

Wildlife Technician – Mexican Spotted Owl GPS Tagging Project

Position Summary

The Jones Lab at the Rocky Mountain Research Station and the University of New Mexico (<https://gavinmjones.com/>) is seeking up to 6 wildlife technicians to work on a Mexican spotted owl GPS tagging project this upcoming spring and summer. Positions will begin March 27, 2023, at two study sites near Payson, Arizona and Cloudercroft, New Mexico, and will last until July 28, 2023. Pay starts at \$16.00 per hour depending upon experience, along with housing provided at designated study areas.

By capturing and attaching GPS tags to the owls, we hope to gain a better understanding of the owls' nocturnal movement throughout the unique southwest landscapes. The positions will be focused on conducting surveys for spotted owls, assessing reproductive status, locating nest trees, assisting with captures and handling spotted owls, locating GPS tagged owls via telemetry, caring for equipment/lures, and recording sightings of other animals encountered. Wildlife technicians will also record, transcribe, enter data into computer databases, and validate data that was collected in the field.

Resulting research will directly inform forest management of a large bioregion. Our results will be translated into recommendations to land management agencies responsible for maintaining viable spotted owl habitat.

Minimum qualifications are a bachelor's degree in wildlife or related field, and/or have relevant experience conducting wildlife surveys, experience handling wildlife, experience working in remote conditions, the ability to hike in a time efficient manner in steep terrain, experience safely driving 4-wheel drive vehicles on backcountry roads, and a high attention to safety and details. Technicians will be required to pass approval for the use of federal vehicles. We encourage you to apply even if your experience is not a 100% match with the position. We are looking for someone with relevant skills and experience, not a checklist that exactly matches the job description.

The individuals will be hired through the Biology Department at the University of New Mexico and will be affiliated with the USDA Forest Service – Rocky Mountain Research Station (RMRS). The individuals will be supervised by Ceeanna Zulla (Researcher at UNM) or Nick Kryshak (Researcher at UNM) depending on their field site location.

How to apply

Email a 1-page cover letter describing your background and interests in the position, a resume/CV, and contact information for 3 references to Ceeanna Zulla (czulla@unm.edu). **Applications are due by January 16, 2023.**



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