife damage problems to protect agriculture, property, natural resources and human health and safety. Both operational management and information sharing activities are conducted. The incumbent performs a wide range of assignments related to wildlife damage management with special emphasis on activities to assess, reduce or prevent wildlife damage in highly urbanized areas. The incumbent also assists with other wildlife management projects as required within the District or State program. Furthermore, the incumbent will:

- Use techniques aimed at controlling native and invasive wildlife damage to property, human safety, natural resources and agriculture.
- Be required to be familiar with and know how to use various devices, chemicals, tools, and related equipment utilized in mammal and bird damage control operations, including the use of snares, traps, or specialized firearms.
- Responsible for organizing, conducting, and implementing direct control operations within a small geographical area as assigned by supervisor to control damage caused by avian or mammalian species.
- Prepare and assists others in preparing and submitting routine and special reports regarding daily, weekly or monthly activities, observations, events and other relevant data.
- The incumbent must demonstrate a respect for safety in all operations, including the operation of motor vehicles, firearms, control devices, and equipment.
- Assist with outreach and educational opportunities through workshops and training sessions.
- Conduct much of his/her time working independently and/or cooperatively with fellow WS personnel when necessary.

HOW YOU WILL BE EVALUATED

Applicants who meet basic minimum qualifications may be referred to the hiring manager for selection. Qualified candidates eligible for veterans' preference will receive referral and selection priority over non-veterans.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: (if applicable to your position)

- Must obtain or have a valid U.S. driver's license. Operation of Government-owned or leased vehicles is required.
- As a condition of employment, appropriate security clearance is required for this position.
- Position is subject to random and applicant drug testing.
- Must demonstrate a respect for safety in all operations, including the operation of motor vehicles, firearms, control devices, and equipment.
- In order to perform the essential duties of this position, you must have the legal and physical ability to possess and discharge firearms. You must be able to pass a government background check and meet any additional requirements to carry and use firearms. A background check will include answering questions about where you've lived, worked, went to school, and any military history or police records. Selection and retention in this position is contingent on a successfully adjudicated FBI National Criminal History Check (fingerprint check).

Carrying a firearm is a condition of employment – In the passing of the *Lautenberg Amendment*, Congress passed legislation which prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a firearm or ammunition. If selected you will be required to sign the form, "Inquiry for Positions Requiring Possession of Firearms," certifying that you meet this criteria.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor.

Reasonable Accommodation Policy-

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a Case-by-Case basis.

A reasonable accommodation is any change in the workplace or the way things are customarily done that provides an equal employment opportunity to an individual with a disability. Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) must provide reasonable accommodations:

- An applicant with a disability needs an accommodation to have an equal opportunity to apply for a job.
- An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to perform the essential job duties or to gain access to the workplace.
- An employee with a disability needs an accommodation to receive equal access to benefits, such as details, training, and office-sponsored events.