



Job Announcement – Carnivore Protection Advocate, WildEarth Guardians

Location: Denver (preferred), Santa Fe (possible)

Deadline: February 14th

Start date: as soon as possible, no later than April 1

Position Summary

WildEarth Guardians is a conservation organization committed to protecting and restoring the wildlands, wildlife and wild rivers of the American West. Guardians' seeks a full time Carnivore Protection Advocate to work within our Wildlife Program. The Advocate will work for the conservation and long-term sustainability and resiliency of native carnivore populations in the American West. The position will include working on issues impacting Grizzly bears, bobcats, coyotes, foxes, lynx, wolves, and wolverines. The Advocate will expand existing, and develop new campaigns, strategies and tactics to end trapping on public lands, challenge contest hunting, curtail the federal Wildlife Service program's indiscriminate poisoning, trapping, and aerial gunning practices; and support the organization's advocacy for gray and Mexican wolf preservation and restoration. The Campaign lead will also develop cases and assist in litigation, primarily under the Endangered Species Act, Freedom of Information Act, and National Environmental Policy Act

Responsibilities

- Implement Wildlife Program priority campaigns and projects to protect native carnivores
- Build and maintain relationships with agency officials, Congressional staff, scientists, citizen activists, partner organizations, and the media to promote carnivore conservation.
- Draft, review and edit a variety of written materials, including reports, petitions, factsheets, articles, e-communications, and website content related to carnivore protection campaigns.
- Speak for the organization on carnivore issues (press interviews, public presentations, testimony before agencies)
- Support fundraising efforts for the Wildlife Program and the organization.

Qualifications/Requirements

Essential qualifications include:

- Passion for protecting endangered species, particularly native carnivores.
- A demonstrated commitment to conservation advocacy.
- A sense of humor.
- Working knowledge and understanding of the Endangered Species Act.
- A minimum of three years experience with wildlife conservation biology, and/or wildlife management policy.
- Interest in developing wildlife litigation.
- Knowledge of federal administrative processes and rulemaking under the National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Ability to think strategically and implement long and short-term projects.
- Ability to multitask and manage short and long-term deadlines.
- Strong attention to detail, problem solving, and trouble shooting skills.
- Intermediate computer skills, including word processing, excel database/spreadsheet management, and graphic design.
- Ability to work effectively with a diversity of people and constituencies.

Additional desirable qualifications include:

- Advanced degree in biodiversity protection or environmental law.
- Formal organizing training and/or campaign planning and execution experience.
- Formal expertise in carnivore species biology.
- Intermediate or advanced social media interest and skills.
- Press release drafting, radio, print and television media experience.
- Knowledge of state, regional and national wildlife policy and politics.

Please send a cover letter, resume, a short (10 pages or fewer) writing sample, and three references to Bethany Cotton, Wildlife Program Director at bcotton@wildearthguardians.org. Please no phone calls. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Thanks.