BIOLOGICAL INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE: ~3-4 months (start and end dates flexible)

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Deadline for applications is Feb 28, 2013 however, qualified applicants may be selected as applications are received.

Fish Springs NWR is seeking 1-3 motivated and interested students to participate in a summer internship program. Interns will work with the on-site Refuge wildlife biologist in support of on-going projects. Projects for 2013 include (but are not necessarily limited to): bi-weekly waterfowl surveys, brood surveys, waterfowl nest dragging and nest monitoring, shorebird surveys (including species of concern such as the snowy plover), aquatic macro-invertebrate sampling, water quality monitoring, basic predator monitoring, invasive species management, GPS and GIS vegetation mapping.

In addition to the projects mentioned above, interns will be provided the opportunity to work with Biologists from the Dugway Proving Ground Natural Resource Office (DPG NRO). Biologist from DPG NRO work on wide range of ongoing research and monitoring efforts; any of which you may get the opportunity to participate on. It is anticipated that FSNWR interns will be able to work with NRO biologist at least one work day out of each two week period; additional opportunities may be available.

This is an outstanding opportunity to gain a wide range of experiences in the field. Past participants have had the opportunity to gain some certifications in addition to field experience. Certifications have included pesticide application and ATV/UTV. Almost all previous interns have been able to arrange for independent study college credits through their university.

Fish Springs NWR is located in western Utah within the Bonneville Basin. It is a scenic location surrounded by mountains on almost all sides and is located along the historical Pony Express Route. It is encompasses 17,992 acres, of which, approximately 10,000 acres is an impounded wetland system fed by 5 major springs and several lesser springs and seeps. Habitat management is focused on wetlands to provide for nesting, wintering, and migrating birds while contributing to regional and national diversity.

COMPENSATION:

- Housing will be provided in the form of a fully furnished bunkhouse (personal bedding is recommended).
- A monthly food stipend will be provided (up to $300 reimbursement/month).
- Field equipment and supplies (excluding clothing) will be provided.
- Past field seasons have included the opportunity to go on weekend group trips to nearby attractions including Zion and Great Basin National Park.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1 year (2 preferred) of coursework towards a natural resource/biology degree or related field.
- Ability to pass a background clearance.
- Basic GPS and GIS skills and some previous field experience preferred.
- Interns will be expected to work full time on a regular set work schedule.
- The willingness and capacity to work in extreme field conditions; you will be working outside where temperatures can reach over 100° and terrain is uneven, heavily vegetated and wet in some areas.

REFUGE LOCATION:

- Fish Springs NWR is located approximately 150 miles WSW of BYU.
- It is a 3-3.5 hr drive from Provo with the last 30-50 miles on a county gravel road (depending on the route).
- Fish Springs NWR is 80 miles NW (30 mi of which are gravel road) from the nearest town - Delta, UT.
- All vehicle types are able to travel the roads, however, good tires and a spare are recommended.

Interested Applicants should email their QUESTIONS, RESUMES and/or CONTACT INFORMATION to: tiffany_cummins@fws.gov Subject Heading: FSNWR 2013 Internship