



Employment Opportunity Announcement Wildlife Biologist Application Due Date: September 14, 2018

The Longleaf Alliance (LLA) is seeking a Wildlife Biologist to assume a leadership role with the recovery of the reticulated flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma bishopi*) in the GCPEP landscape. Priority work will center on habitat restoration, population monitoring, and captive rearing.

Duties: The Wildlife Biologist will lead efforts for the LLA with ongoing projects focusing on the conservation of the Federally Endangered reticulated flatwoods salamander with work focused primarily on the Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area and Eglin Air Force Base in Santa Rosa County, Florida. Primary responsibilities will include supervision of two Biological Technicians, coordination with partners and regulatory agencies, data collection and database management, writing regular project updates and grant reports, and preparing and presenting on the work and results. Field duties for salamander monitoring include initial construction and maintenance of drift fences and funnel traps, nightly drift fence monitoring, egg searching, larval surveying, and collection of genetic samples from larval and adult salamanders. The wildlife biologist will take the lead on captive rearing (head-starting), involving the installation and maintenance of “cattle tank” artificial ponds housing larval salamanders (monitoring of water quality variables, collecting and culturing invertebrate prey, and tracking growth and development of larval salamanders). The selected applicant will restore and monitor wetland habitat through the following activities: removal of woody vegetation and duff/muck through hand clearing and/or heavy mechanical treatments, prescribed fire, invasive species control, and monitoring of vegetation and hydrology.

- **Qualifications:** Applicants should have a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in biology, ecology, or related field. A Master’s degree or equivalent experience is preferred but not required. The applicant must have field experience and be comfortable working outside for long periods during non-standard hours and in inclement conditions. Applicants should also be in good physical condition and comfortable walking long distances in the woods or wading in shallow water while carrying up to 30 pounds for several miles and up to 50 pounds for shorter distances while hauling cut debris out of wetlands. They should be familiar with the identification, collection, and handling of reptiles and amphibians, preferably in the southeastern US, including ability to safely remove venomous snakes from traps. Additional qualifications: competence with 4x4 operation in challenging terrain, GPS navigation, GIS, field data collection, and data entry (i.e. Microsoft Excel), an ability to cultivate and maintain good working relationships with and among others in the office and field, especially under stressful conditions. Applicants must possess a valid US driver’s license.

Salary will range from \$49,100 to \$50,598 and will be commensurate with experience. The position is funded for five years. A resume, cover letter, and three references must be received no later than September 14, 2018 electronically to:

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Final candidates will be notified by September 20th for interviews.
Position start date is November 1st or sooner if possible.



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