

Career Opportunity

Pre-Announcement

Research Project/Field Station Leader

Millville, Utah

The National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (USDA-APHIS-WS) program is recruiting a Research Project/Field Station Leader for its Utah field station.

NWRC provides science-based solutions to the complex issues of wildlife damage management as related to agriculture, human health and safety (including wildlife disease), natural resources, invasive species, and threatened and endangered species.

For more information on current NWRC research efforts, please visit www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlifedamage/nwrc.

NWRC's Utah Field Station conducts research to develop information and tools for managing damage and conflicts caused by predators, including but not limited to coyotes, wolves, mountain lions and bears. The 160-acre research facility includes a variety of large outdoor pens to allow research to be conducted under natural environmental conditions. Complimentary research is conducted at multiple scales on private and public lands.

Position Duties

The Research Project/Field Station Leader plays a key role in determining research priorities for the field station and managing the facility. The incumbent is expected to interact and collaborate with a broad range of internal and external stakeholders, including the WS Operational Program, State Agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

The mission area for the research assignment encompasses a variety of species and objectives:

- Conducting basic and applied experimental and observational research in wildlife biology to develop and enhance management methods for predator species.
- Developing methods to prevent damage and reduce conflicts caused by predator species.
- Developing and applying performance metrics for efficacy of wildlife damage actions.

The following skills, expertise, and experience are desirable.

- Demonstrated experience in developing and leading teams, to include performing supervisory actions, leading change, and empowering people.
- Developed skills to effectively interact and communicate with diverse stakeholders.
- Expertise in applied animal research, especially with predator species.
- Expertise in experimental design for field and captive animal research.
- Understanding of predator-prey dynamics.
- Knowledge and skills using basic statistics/experimental design/Bayesian analyses/multivariate analyses.



Position Location

The duty station for this position is in Millville, Utah. The successful candidate may qualify for adjunct faculty status with institutions of higher learning.

Grade/Salary

The position will be announced at the GS-13 and GS-14 levels. Promotional potential is GS-15 subject to time in grade and evaluation by Research Grade Evaluation Panels as outlined by the Office of Personnel Management guidelines.

To Apply

The position will be advertised on the USAJobs website (www.usajobs.gov) as a Research Biologist (GS-0401). To apply, please visit the website and submit the appropriate documents. The official announcement is expected to be posted in July 2022.

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