Wildlife Conservation Society

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Effects of human recreation activity on mammals and reptiles in**

**San Diego County, California**

*We are seeking a field project coordinator to help implement a field study of the potential effects of human recreation activity on mammal and reptile communities, including several species of conservation concern, in San Diego County, California. The purpose of this work is to relate variation in species detections to types and intensity of recreation activity. The project is a collaboration among Dr. Sarah Reed (Wildlife Conservation Society), Ms. Courtney Larson and Dr. Kevin Crooks (Colorado State University), and Dr. Adina Merenlender (University of California, Berkeley).*

**Position:** Field Project Coordinator

**Location:** San Diego, California

**Job Description:** The field project coordinator will be responsible for conducting field data collection and managing equipment and data. Primary activities will include conducting remotely-triggered camera surveys of recreation use and wildlife activity, coverboard and visual surveys for reptiles, and vegetation surveys. The coordinator will also engage with the public at trailheads to elicit their participation in a citizen science data collection effort, and will assist with coordinating volunteers and communicating with land managers and rangers.

This is a part-time (20 hours per week) position paying $15-20 per hour, depending on experience. Use of a personal vehicle may be required for travel to field sites (4WD is preferable) and all work-related mileage will be reimbursed at $0.55 per mile. Housing will not be provided. Possible start dates are between October 17, 2016 and January 9, 2017, depending upon availability, and the position will continue for approximately one year.

**Qualifications:** Highly-qualified applicants will have experience conducting field research and be familiar with the relevant equipment and data collection methods, including GPS, remotely-triggered cameras, reptile surveys and identification, and vegetation surveys. Excellent communication skills are required, including the ability to converse with a diversity of park visitors and coordinate with volunteers, rangers, and land managers. All applicants must have a strong work ethic, be organized, have the ability to work independently and with others, and be able to meet the physical requirements of the position (rising early, carrying equipment, and hiking long distances across steep or uneven terrain). A valid driver’s license and good driving record are required. Preference will be given to those with a B.S. in wildlife ecology, conservation biology, recreation management, or a related field.

**To Apply:** Go to [www.wcs.org](http://www.wcs.org), scroll to “careers” at the bottom of the page, and follow the prompts to apply online. Please also email a copy of your application to SDRecWildlife@gmail.com as a single, merged pdf document including 1) a letter of interest describing your qualifications, relevant experience, career goals, and availability; 2) a resume or CV; 3) a list of three professional references and their contact information. The name of the file should contain your first and last names. Review of applications will begin on October 3 and continue until October 17, or until a suitable candidate is identified.