



Desert Biologist Position

Wildlands is seeking a Senior Desert Biologist for supervision and oversight, of personnel and equipment, necessary to manage and monitor approximately 30,000-acres of preserved desert tortoise habitat throughout the Colorado Desert between Indio CA and Blythe CA.

This position will be responsible for overall management of biology staff for preserve monitoring, reconnaissance surveys, limited land management, reporting and associated coordination. Responsibilities include annual monitoring and reporting, desert tortoise reconnaissance surveys, habitat assessments, non-native vegetation management, removing trash/debris and fencing/signage repair. Additional tasks may include data entry, data review, game camera management and photo management. The successful candidate will be good at scheduling, problem solving, have a strong work ethic, positive attitude, and an attention to detail. Previous personnel management is a strong plus.

This position is based in the Colorado Desert of Southern California and is year-around including summer months where temperatures often exceed 110°F. Applicants should have experience working in extreme climates.

The position requires the ability to identify desert fauna, delineate State waters, and distinguish between numerous species of native and non-native vegetation. A moderate amount of travel may be required in certain months to maintain other preserved areas, as needed.

Minimum requirements:

- Experience with desert tortoise surveys and techniques.
- General knowledge of desert flora and fauna.
- General knowledge of State Waters/1602 Resources
- Ability and willingness to spend most of the time working outdoors in extremely hot environmental conditions.
- Physically able to walk more than 20 miles/day.
- Experience with GPS units and topographic maps
- Experience with digital data collection systems or databases
- Have a keen eye for details
- Basic computer skills.
- Ability to write technical documents.
- At least 18 years old with a valid California driver's license and a clean and insurable DMV record.



Preferred:

- Bachelor's or Associates Degree in Wildlife, Biology, or related fields.
- Agricultural or similar background.
- Current California pesticide applicators license.
- Experience in the operation of 4wd vehicles, trailers, and ATVs.
- Basic mechanical skills.
- Experience with Mohave ground squirrel camera trapping.
- Experience with western burrowing owl surveys.
- Experience with flat-tailed horned lizards.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS, PLEASE – RESUMES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL ONLY.

To apply please send a cover letter, résumé, and list of 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses to jrobinson@heronpacific.com. References, cover letter and résumé should specifically address the qualifications outlined in this announcement and the candidate's experience. If the minimum requirements outlined above with respect to field experience are not demonstrated in application packet, you will not be contacted for an interview.

Thank you for your interest in Wildlands.

Permanent Position

Competitive Benefits Package

Vehicle/ATV for official use

Salary: DOE