Biologist/Crew Lead Northern Goshawk, Spotted Owl, and Flammulated Owl Surveys in the Central Sierra Nevada

Spend your summer doing field work in the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountains! We are looking for a biologist to lead a field crew conducting surveys for Northern Goshawks, California Spotted Owls, and Flammulated Owls on the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

PROJECT DATES (tentative): Mid May 2022 – Late August 2022

RESPONSIBILITIES: Primary duties will involve lead a small field crew in conducting occupancy surveys on National Forest land. Survey work will be approximately 50% owl surveys and 50% goshawk surveys. Much of the survey work will be conducted at night and will require off-trail hiking. Some long drives and occasional car camping may be required. Work will be physically demanding.

REQUIREMENTS: Previous ecological fieldwork in rugged environments is strongly preferred. Other requirements include a sense of humor, a love of adventure, and a desire to learn more about Northern Goshawks, Spotted Owls, Flammulated Owls and ecology of the Sierra Nevada. Survey work will occur primarily in the vicinity east of Lake Tahoe, NV. A willingness to face the rigors of fieldwork with good humor is important. These rigors include physically demanding work, adapting to an intermittent nocturnal schedule, wet and cold weather, hot and dry weather, mosquitoes, occasional contact with bears, and housing that may be rustic and/or somewhat crowded. A personal vehicle is highly desirable but not strictly required.

SCHEDULE: Typically 7 days on and 3 off.
EQUIPMENT: The crew lead is expected to provide their own binoculars, hiking boots and camping gear for car camping (tent, sleeping bag, raingear, etc.).

COMPENSATION: This is an IBP seasonal staff position paying $3,000/month but includes no fringe benefits. Free housing shared with 1-2 other crew members will also be provided.

TO APPLY: Please email a resume, cover letter, and the names, phone numbers and email addresses of three references to Bob Wilkerson, Biologist, at: bwilkerson AT birdpop DOT 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-19 vaccination will be required for all 2022 field crew members.