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RECRUITMENT BULLETIN: **WRST-25-025**

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CLOSING DATE: April 07, 2025

JOBS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ALASKA LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM--PUBLIC LAW 96-487

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve is accepting applications for three, temporary (not-to-exceed 1039 hours), full-time, Biological Science Technician, GS-0404-05 position. This announcement is also online at <https://www.nps.gov/wrst/getinvolved/employment.htm>. More than one position may be filled via this bulletin.

POSITION

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN, GS-0404-05

\$21.85 - \$28.40 per hour, plus a 3% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), which is subject to annual review and adjustment.

DUTY LOCATION

Slana, AK

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION:

Temporary, full-time approximately end of April through beginning of September. The appointment may be extended for an additional period (not to exceed 1039 hours total employment). Schedule may involve weekend work or performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours. Government housing is not available. More than one position may be filled from this posting.

BENEFITS:

Temporary, seasonal, and intermittent employees on appointments expected to last at least 90 days, and expected to work a schedule of 130 hours or more a calendar month, will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) health plan upon notification from their employing office. Eligible employees will be responsible for the employee share of the premium while on the official agency roles, which will be deducted from bi-weekly earnings.

DUTIES: You will work as a Biological Science Technician, GS-0404-05 at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Duties include but are not limited to the following:

As a Biological Technician crew member on the Tanada Creek Salmon Weir project. Duties will include: assisting with the installation, maintenance, and removal in-river structures and equipment, photovoltaic power system, and video equipment (underwater camera and recording system); observing and documenting biological data from the review of video recordings and accurately recording data; assuring that the data is entered into an electronic spreadsheet on a daily basis; assuring the accuracy and validity of data entered by other crew members; helping instruct new crew members about all aspects of work at the weir including safety issues; providing input to improve the operation and performance of the project; assist with communicating work-related needs and problems that arise to supervisor in a timely manner; and provide information about the weir and weir data to visitors and guests. For all projects the incumbent will be responsible for following established safety procedures, maintaining a safe working environment, and providing input to improve the operation and performance of the project. Training will be provided for the operation of an ORV (Off Road Vehicle) and the incumbent must

be capable of safely operating the ORV for access to the remote work site. The incumbent also might work on other projects within the park as needed. These projects could include work at remote sites for various lengths of time. Work also might include sampling from boats and traveling by small fixed-wing aircraft.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The work is partially sedentary with prolonged standing, walking, and bending often required. Heavy items (e.g., packs and equipment up to 50 pounds) must be lifted and carried on a routine basis.

WORK CONDITIONS: The work is performed in an office, laboratory, and in the field. Field work includes exposure to extreme weather conditions and terrain, pesticides, poisonous plants, biting insects, and wild animals. Laboratory work may involve exposure to hazardous chemicals.

WHO MAY APPLY: Any U.S. citizen who has acquired special knowledge or expertise regarding the natural or cultural resources of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, by reason of having either lived or worked in or near the park. To be eligible, applicants must have lived or worked in or near the area long enough to encounter and become familiar with a full range of typical conditions that affect the work to be accomplished. Applicants' resumes should reflect periods of time having lived or worked in or near the area of consideration.

Areas considered "near" Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve are Chisana, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Gakona Junction, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Kenny Lake, Long Lake, Lower & Upper Tonsina, McCarthy, Mendeltna, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna, Nelchina, Northway/Northway Village, Northway Junction, Slana, Tanacross, Tazlina, Tetlin, Tok, Tonsina and Yakutat.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements will be determined by evaluating experience in your resume and /or in the interview and selection process. All position requirements must be met by the closing date of this job posting. Knowledge or expertise concerning the park's or preserve's natural and/or cultural resources and the management thereof is required. Local knowledge of the resources and the typical conditions that affect the work to be accomplished will be applied in the performance of the duties. Applicant resumes should reflect periods of time having lived or worked in or near the area of consideration.

Following are seven competencies identified for this position. Applicants are not required to address these competencies in a separate document, but are encouraged to include in their resumes information related to these competencies.

1. Ability to identify biological species of Alaska.
2. Ability to collect and record biological and environmental data.
3. Ability or experience working on in-river structures and equipment, photovoltaic power systems, or video recording systems.
4. Ability to walk long distances (up to 5 miles), work in isolated semi-remote locations for long periods of time, work in inclement weather, perform physical lifting of up to 50 pounds, and to work in and near fast-moving water.
5. Ability to utilize DVR and associated computer programs to review video recordings and accurately log activity of biological species.
6. Ability to follow established safety guidelines and to recognize and adapt to potentially dangerous situations.
7. Ability to effectively communicate with others/Interpersonal skills.

Volunteer Experience: Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You are encouraged to include any volunteer experience within your resume.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- U.S. Citizenship required.
- Appointment subject to background investigation with favorable adjudication before starting

work.

- Selectee will be required to participate in the Direct Deposit Electronic Funds Transfer Program.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Males must meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement. Verify registration at sss.gov.
- Government housing is not available.
- This position is subject to drug testing based on the collateral duty requiring firearms in the back-country or other locations for non-law enforcement reasons such as protection from animals.
- You may be required to complete training and operate a four-wheel drive vehicle.
- You will be required to submit to a drug test and receive negative drug test results prior to appointment. In addition, this position is subject to random testing for illegal drug use.
- You will be required to carry a firearm in performance of your duties. Per the Lautenberg Amendment to 18 U.S.C.922(g)(9), effective September 30, 1996, applicants are ineligible for this position if at ANY time they have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime of domestic violence, unless such conviction was expunged, set aside or the applicant received a pardon.
- You will be required to operate a government motor vehicle as part of your official duties; a valid driver's license is required. After selection, you may be required to submit a GSA Form 3607 and driving record at your own expense.
- You may be required to work on-call, evenings, weekends, holidays, overtime, and shift work.

HOW TO APPLY:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY! Incomplete submissions may result in non-referral of your application. ***Please note:*** An application consists of your resume and any other required forms or documents outlined below. There is no application form to complete.

Assistance may be obtained by calling (907) 822-5234.

All applications must be postmarked or received via email by the closing date of the announcement.

If mailed via USPS, your application must be addressed to: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P. O. Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573.

If your application is postmarked on the closing date, it must be received in a sealed envelope at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve no later than seven calendar days after the closing date. ***Emailed applications must be received by 11:59 AKST on the closing date of the job posting.***

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify their application has been received via email by the deadline specified above.

You may email your application. All emailed applications are to be emailed only to: wrst_hr@nps.gov. Emailed applications must not be sent (CC) to this position's supervisor or any other individual staff member.

If you email your application, include the bulletin number in the subject line. If you apply for more than one position, send a separate email with application for each position.

Note: Information provided in the body of the email will not be considered part of your application. Include all information you want to share in your resume or include a cover letter.

Be sure to not include any photographs of yourself or any PII (Personally Identifiable Information), such as your Social Security Number, driver's license number, or passport number.

Hand-delivered applications cannot be accepted. DO NOT SEND your application via UPS or FedEx. We do not accept faxed applications or applications mailed in postage-paid government envelopes or through an internal government mail system.

REQUIRED FORMS to send via USPS or email:

- **Resume** that provides detailed information about your work experience. Also include: *the recruitment bulletin number of the position for which you are applying;* and for each period of

employment: the dates worked (for example, June 2009 through August 2010), the position title, employer's name, phone number and address.

- Emailed resumes and cover letters need to be sent as **attachments**.
- **DD-214** if claiming points of Veterans' Preference; if claiming 10 points of Veterans' Preference, also include the SF-15 and verification documents described on the back of the SF-15. The SF-15 may be obtained through the Internet at www.opm.gov/forms.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide documentation/proof of claimed status for veterans' preference, qualifications, and education. Applicants will not be solicited for further data if that provided is found to be inadequate, illegible, or incomplete.

Application materials will not be returned; therefore, do not submit original documents that you may need in the future, or extra materials such as letters of recommendation, photographs, or award certificates.

If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired or you may be fired after you begin work, or you may be subject to fines, imprisonment, or other disciplinary action.

Veterans' Preference (for qualifying veterans): To receive Veterans' Preference, your application package must include a legible copy of the DD-214, "Military Discharge," that shows the type of discharge from service (usually the Member 4 copy), or Report of Separation from Active Duty if separation was prior to July 1, 1979. If claiming 10-point Veterans' Preference, you also must provide a completed SF-15 (www.opm.gov/forms) and verification documents listed on the SF-15. If you are separated and as yet do not have a DD-214, you may use an official statement of service from your command indicating that you have completed active service and are being discharged under honorable conditions, or provide other official documentation (e.g. documentation of receipt of a campaign badge or expeditionary medal) that proves your military service was performed under honorable conditions. You will not receive Veterans' Preference if you do not provide this documentation.

Reasonable Accommodations: The agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the park office listed on this announcement. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Privacy Act Information The application you submit for this position contains information subject to the privacy act of 1974 (PL-93-579, 4 USC 552a). We are required to provide you with information regarding our authority and purpose for collecting this data, the routine uses which will be made of it and the effects, if any, of non-disclosure. You are entitled to the same information as it pertains to disclosure of your social security number. Any questions you may have regarding the Privacy Act regulations and the rights it extends can be answered by contacting the park office.

Equal Employment Opportunity Appointments are made without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying handicap condition or any non-merit factor.