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Volunteers for American Goshawk 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 American Goshawks in the Stanislaus National Forest

PROJECT DATES (Tentative) May 29, 2024 – August 15, 2024

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

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve working as part of a team of four to conduct occupancy surveys for American Goshawks on the Stanislaus National Forest. Survey work will be primarily conducted early mornings, will be off-trail in rugged terrain, and may require frequent long drives and occasional car camping. Volunteer technicians will also be responsible for data entry, maintenance of equipment and vehicles, and attending regular meetings. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity of Mi-Wuk Village, CA.

REQUIREMENTS: Primary requirements include a love of nature, enthusiasm about the outdoors, patience, observation skills, interpersonal skills, and a desire to learn more about the flora and fauna and the Sierra Nevada. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is extremely important. Rigors include physically demanding work (i.e. able to hike long distances in steep terrain), navigating off-trail, wet and cold weather, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes, poison oak, occasional contact with bears, and housing that may be rustic and/or somewhat crowded. Previous hiking and outdoors experience is preferred.

SCHEDULE: Early mornings Monday-Friday, ~40 hours per week

EQUIPMENT: Volunteer technicians are expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.). Because the crew will be living in a relatively remote area, a personal vehicle is highly desirable, but not needed for completing work duties.

COMPENSATION: These are volunteer positions, but we provide training, shared housing, and a per diem of \$53 (amounts to approximately \$1219 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.

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.