



THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

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Joe Burns Memorial Wildlife Policy Internship Program

The Wildlife Society (TWS) has an opening for a paid wildlife policy intern with an interest in federal natural resource policy issues. This will be a six month appointment running from mid-January – late June 2021.

DUTIES: The wildlife policy intern will be an integral part of TWS' Government Affairs program. This program works to ensure 1) TWS' members are informed of policy issues and the impact policies have on their work in wildlife conservation, and 2) that wildlife science is the foundation upon which wildlife-related policy decisions are made. Interns are responsible for:

- Researching wildlife conservation and management policy issues
- Preparing background information for use in testimony, letters, or comments
- Creating and updating policy-related TWS and coalition content (Fact Sheets, Webpages, Policy Briefs, etc.)
- Writing policy articles for wildlife.org
- Representing TWS at coalition meetings
- Engaging in legislative hearings and agency briefings

POSITION: This internship is a full-time, six-month, paid position, with a stipend of \$2,000 per month. The internship will be taking place remotely, with the option for a DC-based opportunity dependent on easing of COVID-19 in-person work restrictions and the intern's comfort in relocating. No in-person work will be required for this internship term. Intern is responsible for own housing and insurance.

QUALIFICATIONS: Preference will be given to applicants who have obtained or are currently pursuing a degree in wildlife management, wildlife biology, or related natural resource or policy degrees. Applicants should have excellent writing and communication skills, the ability to work independently for long periods, and show initiative in taking on new tasks. Membership and/or previous involvement with The Wildlife Society and knowledge of the federal policy process are beneficial, but not required.

COLLEGE CREDIT: This internship is an excellent educational opportunity to learn about wildlife and natural resource policy and the management and engagement of non-profit organizations in the policy arena. The Wildlife Society will cooperate with universities and colleges that offer credit for internship programs; however, students must make all arrangements for receiving academic credit with their institution.

TO APPLY: Submit a cover letter, resume, contact information (email/phone/address/title) for two references, a college transcript (unofficial or official), your dates of availability, and a writing sample of ≤500 words that provides an overview and analysis of a specific wildlife policy issue of interest to you (e.g. legislation, agency rule, etc.). If possible, please submit all documents as one PDF. Finalists will be interviewed via video conferencing.

Applications must be submitted by 10 November 2020.

Send completed applications via email (hard copies not accepted) to:

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The program is named in honor of one of The Wildlife Society's first policy interns, Joe Burns. Joe devoted his career to federal service, and spent over 20 years working on behalf of conservation programming within the US Forest Service. Joe was an extremely active proponent of TWS' policy program, and was selfless in his mentorship of new professionals looking to engage in the profession.