We are seeking a new Leader for the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, located at the University of Montana. The position provides unique opportunities to build a world-class research program and contribute to the conservation of some of the most iconic wildlife populations in North America. Key to this position is the opportunity to assist state and federal agencies in making challenging management decisions, with a strong focus on the diverse public interests that are part of Montana’s diverse conservation landscape. The Unit Leader works closely with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and provides substantial input into the Wildlife Biology Program at the University of Montana.

Responsibilities:

- Conducts cooperator-driven research related to wildlife resources, providing a scientific basis for management and policy decisions.
- Serves as subject matter expert in wildlife ecology, assisting government and private agencies, and university programs through participation in meetings, conferences and working groups.
- Disseminates research results via final reports, peer reviewed print scientific journals, online scientific journals, books, book chapters or other outlets. Makes presentations on findings to scientific and conservation organizations.
- Serves as graduate faculty member, contributing to both the research, graduate student mentorship, and teaching mission of the university.

Desired skills and interests:

- Expertise in the application of decision science to support management.
- Experience with social-ecological drivers and systems.
- Ability to build an applied research program focused on wildlife biology/terrestrial ecology, based on externally funded grants.
- Experience designing, planning and conducting field research programs, and analyzing/synthesizing results from field research.
- Experience in research involving population and community ecology and modeling.

Applicants must already be federal employees. The position will be filled at the GS-13/14 level, unless the successful applicant holds the grade of GS-15 as a USGS scientist. Full position announcement and instructions for application can be found at https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/589714600. The application deadline is 19 February 2021. Address any questions to:

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