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RECRUITMENT BULLETIN: **DENA-24-058**

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

Denali National Park and Preserve is accepting applications for up to one permanent career seasonal, full-time, Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-07 position. This announcement is also online at www.nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/jobs-local-hire.htm. More than one position may be filled via this bulletin.

POSITION

Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-07

\$26.53 to \$34.50 per hour, plus a 3.21% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), which is subject to annual review and adjustment.

DUTY LOCATION

Denali Park, AK

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION:

Career Seasonal – This is a career seasonal position. Career seasonal appointments are permanent positions and include the same benefits as Career appointments, but do not provide work on a year-round basis. The nature of career seasonal work may vary from year to year, which is generally based on budget, workload, and/or weather. A career seasonal work schedule provides for at least 26 weeks (13 pay periods) of full-time work, and as many as 26 weeks (13 pay periods) of non-duty/non-pay time per year as determined by management. The work season of this position is expected to be approximately April through October. When your services are not required, you will be placed in non-pay, non-duty status. You will have the option to continue your health coverage while in non-pay.

Permanent career seasonal employees may be converted to the competitive service after two years of satisfactory service in the same appointment, and upon meeting all regulatory requirements. Competitive service enables employees to compete for other career opportunities through announcements that are open to current permanent Federal employees.

BENEFITS:

Health and life insurance, retirement, Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401K) with matching Government contributions, paid holidays, annual and sick leave, and performance-based longevity pay increases. Premium pay may be applicable for work performed during select hours such as overnight and/or Sunday.

DUTIES: If selected, you will work as a Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-07 at Denali National Park and Preserve. Duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Conducts field observations and makes recommendations for management actions.
- Collaborates with coworkers to produce weekly wildlife updates and end of season reports based on data collected throughout the season
- Helps with logistics and training for contractors and visiting scientists.
- Ensures that all equipment is inventoried and in good working order. Deploys equipment when needed.
- Provides opportunities for students, interns, and volunteers to learn about resource management projects.
- Inputs data collected into databases for storage, retrieval and analysis.
- Develops and presents programs to fellow employees, the public and park partners especially about bear safety and the proper use of bear spray.

For more information about the duties of this position, please contact Pat Owen, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, at 907-683-9547 or Pat_Owen@nps.gov.

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

WORK ENVIRONMENT: 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 Denali National Park and Preserve, by reason of having either lived or worked in or near the park may apply. 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. Applicant resumes should reflect periods of time having lived or worked in or near the area of consideration.

Areas considered “near” Denali National Park and Preserve, Toklat, and Wonder Lake duty stations include only: Anderson, Cantwell, Chulitna, Clear, Curry, Denali Park, Ferry, Healy, Kantishna, Lake Minchumina, McKinley Village, Nenana, Nikolai, Petersville, Talkeetna, Tanana, Telida, and Trapper Creek.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements will be determined by evaluating experience in your resume and the interview and selection process. All position requirements must be met by the closing date of this recruitment bulletin. 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 six 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 experience related to these competencies.

- 1) Knowledge of the principles and practices of wildlife biology and wildlife management.
- 2) Ability to carry out biological/scientific work in remote locations.
- 3) Ability to communicate effectively (interpersonal skills).
- 4) Skill with computer use and with computer software programs.
- 5) Knowledge of standard Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) procedures and other data management systems relating to natural resource management activities.

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.
- Selectee will be subject to a two-year trial (probationary) period.
- Selectee must be 18 years of age or older by enter on duty date.
- Males ages 18-25 must meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement. Verify registration at sss.gov
- Selectee will be required to submit to a drug test and must receive negative drug test results prior to appointment. In addition, this position is subject to random testing for illegal drug use.
- This position is subject to drug testing based on the collateral duty requiring firearms in the backcountry or other locations for non-law enforcement reasons such as protection from animals.
- Selectee will be required to carry a firearm in performance of their 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.

- This position may work a variety of schedules, which may include evenings, weekends, and/or holiday work.
- This position may be required to work overtime.
- Selectee must have the ability to lift as much as 50 pounds.
- Selectee may be required to travel up to 6 nights per month. Selectee may be required to complete training and obtain/maintain a government charge card with travel authority.
- The National Park Service has determined that the duties of this position are suitable for telework and the selectee may be allowed to telework with supervisor approval.
- Government housing is not available.
- Selectee will be required to operate a government motor vehicle as part of their official duties; a valid driver's license is required. Prior to selectee's first official motor vehicle operation they will be required to show their supervisor that they possess a valid State issued driver's license.
- Selectee will be required to wear a uniform and comply with the National Park Service uniform standards. A uniform allowance will be provided.

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.

All applications must be received via email or postmarked by the closing date of the announcement. Hand-delivered or faxed applications will not be accepted.

You may email your application to: Denali_Applications@nps.gov. Do not carbon copy (cc) anyone when you email your application. Emailed applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Alaska Daylight Savings Time on the closing date of this recruitment bulletin.

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

If you email your application, include the recruitment 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.

If mailed via United States Postal Service (USPS), your application must be addressed to: Park Headquarters, ATTN: HR, Denali National Park and Preserve, PO Box 126, Denali Park, AK 99755. DO NOT SEND your application via United Parcel Service (UPS) or FedEx. We do not accept applications mailed in postage-paid government envelopes or through an internal government mail system.

If your application is postmarked on the closing date, it must be received in a sealed envelope at Denali National Park and Preserve no later than seven calendar days after the closing date.

Do 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 in your application.

REQUIRED FORMS to include in your application:

- **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 state the specific date range worked (for example, June 15, 2022 - August 31, 2023), the position title, employer's name, phone number and address.
 - Emailed resumes and cover letters need to be sent as **attachments**.
- **DD-214 – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty** – if claiming points of Veterans' Preference, include a legible copy of the DD-214 form 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 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. See additional details below about Veterans' Preference.

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.

How to Get Assistance

Assistance may be obtained by e-mailing DENA_HR_Requests@nps.gov. Do not email applications to this email address.

Veterans' Preference (for qualifying veterans): To receive Veterans' Preference, your application package must include a copy of your DD-214 form – *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* – 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.