



Job Title: Wildlife Policy and Outreach Intern
Reports to: Program Director
Time of Work: 40 hours per week, 8 weeks (negotiable)
Start Date: June (negotiable)
Location: Lander, WY
Deadline to Apply: Applications accepted until May 1
Stipend: \$3200

About the Organization

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is Wyoming's oldest independent conservation organization. Founded in 1967, we are a member-based advocacy group. We use scientific, legal, and policy expertise to advocate the protection of public lands, wildlife, and clean air and water. We provide support and resources to empower citizens to do the same. We bring people and groups together to find workable solutions to tough conservation problems.

We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work.

About Our Team

- We are dedicated to protecting Wyoming's environment and quality of life now and for future generations.
- We value multiple perspectives and seek input from a diversity of people outside of our organization in Wyoming and beyond.
- In our words and actions, we both individually and collectively strive to uphold a work culture that respects the unique identity and role of each staff person; that allows us to bring our whole selves to work; and that fosters equity and a sense of belonging across the organization.
- We seek creative solutions to tough problems. We are flexible and are willing to change course if something isn't working.
- We respond to feedback with openness and a growth mindset.

About Your Role

As our wildlife policy and outreach intern, you will have a strong interest in furthering the Outdoor Council's mission and vision through advocating for strong, community-grounded conservation solutions for Wyoming's big game herds. Working closely and collaboratively with the program director, you'll be responsible for organizing outreach events in western Wyoming communities; engaging with relevant agency and legislative processes; contacting and meeting with interested citizens; and working with the communications team to develop digital and print media materials focused on big game migration.

You will:

- Plan and execute two in-person outreach events focused on big game migration in western Wyoming communities, including identifying venues, inviting speakers, working with local advocates to plan event content, and organizing and executing logistics.
- Work closely with the program director to develop talking points to share with the public and other audiences about the value of Wyoming migration corridors and key opportunities to conserve these habitats.
- Attend and help document relevant and timely legislative and agency meetings as directed by the program director, including the July meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission; this may include the opportunity to give testimony.
- Work with our communications team to produce educational, engaging, and interactive content for the Outdoor Council's social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube as well as any timely print communications.
- Contact and meet with citizen advocates interested in migration policy to learn about their needs, co-develop strategy, and support public communications efforts, including letters to the editor and other advocacy messaging approaches.
- Represent the organization at public events as identified by the program director.
- Participate in bi-monthly staff meetings and other meetings as scheduled.

About You

You are passionate about Wyoming wildlife and communities, a creative thinker who loves interacting with people. You are interested in the intersections that exist between science, policy, and communication. You have personal and/or academic experience understanding Wyoming's landscapes and big game herds. You are a strong communicator both verbally and in writing, and you listen attentively and with curiosity when meeting with people from all walks of life.

You have comfort using personal computers and basic office software (familiarity with Google Docs is a plus). You also are well-versed in social media including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. You aren't afraid to learn new skills or ask questions.

You love Wyoming, especially its outdoors, and are interested in the Wyoming Outdoor Council's mission and values.

What You Can Expect

- Formal onboarding to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the work of a conservation advocacy group and more specifically, a comprehensive understanding of the Outdoor Council. The onboarding will include:
 - An introduction to all staff and an overview of our teams;
 - Overview (via print pubs, strategic plan, e.g.) of our current issues;
 - A gift membership, hat, and t-shirt;
 - Invitation to join staff, program, and board meetings;
 - If the internship is in-person, an orientation to office protocols, office space, use of equipment, any HR paperwork, etc.
- A staff supervisor/mentor who will give you considerable support and direction;

- A meaningful and in-depth project you can “own”;
- A feature story about you in our Frontline or e-newsletter.
- A paid stipend for an agreed-upon length of time.

TO APPLY

Email a letter of interest explaining how your experience and skills make you the right person to join our team. Include a resume and three references (with contact and relationship information) to Misti Haase at **misti@wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org** (please put “Wildlife Policy and Outreach Internship” in the subject).