



Sierra Forest Legacy

Protecting Sierra Nevada Forests and Communities



Job Announcement
Wildlife Ecologist
August 30, 2013

Sierra Forest Legacy¹ (<http://www.sierraforestlegacy.org/>) engages citizens, communities, and coalition members in the healthy management of Sierra Nevada forest ecosystems to protect and restore the region's natural values and unparalleled beauty. We apply the best practices of science, advocacy and grassroots organizing to safeguard national forest lands throughout the Sierra Nevada.

We are seeking a Wildlife Ecologist to provide technical support to our forest conservation and restoration program.

Title	Wildlife Ecologist
Schedule	Full-time, exempt
Location	Sacramento region to southern Sierra Nevada

Summary	The Wildlife Ecologist joins a team of science and policy experts to develop and promote science-based conservation strategies on national forests in the Sierra Nevada. The position is responsible for providing professional wildlife expertise in the protection, management, and improvement of wildlife and wildlife habitat.
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Duties and Responsibilities	<p>Evaluates conservation measures or management plans for technical soundness and adequacy in meeting SFL's wildlife management objectives.</p> <p>Designs conservation measures to enhance habitat quality and species persistence.</p> <p>Completes field review of completed projects to evaluate effectiveness in meeting wildlife objectives.</p> <p>Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with key agency and legislative decision makers, agency experts and other key contacts.</p> <p>Creates and supports partnerships with aligned conservation organizations.</p> <p>Shares information and promotes Sierra Forest Legacy's mission in grassroots communities throughout the Sierra Nevada.</p> <p>Works independently and effectively communicates and coordinates with other team members.</p>
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Education and/or Experience	Bachelor's degree in biology, wildlife ecology or related field (advanced degree preferred) and at least 5 years of relevant practical or educational experience desired.
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¹ Sierra Forest Legacy is a project of the Tides Center, Thoreau Center for Sustainability, San Francisco, California.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities	<p>Knowledge of the biological characteristics, conditions, and interrelationships of wildlife resources and ecological systems needed to evaluate resource management projects.</p> <p>Experience evaluating and designing conservation measures for wildlife species.</p> <p>Knowledge of forest management issues in the Sierra Nevada.</p> <p>Knowledge of wildlife ecology in Sierra Nevada ecosystems, with an emphasis in at least one of the following: 1) avian biology; 2) carnivore biology.</p> <p>Excellent technical writing and oral communication skills.</p> <p>Basic GIS skills are desirable.</p> <p>Ability to seek out and integrate new information related to fire science and forest ecology into wildlife conservation.</p> <p>Ability to build relationships with resource managers, scientists, and community activists in support of conservation efforts.</p> <p>Ability to work well with strong personalities in stressful situations.</p>
Physical Demands	<p>Requires sitting, talking and listening for 5+ hours per day. Standing and walking for up to 3 hours per day, reaching with hands and arms and keying for up to 3 hours per day, and periodic walking in forested environments up to 7 hours a day. An average of 5 hours per day spent at computer. Lifting up to 10 pounds.</p>
Work Environment	<p>This position is based in Sacramento or the central Sierra Nevada. The position will require modest travel throughout the state, frequent travel within the Sierra Nevada and occasional travel to Washington, DC.</p>
Compensation and Benefits	<p>Compensation depends on qualifications and experience. Benefits include health, dental and vision insurance, retirement program, and paid holidays and vacation.</p>

To Apply

Please email cover letter, resume and contact information of three references to Sue Britting (britting@earthlink.net) with “**Wildlife Ecologist**” in the subject heading. This position is open until filled. Review of applications begins September 23, 2013.

Sierra Forest Legacy, a project of the Tides Center, is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and seek applications from women, people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals, as well as members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender communities.