American Goshawk Surveys in the Central Sierra Nevada

Spend your summer doing field work in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains! We are looking for field technicians to conduct surveys and do nest monitoring for American Goshawks.

PROJECT DATES (tentative): Late May 2024 – Late August 2024

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

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve conducting off-trail American Goshawk surveys and nest monitoring at active nesting locations. Managing and placing ARUs may also be a part of this position. Some long drives and occasional car camping may 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 American Goshawks and ecology of the Sierra Nevada. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity east of Lake Tahoe, NV and Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is important. These rigors include physically demanding work, adapting to an intermittent 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: Monday – Friday, early morning surveys.

EQUIPMENT: Volunteer technicians are expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).
COMPENSATION: Surveyors will be considered seasonal IBP staff, and will receive payment of $2,900-$3,100 per month (before payroll taxes) depending on prior experience. Free shared housing and work vehicles will also be provided.

TO APPLY: Please email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of up to three references to Mandy Holmgren, Biologist (mholmgren AT birdpop DOT org). Professional references are preferred, but one reference may be a character reference. Many times references are slow to reply, we encourage submitting more references so that your application can be quickly processed.

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.