Volunteer Announcement:

I am looking for a volunteer who has an interest in predator ecology, winter field experience, and likes to ride snowmobiles. We will be trapping lynx to fit them with satellite collars and checking trail cameras in north-central Alaska through the months of March and April. It can be very cold and the days are short, but the scenery is spectacular. Some cold-weather equipment will be provided. There will be many hours/days riding on a snowmobile breaking trail through untracked snow to check traps and cameras. We will be working on the Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge and will spend much of the time working out of Bettles, AK. The position will start in mid-February and last through April, and the field work will be in March and April. The volunteer will be compensated transportation costs to and from Fairbanks, and a per diem while doing field work in Bettles. The volunteer will need to complete several trainings (computer, aircraft, and snowmobile training for example) in Fairbanks before going to the field. We will provide housing in Fairbanks and out in the field. We will review applications as they are received, and make a selection in early January. If you have any questions please contact Roy Churchwell: phone (907) 456-0508; email roy_churchwell@fws.gov. To apply for this volunteer position, please email a resume and cover letter explaining your experience to roy_churchwell@fws.gov.