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RECRUITMENT BULLETIN: **WRST-RI22-002**

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CLOSING DATE: April 22, 2022

Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve is accepting resume for **Full-Time Temporary, Biological Science Technician position(s), GS-0404-05**. This announcement also is online at <https://www.nps.gov/wrst/getinvolved/employment.htm>. More than one position may be filled from this bulletin.

These positions will be filled using the following hiring authority: **213.3102(i)(1) Remote & Isolated Duty Station.**

POSITION

DUTY LOCATION

Biological Science Technician GS-0404-05
\$19.42 to \$25.25 plus 4.01% COLA

Slana, AK

BENEFITS: Paid holidays, annual and sick leave. **FEHB Coverage:** Temporary, seasonal, and intermittent employees on appointments expected to last at least 90 days, and expected to work a schedule of 130 hours or more a calendar month, will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) health plan upon notification from their employing office. Eligible employees will be responsible for the employee share of the premium while on the official agency roles, which will be deducted from bi-weekly earnings.

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION: Temporary, Full-Time, approximately the mid May through the end of September. The appointment may be extended for an additional period (not to exceed 1039 hours total employment). Schedule may involve weekend work or performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours. Selectees may be moved between duty stations within park boundaries.

Government housing **may be available.**

Duties of this position will require:

The work is primarily at a remote site and may include weekend shifts with irregular hours. Exposure to biting insects is routine, with the possibility of encounters with potentially dangerous wildlife. Incumbent must be capable of walking up to five miles a day across wet, muddy, uneven terrain, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds, and working in flowing, potentially hazardous water conditions. For all projects the incumbent will be responsible for following established safety procedures, maintaining a safe working environment, and providing input to improve the operation and performance of the project. Walking or riding/operating an off-road vehicle up to five miles a day

across wet muddy terrain, and cleaning and repairing the weir in fast and potentially hazardous water conditions. Training will be provided for the operation of an ORV (Off Road Vehicle) and the incumbent must be capable of safely operating the ORV for access to the remote work site. Work also might include sampling from boats and traveling by small fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter.

DUTIES: You will work as a Biological Technician for the Tanada Creek Salmon Weir project. Duties will include: installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of a floating picket fish weir, photovoltaic power system, and video equipment (underwater camera and recording system); enumerating sockeye and Chinook salmon passage and accurately recording data from the review of video recording; ensuring that the data is entered into an electronic spreadsheet on a daily basis; helping instruct new crew members about all aspects of work at the weir including safety issues; communicate work-related needs and problems that arise to supervisor in a timely manner; and provide information about the weir and weir data to visitors and guests. Record biological data of wildlife, birds and fish and enter it on a spreadsheet, monitoring bank erosion and inspecting for invasive plants, measuring water levels and temperatures though out the season.

Physical Demands: the work is partially sedentary with prolonged standing, walking and bending often required. Heavy items (e.g. packs and equipment up to 50 pounds) must be lifted and carried on a routine basis.

Work Environment: The work is performed in an office, laboratory and in the field. Field work includes exposure to extreme weather conditions and terrain, pesticides, poisonous plants, biting insects and wild animals. Laboratory work may involve exposure to hazardous chemicals.

For more information about the duties of this position, please contact Dave Sarafin, Fisheries Biologist Supervisor at 907-822-7281 or by email at dave_sarafin@nps.gov

Qualification Requirements: Qualifications will be determined by evaluating your experience and/or education in your resume and/or transcripts submitted. All qualification requirements must be met by the closing date of this job posting. You must include the number of hours worked per week within your resume and submit a copy of your transcripts if qualifying with education. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable with your application, but official transcripts will be required if appointed to one of these positions.

To qualify for the GS-0404-05 Biological Science Technician position you must have one of the following qualifications:

A. You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-04 level conducting inventory and monitoring activities for a variety of biological science activities such as in wildlife, fish, plants, and water resources. This experience includes assisting in field surveys in remote locations to document and assess animal presence, abundance, reproduction, and population dynamics using established protocols and standard scientific equipment such as photovoltaic poser systems. In carrying out this work you followed established protocols and recorded biological data using computer software (such as Microsoft Access, Excel, Word, ArcGIS, Pathfinder Office, or comparable).

OR

B. You must have successfully completed at least four years of education above high school (120 semester hour or 180 quarter hours) leading to a bachelor's degree with a major study in a *related* field of scientific or technical study, such as in biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, mathematics, or other directly-related subject matter; or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses such as those shown above. At least 6 semester hours must be *directly-related* to the position. **(You must include a copy of your transcripts)**

OR

C. You must have a combination of experience and education. To combine education and experience, first take the number of semester hours or equivalent earned, in excess of the first 60 semester hours or equivalent and divide by 60. Take the number of months of full-time experience and divide by 12 months. Add the two percentages together. The total must equal at least 100 percent to qualify. Following are the competencies identified for this position. Applicants are not required to address these competencies in a separate document but are encouraged to include information in their resume related to these competencies. **(You must include the number of hours worked per week within your resume and a copy of your transcripts)**

In addition to the above qualifications requirements, your experience will be evaluated based on the following competencies. Please include your experience related to the competencies below within your resume.

- 1) Identify biological species of Alaska such as: salmon, trout, pike; otters, brown and black bear; invasive plants such as sweet clover.**
- 2) Collect and record biological and environmental data and provide findings to supervisor or higher-level specialist/technician.**
- 3) Utilize a digital video recording system and associated computer programs to review video recordings and accurately log biological data obtained for fish, wildlife, plants, water samples (streams, lake, rivers etc).**
- 4) Use in-river structures and photographic equipment such as: photovoltaic poser systems, or video recording systems to monitor fish escapement.**

Volunteer Experience: Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You are encouraged to include any volunteer experience within your resume.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- A background investigation must be completed and approved prior to employment.
 - Federal employees are required to utilize Direct Deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer/EFT), for their Federal Salary checks.
 - A valid state driver's license is required
 - Must be 18 years of age or older.
 - Males must meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement.
 - Schedule may involve weekend work or performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours.
 - Overtime may be required.
 - May be required to travel 3 nights per month.
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HOW TO APPLY:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY! If your application package is incomplete, you will not be considered for this position.

To ensure compliance with an applicable preliminary nationwide injunction, which may be supplemented, modified, or vacated, depending on the course of ongoing litigation, the Federal Government will take no action to implement or enforce the COVID-19 vaccination requirement pursuant to Executive Order 14043 on Requiring Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination for Federal Employees. Therefore, to the extent a federal job announcement includes the requirement that applicants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 pursuant to EO 14043, that requirement does not currently apply. Federal agencies may request information regarding the vaccination status of selected applicants for the purposes of implementing other workplace safety protocols, such as protocols related to masking, physical distancing, testing, travel, and quarantine.

Your application package must be received in this office by the closing date of the announcement.

Due to Covid-19, the park's Administrative Office is closed to the public. Resumes will be accepted as follow:

1. **USPS Mail** – resume and other documentation must be received by the closing date of this Job Posting
2. **Email** – please send resume and other documentation to wrst_hr@nps.gov

A complete application package must include:

1. Resume that provides detailed information about your work experience. Also include: the recruitment bulletin number of the position for which you are applying; and for each period of employment: the dates worked (for example, June 2009 through August 2010), the position title, employer name and address and number of hours worked per week.
2. Veterans Preference documents, if claiming Veterans Preference (see below for documents)
3. Unofficial transcripts if qualifying with education.

**Address for mailing resumes: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve
PO Box 439
Copper Center, Alaska 99573**

Assistance may be obtained from the park office by calling 907-822-5234.

If your Resume is incomplete or illegible, you will not be considered for this position.

Do not submit original documents that you may need in the future, or extra materials such as letters of recommendation, or award certificates. Do not submit any photographs or pictures.

If you make a false statement in any part of your application you may not be hired or you may be fired after you begin work; or you may be subject to fines, imprisonment or other disciplinary action.

We do not accept applications mailed in postage paid government envelopes or through an internal government mail system

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE (for qualifying veterans): To receive Veteran's Preference, your application package must include a copy of the DD-214, Military Discharge, that shows the type of discharge from service (usually the Member 4 copy), or Report of Separation from Active duty if separation was prior to July 1, 1979. If claiming 10-point veteran's preference, you must also provide a completed SF15 (www.opm.gov/forms) and verification documents listed on the SF15. If you are separated and do not have a DD214 yet you may use an official statement of service from your command that you have completed active service and are being discharged under honorable conditions, or provide other official

documentation (e.g., documentation of receipt of a campaign badge or expeditionary medal) that proves your military service was performed under honorable conditions. You will not receive veteran's preference if you do not provide this documentation.

If you do not know whether you have preference, [this link](#) can assist you. <https://www.fedshirevets.gov/job-seekers/veterans-preference/>

Reasonable Accommodations: The agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the park office listed on this announcement. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Privacy Act Information The application you submit for this position contains information subject to the privacy act of 1974 (PL-93-579, 4 USC 552a). We are required to provide you with information regarding our authority and purpose for collecting this data, the routine uses which will be made of it and the effects, if any, of non-disclosure. You are entitled to the same information as it pertains to disclosure of your social security number. Any questions you may have regarding the Privacy Act regulations and the rights it extends can be answered by contacting the park office.

Equal Employment Opportunity Appointments are made without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying handicap condition or any non-merit factor.