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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 (6 positions) and Stanislaus (4 positions) National Forests.

PROJECT DATES (tentative): May 1, 2021 – Aug 31, 2021

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 off-trail hiking, frequent long drives, and occasional car camping. Data entry will also be required.

REQUIREMENTS: Primary requirements include a sense of humor, a love of adventure, and a desire to learn more about Spotted Owls and the Sierra Nevada. Previous outdoors experience is preferred, and 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, and occasional contact with bears.

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, but we provide shared housing and a per diem of \$50 (approximately \$1250 per month) to cover food and general living expenses. Compensation also 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.

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.