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Seasonal Field Technician for Spotted Owl Surveys in the Sierra Nevada

Spend your summer doing field work in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains! We are looking for **Seasonal Field Technicians (3)** to conduct surveys for **California Spotted Owls** in the Stanislaus National Forest.

PROJECT DATES (tentative, dependent on winter snowpack): April 1 – Aug 15, 2024.

TRAINING: The field season will begin with a training period focusing on field safety and implementation of survey protocols.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve conducting occupancy and reproduction surveys for **California Spotted Owls** on National Forest land. Survey work will be primarily conducted at night, but some visits will be conducted during late afternoon or early morning hours. Irregular hours are expected through the season. Field work will require off-trail hiking, frequent long drives and occasional car camping. Work will be physically demanding. Field technician will also be responsible for assuring mouse colony care, data entry, maintenance of equipment and vehicles are being attended to. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity of Mi-Wuk Village, CA (Stanislaus NF).

REQUIREMENTS: Previous wildlife survey and back-country experience is required; previous owl survey experience is strongly preferred but not required. A valid driver's license and good driving record is required. Other requirements include strong interpersonal skills, a love of adventure, excellent communication and organizational skills, excellent attention to detail. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is extremely important. These rigors include physically demanding work, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes, poison oak and occasional contact with bears and cougars.

SCHEDULE: Typically 5 days on and 2 off.

EQUIPMENT: The Field Technicians are expected to provide her/his own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).

COMPENSATION: These are IBP seasonal staff positions that pay between \$2,900.00 and \$3,100.00/month depending on experience (before payroll taxes), but do not include fringe benefits. Field work vehicle and free shared housing will also be provided. Field work vehicle and free shared housing will also be provided.

TO APPLY: Please email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to Ramiro Aragon, Biologist at [raragon AT birdpop DOT org](mailto:raragon@birdpop.org), cc'ing Mandy Holmgren, Biologist, at: [mholmgren AT birdpop DOT org](mailto:mholmgren@birdpop.org).

IBP values diversity and encourages people from all backgrounds to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. Proof of COVID vaccination will be required.