



# The INSTITUTE for BIRD POPULATIONS



## **Crew Leaders for Spotted Owl Surveys in the Sierra Nevada**

Spend your summer doing field work in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains! We are looking for volunteer field technicians to conduct surveys for California Spotted Owls in the Plumas national forest (up to 2 positions).

**PROJECT DATES (tentative, dependent on winter snowpack): April 11, 2022 – Aug 15, 2022 (Plumas NF), April 4, 2022 – July 31, 2022 (Plumas NF)**

**TRAINING:** The field season will begin with a training period focusing on field safety and implementation of survey protocols.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Primary duties will involve training, coordinating and supervising a field crew conducting occupancy and reproduction surveys for Spotted Owls on National Forest land. Crew leaders will also be participating in survey efforts alongside their crew. Survey work will be primarily conducted at night, but some visits will be conducted during late afternoon or early evening hours. Irregular hours are expected through the season. Field work will require off-trail hiking, frequent long drives and occasional car camping. Work will be physically demanding. Crew leaders will also be responsible for assuring mouse care, data entry, maintenance of equipment and vehicles are being attended to. Closely coordinating project activities with the Forest Service and IBP Staff will also be required. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity of either Quincy or Oroville (Plumas NF) or Mi-Wuk Village, CA (Stanislaus NF).

**REQUIREMENTS:** Previous wildlife survey and back-country experience is required; previous supervisory experience is strongly preferred, as is previous experience surveying Spotted Owls. An excellent driving record is required. Other requirements include strong interpersonal skills, a love of adventure, good organizational skills, and a desire to teach volunteers about Spotted Owls and field biology. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is important. These rigors include physically demanding work, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes, poison oak and occasional contact with bears.

**SCHEDULE:** Typically 7 days on and 3 off.

**EQUIPMENT:** The crew leader is expected to provide her/his own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).

**COMPENSATION:** These are IBP seasonal staff positions that pay \$3,000/month (before payroll taxes) but do not include fringe benefits. Free shared housing will also be provided.

**TO APPLY:** Please email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to Mandy Holmgren, Biologist, at: mholmgren AT birdpop DOT org.

*IBP values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.*

Proof of COVID vaccination will be required.