** CYCA BLM Youth Initiative Intern Program**

**BLM Wildlife Technician Intern**

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| **Internship Title:** | Wildlife Technician Intern |
| **Internship Location:** | BLM Gunnison Field Office |
| **Street Address:** 2500 East New York Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230 |
| **City, State, Zip:** Gunnison, CO, 81230 |
| **WCCC Contact:** | **Morgan Key |** **mkey@mesapartners.org** **| (970) 730-2964** |
| **Position Description/ Activities to be Performed:**  | The BLM Gunnison Field Office Wildlife Program is seeking two (2) technicians to support with implementing and coordinating wildlife habitat management on BLM lands. Technicians will assist with field data collection for inventories of wildlife and their habitats; inventory and monitor BLM management such as habitat restoration, weed treatments, range development and improvements for effectiveness, and impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat; and compile and organize survey data.The technicians will be expected to operate a 4WD vehicle and must be able to work independently while navigating remote locations with a GPS and maps. The technicians must be in good physical condition to be able to spend long days hiking off-trail in high-elevation, mountainous terrain.**MAJOR DUTIES*** Conduct acoustic monitoring for bat species
* Conduct acoustic play-back surveys for American goshawk and/or evaluate nest activity in known goshawk nest areas.
* Conduct nest activity surveys for peregrine falcon and other BLM sensitive raptor species.
* Conduct snowshoe hare habitat and density surveys in fuels treatment areas to assess habitat suitability for Canada lynx.
* Conduct surveys of and distribute vaccines to Gunnison’s prairie dog colonies.
* Monitor BLM travel management projects to evaluate route obliteration and restoration needs.
* Assist with logistics and field work done by youth corps crews to decommission roads.
* Assist with project implementation and planning for combined BLM program projects such as:
	+ Monitor BLM weed treatments for effectiveness and need for re-application, seeing, or other restoration.
	+ Monitor range improvement projects such as livestock tanks, guzzlers, exclosures, etc. for effectiveness, wildlife hazards, and maintenance needs.
	+ Implementation of wildlife-friendly fence projects by assisting a dedicated fence crew with fence inventory, fence modification/repair, and/or removal.
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| **BLM’s Involvement:** | The BLM will provide oversight and training for the wildlife technician intern(s).  |
| **Period of Performance** | Anticipated Start Date: **May 19th, 2025**  | Anticipated End Date:**September 2025** |
| **Minimum Qualifications:**  | Technicians should have a degree or be currently enrolled in a program studying wildlife biology, environmental science, natural resource management, ecology, botany, range science, soil science, conservation biology, or a related field. Training will be provided for each project, but some experience or education in the field of wildlife and botany is required. Technicians will be expected t have some experience or education in wildlife and plant identification, wildlife behavior and habitat relationships, and the practice of wildlife management. |
| **Physical Requirements:** | The applicant(s) should be physically able to complete 10-hour days of rigorous fieldwork that includes hiking long distances (5+ miles) in rough and steep terrain. The applicant must be able to work and hike cross-country in inclement weather conditions (20 – 100+ degrees Fahrenheit). |
| **Work Schedule:** | 40 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, 10 hours per day. The technicians may work up to 12 hours per day and some work may require camping in remote locations for logistic reasons.**Duration:** **Up to 640 hours** |
| **Hourly Wage/Living Allowance** | $22 USD per hour | **Career Track:**(college or technical) | **Technical** and is a college student or recent graduate |
| **Travel Needed?****Field travel with provided 4WD vehicle** | **Anticipated Lodging Expense:****Gov’t Rate at locality if necessary.** | **Anticipated Number of Trips and Days: None to training or conferences.****May require occasional camping for logistical reasons** | **Anticipated POV Mileage Reimbursement:** **N/A – Gov’t vehicle will be provided** |