

Wildlife Technician

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION: This position is exempt from classified state service and the rules of the Division of Human Resources and the Idaho Personnel Commission. This job announcement will remain open until the position has been filled. Applications will be periodically reviewed as they are received. Applicants are encouraged to apply and submit their applications as soon as possible.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking a Wildlife Technician. This position will be located at our Magic Valley Regional Office located in Jerome, ID. This is a 5-month benefited temporary position and is expected to work up to 40 hours per week. Housing is available for the employee only. No pets.

Why IDFG? We are a premier natural resource agency dedicated to preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing Idaho's fish and wildlife for this great state. We are committed to creativity, innovation, and excellence as we cultivate opportunities for our customers to engage with our natural resources and become resource stewards for future generations. We are highly dedicated to our mission, committed to our team, and we know how to balance work/life commitments while loving the work we do.

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Supplemental Information:

Positions in this classification are used for habitat management areas, data management, wildlife management, or wildlife research. Some positions may travel to remote locations for data collection and maintenance activities and may require the physical ability to walk and backpack for several hours; operate four-wheel drive and/or off-road vehicles, and ride horses in rugged terrain; lift and carry up to 65 pounds; and work in extreme weather conditions. Incumbents working on habitat projects may be working with herbicides and pesticides. Evening, weekend, and holiday work may be required. Frequent (overnight) in-state travel may be required.

Responsibilities:

Primary duties will involve the monitoring of GPS radio-collared mule deer, elk, pronghorn and sage-grouse which requires field work (sometimes in inclement weather) and meticulous data management. The technician is expected to be available to respond to mortality notifications quickly and perform necropsies on deceased animals to determine cause of death. Other responsibilities specific to this vacancy will include but are not limited to assisting with wildlife capture (obtaining necessary equipment, scouting for capture locations, and helping collar deer on drive net captures, etc.); assisting with depredation conflicts, including shooting and field dressing animals; data collection & database management; and assisting wildlife population staff with day-to-day management activities. Sage-grouse lek monitoring will be conducted during the months of March and April.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Knowledge of at least one of the following:
 - 1) Knowledge of and experience with wildlife ecology and habitat requirements and some knowledge of wildlife habitat including evaluation and management practices; OR
 - 2) Knowledge of biology, zoology, botany, conservation biology or closely related discipline.
- Experience recording, summarizing, analyzing, and synthesizing biological data using a personal computer to manage data.
- Valid driver's license.

Dates Needed:

- January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026 (there is some flexibility in the starting and ending dates)

In addition to the minimum qualifications, the ideal candidate will, with or without reasonable accommodations, be able to work independently in remote settings on variable terrain in adverse weather conditions for multiple days lifting/carrying up to 60 lbs. and with minimal supervision. Duties will require time in the field, which may include working nights and weekends. Position requires proficiency in the use of 4WD vehicles, ATVs/UTVs, and snowmobiles. Additionally, this position involves weekly and monthly data entry and management, periodic vehicle and equipment maintenance, and assistance with other programs, including habitat, fisheries, communications, and enforcement as time allows.

Most importantly, the applicant should be self-motivated, able to carry out daily duties with little supervision, and have a strong work ethic. Ability to perform field work in variable weather conditions and rough terrain is necessary. Applicants must have a good knowledge of wildlife management principles and practices; a BS in wildlife management field is preferred. The technician must be able to work independently and as part of a team and possess a valid driver's license. Applicants must possess a working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel,

PowerPoint and Access, as this position involves data entry and management. Experience with ArcGIS programs is beneficial.

Housing may be available.

Additional consideration may be given at the time of the interview to candidates who have this experience. Please be sure to include any experience you have in these areas.

To learn more about the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, please see the following:

- [\(Video\) Idaho Fish and Game - We Make It Happen](#)

Thank you for applying with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game!