Employment opportunity with the Arizona Game and Fish Department - Wildlife Technician

WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN

“KOFA Sonoran Pronghorn Pen Technician”

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION / REGION 4 / YUMA BASED
FLSA- Non-Exempt

SALARY GRADE 16 ($27,110-$48,695)

REQUISITION # 32456 – CLOSING DATE: 09/07/2017

The mission of the Arizona Game & Fish Department is to conserve Arizona’s diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. It is our vision to be the national conservation leader supporting the continuation of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and Arizona's most trusted, respected and credible source for wildlife conservation products, services and information.

Description of Duties: The KOFA Sonoran Pronghorn Pen Technician is responsible for monitoring Sonoran pronghorn in a captive breeding enclosure. This position records and documents Sonoran pronghorn behavior, breeding, recruitment success, health status and mortalities. Monitors, maintains and repairs the captive breeding pen and related infrastructure including woven wire and electric fences, irrigation systems, feeding systems and capture bomas. Irrigates at the pen and fills water as necessary. Monitors presence of predators and illegal human activity and reports to law enforcement. Develops, recommends, implements and assesses new management strategies and consults with the Project biologist. Compiles, organizes and analyzes data and maintains computer databases to produces reports. Uses radio telemetry to locate wild and released pronghorn and assists in capturing, moving and releasing pronghorn from the pen. Maintains several Sonoran pronghorn recovery project sites in the vicinity of the pen as necessary and documents pronghorn use with automatic cameras. Operates and maintains a variety of specialized equipment including telemetry systems, GPS, infrared camera systems, vehicles, hand and power tools and other equipment. Participates in project meetings. Performs other duties as assigned to assist in Department activities.

Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities: (KSA's): The candidate must have knowledge of basic ungulate and pronghorn biology and wildlife management techniques and the ability to observe pronghorn for long hours through spotting scopes and/or binoculars. The candidate must have knowledge of fencing, plumbing and irrigation techniques, basic carpentry and electrical work, basic hand and power tools, problem solving, radio telemetry, GPS and topographical map navigation, oral and written communications, and first aid/outdoor survival skills. The candidate must have the ability to work independently as well as in a group and be able to work for long hours while outside in harsh, primitive field conditions. The ideal candidate will have a bachelor’s degree in a wildlife
science or a closely related field from an accredited college or university; OR two years of field experience equivalent to a Wildlife Assistant II.

Employment is contingent upon completion of a post-offer medical/physical examination and the agency’s ability to reasonably accommodate any restrictions. Position requires possession of and the ability to retain a current, valid state-issued driver’s license appropriate to the assignment. Employees who drive on state business are subject to driver’s license record checks, must maintain acceptable driving records and must complete any required driver training in accordance with Arizona Administrative Code R2-10-207.12.

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