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Spotted Owl Surveys in the Northern 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.

PROJECT DATES (tentative): April 15, 2019 – Aug 15, 2019

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

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve conducting occupancy and reproduction surveys for Spotted Owls on National Forest land. Much of the survey work will be conducted at night and will require frequent long drives and occasional car camping. Data entry will also be required.

REQUIREMENTS: Previous ecological fieldwork in rugged environments is strongly preferred. Other requirements include a sense of humor, a love of adventure, and a desire to learn more about Northern Goshawks and the Sierra Nevada. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity of Quincy, CA. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is important. These rigors include physically demanding work, adapting to a largely nocturnal schedule, wet and cold weather, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes, occasional contact with bears, and housing that may be rustic and/or somewhat crowded. A personal vehicle is highly desirable but not strictly required.

SCHEDULE: Typically 7 days on and 3 off.

EQUIPMENT: Volunteer technicians are expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).

COMPENSATION: These are volunteer positions. Compensation includes the valuable skills you will develop, the satisfaction of joining important conservation efforts, and the joy of working with fun-loving people in the mountains. We will provide training, shared housing, and a per diem of \$43 (amounts to approximately \$1075 per month) to help with food and general living expenses.

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.