M.S. Assistantship in Social-Ecological Systems – Nebraska

M.S. Assistantship in Social-Ecological Systems - Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit within the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary team that aims to understand spatial and temporal patterns and dynamics in a social-ecological system. The Valentine National Wildlife Refuge (VNWR), located in north-central Nebraska, represents an important social-ecological system that is managed for multiple purposes and visitors. However, it is unclear how visitors may differ in their spatial and temporal use of the VNWR. The successful candidate will 1) quantify visitor use within this tractable system, 2) identify the types of visitors and how they use the VNWR, and 3) explore spatial and temporal interactions among visitors across the VNWR landscape. Data will be collected using a suite of on- and off-site methods. Individuals interested in social-ecological systems, landscape ecology, behavioral ecology, environmental sciences, and social sciences are encouraged to apply. Collaboration with agency, academic, and general public entities will be required. Applicants must hold a valid driver’s license and pass a university drivers background check. Please email a single document including a letter of interest, CV, unofficial transcripts and GRE scores, and contact information for three references to Dr. Mark Kaemingk (mkaemingk2@unl.edu) and Dr. Kevin Pope (k pope2@unl.edu). Applications will be reviewed when received and the position will remain open until filled. Expected start date of January 2018.