

Summer 2010 Internship  
Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative

Project: Harvesting Lessons on Bear Coexistence

Description: NRCC's Carnivore Coexistence Initiative is a multi-tiered effort to move beyond the divisive rhetoric that has characterized wolf and bear conservation in the Western US. As part of this effort, we're initiating a project to harvest lessons from various agencies and groups to produce a concise manual on bear coexistence lessons. Intern tasks would include looking at published documents, interviewing bear managers and conservation NGO staff, and potentially some field time with NRCC's research associates who are working on bear coexistence in Montana.

Tasks:

Identify key players in bear conservation in the western United States and Canada, including agencies, groups, and individuals.

Determine a list of interview candidates, and develop a set of questions for interviewees related to coexistence efforts.

Perform background research on coexistence efforts through literature searches.

Conduct survey interviews of bear researchers to identify key lessons on coexistence.

Synthesize the information into an easy-to-read and useful report, highlighting case studies and identifying lessons, techniques, tools, etc. that may be applicable to other coexistence scenarios.

Skills:

- A keen interest in carnivore conservation and western natural resource management
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Some knowledge of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem
- Thorough research abilities.
- Self-motivation and creativity

This is an unpaid internship based in Jackson, WY. Should funding issues arise, we may be able to work with the ideal candidate. Interns need their own laptop computer and a vehicle as interviews may necessitate travel within the Greater Yellowstone region. NRCC will provide office space, introductions as necessary, guidance, and feedback.

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