Date 12/19/23

**IA DNR Seasonal Wildlife Position Opportunity: Natural Resource Aide**

- **Location:** Red Rock Wildlife Management Area, DNR Red Rock Unit Headquarters
- **Opportunity period:** January - June, 780 hours, employment dates flexible during this time period
- **Salary:** $15 Hourly, 40 hrs/week

**Description:**

Opportunity to work as part of a wildlife unit team to restore and maintain habitat on public land in the Red Rock Wildlife Unit of Central Iowa. This includes performing a variety of semi-skilled maintenance and technical tasks.

**Job duties:**

- Aid in the restoration and maintenance of restored and native prairie, wetlands, and woodlands. This includes assisting with controlling brush and noxious weeds.
- Gain experience in the implementation of prescribed fire in both woodland and grassland ecosystems.
- Gain experience in Shallow Lake management to include water level manipulation and monitoring of vegetative/wildlife responses.
- Operate, maintain and service unit equipment to include but not limited to tractors, mowers, skid steers, chainsaws and prescribed burn equipment
- Assist with the maintenance of the unit facilities to include buildings, boundary fences, signage, roads and access lanes.
- Trap and band Canada Geese, doves and wood ducks.
- Assist with the establishment of wildlife food plots using agricultural tractors and implements.
- Aid in the collection of tissue samples from White-tailed deer in the investigation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

**Qualifications:**

- College graduate or enrolled with a degree in wildlife biology, animal ecology, or another closely related natural resource field.
- Able to withstand physically demanding work, including navigating rough terrain, walking at least 3 miles a day, carrying heavy equipment, operating chainsaw equipment, frequent lifting, bending, and hauling.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Work with minimal supervision; demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator’s license.
- Able to work alone or as part of a team, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers.
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.

To Apply: To consideration, you must: contact Todd Gosselink: todd.gosselink@dnr.iowa.gov, 515-238-6936.