

Title: Herpetological Field Technicians (3-month and 6-month positions)

Agency: Purdue University, Dept. Forestry and Natural Resources

Location: Yellowwood and Morgan-Monroe State Forests, Indiana

Job Description: Nine Herpetological Field Technicians are needed to assist in a study assessing the effects of silvicultural treatments on home range and habitat use of timber rattlesnakes and eastern box turtles in Indiana. Work will be conducted as part of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (www.fnr.purdue.edu/HEE), a long-term assessment of ecosystem responses to silvicultural treatments being conducted as a cooperative venture involving scientists at Purdue University and other partners. Duties will include 1) tracking rattlesnakes and box turtles using radio telemetry and GPS, 2) conducting searches for rattlesnakes, 3) measuring and recording animal, environmental, and vegetation data, and 4) data entry. Field work will occur approximately from mid-April through mid-October for 6-mo. positions, and mid-May through mid-August for 3-mo positions. Camp-style field housing and in-field transportation will be provided. **Please, send a brief letter of interest, indicating your dates of availability and position(s) sought, a resume, and contact information of three references to:**
macgowan@purdue.edu.

Qualifications: The nature of these positions requires applicants be in excellent physical condition and have the capability to work independently in adverse environments including heat, humidity, and biting insects. Experience with radio telemetry, hand-held GPS, large 4-wheel drive vehicles, maps and orienteering are highly preferred especially for 6-month position applicants. Only extremely motivated and responsible individuals who are interested in gaining valuable and unique experience in the field of applied wildlife ecology should apply. A valid driver's license and good driving record are required.

Salary: (3-mo.) \$9.00/hr + field housing
(6-mo.) \$11.00/hr + field housing

Closing Date: March 1, 2009 or until positions are filled.

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