

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Temporary Job Announcement – FISHERY TECHNICIAN



<u>POSITION:</u> up to 4 positions: Seasonal Technician I (temporary: Up to 6 month appointments)

2 Positions: Start Date: March 14, 2016 End Date: September 30, 2016

2 Positions: Start Date: April 30, 2016 End Date: September 30, 2016

PAY RATE: \$12.75/hr to \$14.50/hr depending on experience and education

LOCATION: Meeker, CO State housing may be available upon request

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Open until filled.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Employees will be part of a field crew conducting non-native fish control operations on the Yampa River. This work entails using flat-bottomed outboard jet boats to navigate and electrofish the river during runoff. The objective of the project is to decrease numbers of non-native northern pike and smallmouth bass, thereby aiding in the recovery of the endangered fishes of the Upper Colorado River Basin. Employees will also help inventory and monitor cutthroat trout populations in streams and lakes, including collecting samples for disease testing and genetic analysis. Employees will also assist biologist with monitoring fish populations in other streams, lakes, and rivers in the Yampa and White River basins. Employees will also assist with creel census data collection as needed and will check in fish and collect data during agency sponsored fishing contests. Employees will also be responsible for entering and organizing field data and gear maintenance. Certain duties will entail hiking, backpacking, and camping in remote areas.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Valid driver's license, the ability to swim, heavy lifting (up to 60 lbs), experience towing trailers, a good attitude, interest in biological sciences, the ability to work well as part of a team. Additional desirable qualities: ability to identify both native and sport fishes of western Colorado, experience driving boats, a mechanical aptitude for repairing generators and outboard engines, ability to use computer software such as spreadsheets and e-mail, training or education in a field of biology related to natural resource management, a love for hard work and the outdoors.

****Employees will be frequently out of town during the work week and overnight travel will be required. Employees will also be expected to work irregular hours, including weekends, as needed.***

HOW TO APPLY:

Please email resume and contact information for 3 references to Cory Noble (970-878-6074):

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Please put "MEEKER TECHNICIAN" in the email subject line.