



GRIZZLY BEAR MONITORING PROJECT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – SUMMER FIELD TECHNICIAN

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We are looking for summer field technicians to be a part of the Grizzly Bear Monitoring Project team to investigate and test new approaches to monitor grizzly bear populations in Alberta. This project will collect new samples and build upon the data and findings generated by the Grizzly Bear Program from 1999 to 2021.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The field technician will carry out fieldwork to collect grizzly bear hair samples using non-invasive collection methods. Working in 2-person teams, the field crews will travel by road to preselected sites, hike into identified locations carrying field equipment, and set up hair collection stations and trail cameras. Established sites will then be visited every ten days to collect hair samples and trail camera data. The main tasks will involve driving 4-wheel drive trucks on gravel roads, reading maps and GPS locations, using radios and other communication devices, establishing sampling sites and identifying vegetation species.

Additional duties will involve data entry, working with various software programs for data management, and field equipment maintenance. Fieldwork will be staged out of various locations between Highway 16 south to Highway 1.



QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Class 5 driver's licence
- Be physically fit and able to hike long distances with a heavy backpack and equipment in difficult terrain
- Ability to work long hours in all weather conditions, wildlife encounters, and persistent insects
- Valid First Aid/CPR Certificate
- Eligible to work in Canada

The applicant needs to be comfortable handling bait (cow blood mixtures). Previous field experience will be considered an asset.

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Number of Positions: 4

Duration: Early May to end of August 2023 (exact date to be determined). The end date may be extended to the end of September.

Wage: \$22.00 - \$25.00 per hour, depending on experience and qualifications.

Fieldwork Schedule: 9 days on, 5 days off.

Work Hours: 8 to 12 hours per day, depending on the conditions.

Food, accommodation, and transportation will be provided while on shift. Field camp living arrangements in a team environment should be expected. Safety training and field methods training will be provided before field sessions begin.

Application closing date: Feb 28, 2023.

Please send your resume and cover letter to Risa Croken at rcroken@friresearch.ca. Please indicate on your cover letter your availability for the start and end date.

If you have any questions regarding this job posting, please email Gordon Stenhouse at gstenhouse@friresearch.ca.

