



## POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Assistant Professor, Rangeland Ecology and Management**

The Department of Wildland Resources (<http://www.cnr.usu.edu/wild/>) is seeking to fill an Assistant Professor position. This is a tenure-track, 9-month research and teaching position on the campus of Utah State University, beginning 1 July 2010. We seek applicants with applied and theoretical expertise in the behavior, ecology, and management of large herbivores in rangeland ecosystems and an interest in adapting traditional production systems to address contemporary ecological, economic and political challenges in the Intermountain West. We prefer a person with the interest and ability to conduct field research in rangelands that include public lands and private ranches. Potential areas of research include, but are not limited to: foraging behavior of ungulates; nutritional ecology and/or toxicology; range animal production; herbivore-habitat relationships; rangeland dynamics in response to herbivory; and management of multiple ecosystem services from rangelands. The ideal candidate should complement current strengths at USU in rangeland ecology and management.

The Wildland Resources Department is one of three departments in the College of Natural Resources; others are the Watershed Sciences Department and the Environment and Society Department. We offer B.S. degrees in Conservation and Restoration Ecology; Forestry; Rangeland Resources; and Wildlife Sciences. We also offer M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Forestry; Range Science; Wildlife Biology; and Ecology. The Utah Agricultural Experiment Station promotes and coordinates research and graduate education in a wide array of disciplines related to agriculture and rural life, and has participating faculty and students in the Colleges of Natural Resources, Science, and Agriculture. The Department also has linkages to the Ecology Center, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Program, USGS Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, USDA National Wildlife Research Center, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Forest Service research labs, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and other units on and off campus. Research and teaching sites near campus include a wide range of terrestrial biomes, ranging from desert to quaking aspen and sub-alpine coniferous forest ecosystems.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

This position will be approximately 60% research, 30% teaching, and 10% service with a portion of the salary funded by the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station. The candidate is expected to develop a vigorous research program funded by extramural grants, with a research thrust that is relevant to the rangeland resources of Utah and the Intermountain West. Teaching expectations are one undergraduate course (fall, every year) focused on monitoring and assessment in natural resource and environmental management, and one graduate course (every year) in the successful candidate's area of expertise. The candidate is also expected to advise and mentor graduate students; fulfill a service role on and off campus (such as department, college and university committee assignments); provide outreach programs to natural resource professionals and organizations; and comply with proposal development and reporting requirements of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station and other funding organizations.

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**JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

The selected candidate must have: (1) an earned Ph.D. in rangeland ecology, rangeland animal production, animal science, or a related discipline at the time of appointment; postdoctoral experience is preferred, but not required; (2) the ability to develop an active research program, including a record of publications and presentations; and (3) the capacity to provide quality teaching. Previous experience in classroom teaching and willingness to participate in distance education course delivery is desired.

**MINIMUM SALARY:** Competitive salary commensurate with experience and education, plus an excellent benefits package

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

**APPLICATION:**

Applications are to include a letter of application with a summary of your qualifications; a curriculum vita; a statement not to exceed two pages of research experience and interests; a statement not to exceed two pages of teaching philosophy, interests, and experiences; copies of three pertinent publications; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references that the committee may contact.

Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2009 and continue until the position is filled.

**To apply, go to the Job Opportunities link on the USU Human Resources homepage at: [jobs.usu.edu](http://jobs.usu.edu) (req. ID 051879).**

Utah State University is a Carnegie Research Doctoral Extensive University, an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Gender Equity Program recipient. The university is sensitive to the needs of dual-career applicants and dedicated to recruiting stellar candidates from a diverse pool including women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities. USU offers competitive salaries and outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (see <http://www.usu.edu/hr>) for details).

USU is located in Logan, 90 miles north of Salt Lake City. It is situated in Cache Valley, a mountain valley with a community of 100,000 people. Ski resorts, lakes, rivers, and mountains in the area make it one of the finest outdoor recreation environments in the nation. For more information on Logan and Cache Valley, see <http://www.cachechamber.com>.