



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT invites applications for the position of:

Fire Management Volunteer Intern

Salary: unpaid internship

Closing Date: until filled

Season: TBD

Division: Wildlife

Work Address: 11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707

Hiring Contact: Toni Aguilar, 903-245-3178

General Description:

Position will assist in installing and maintaining prescribed fire breaks to include mowing, chainsaw cutting, and blowing. Assist with conducting prescribed fires on WMA, private lands, and/or partner lands. Assist with brush pile burning on WMAs. Assist WMA managers with various land management tasks such as invasive species removal, mowing, etc. Assist district biologists with deer survey counts, dove field posting, etc. Maintain fire equipment. Maintain assigned living quarters. Perform required administrative duties commensurate with state employment. Perform other duties as assigned.

NOTE: Intern lodging may be provided for volunteers working 30 hours/week or more.

Licensure:

- Driving is required, applicant must possess a valid State driver's license.
- National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) Firefighter Type 2 qualified or willing to obtain training upon acceptance of the position. (This free online training is available to individuals without previous experience <https://www.nwcg.gov/positions/fft2/position-qualification-requirements>).

Preferred Qualifications:

- Current or graduate of undergraduate or graduate of Bachelor's degree program in Natural Resource/Conservation, Wildlife Science, or closely related field.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to pass the NWCG moderate physical fitness level (walk 2 miles in 30 minutes with a 25lbs pack); <https://www.nwcg.gov/term/glossary/work-capacity-test-wct>
- Ability (or willingness to learn how) to use equipment such as mower, weed eaters, and chainsaws;
- Ability to safely operate powered and non-powered hand-tools, compass, GPS, and other equipment as assigned;
- Knowledge of prescribed burns;
- Knowledge of Texas ecosystems and wildlife species;
- Skill in effective verbal and written communication;
- Skill with MS Word, Excel, and Outlook;
- Ability to work as a member of a team and independently;
- Knowledge of field survey techniques;
- Ability to follow scientific protocols;

Work Conditions:

- Required to work 24+ hours per week;
- Able to travel to various work locations;
- Able to conduct field work in a potentially harsh weather conditions over rough terrain;
- Required to lift supplies and materials up to 45 lbs.;
- May travel 30-60% of time on day trips with some overnight stays;
- Approved travel expenses may be reimbursable;
- A state vehicle will be available to travel to and from field;
- Must conform to TPWD dress and grooming standards, work rules and safety procedures;
- Non-smoking environment in State buildings and vehicles.

TPWD is an equal opportunity employer.