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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position # 00014556
Requisition # 0901589

TITLE: Assistant Professor, Range Scientist
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Department

LOCATION: University of Florida – IFAS
Range Cattle Research and Education Center, Ona

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2013 and will continue until a viable applicant pool is determined.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a 12-month tenure-track position with a 60% Extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 40% Research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) appointment. The percentage assignment could change depending on the program needs of IFAS. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and coordinate a nationally-recognized research and education program that emphasizes the role of plant and animal (domestic and wildlife) interactions on the economic and environmental productivity of Florida's rangelands. These activities shall support a highly collaborative research program involving the disciplinary topics of rangeland management, including the influences of plant community structure and composition on herbivory, productivity (livestock and wildlife), and population dynamics of both livestock and wildlife. The extension education efforts shall primarily address an audience of public and private rangeland owners and managers with programs aimed at addressing ecosystem services, policies, programs and markets to ensure the continued viability of these valuable Florida agricultural ecosystems. These efforts should include appropriate methods, such as demonstrations, field days, meetings, tours, and written and oral communication media. Research and extension efforts should be organized and conducted in cooperation with other state-wide faculty, county extension faculty, and federal and state agency representatives. The faculty member will actively seek contract and grant funding to support this program. Communication of research results in appropriate peer-reviewed journals and scientific and trade publications is an essential requirement of this position. Recruitment and supervision of graduate students also is expected.

Because of the IFAS land-grant mission, all faculty are expected to be supportive of and engaged in all three mission areas—Research, Teaching and Extension—regardless of the assignment split specified in the position description.

QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in range science, forage agronomy, plant ecology, animal science, wildlife ecology, or closely related field is required. PhD candidates that have completed their preliminary exams, but have not yet graduated, may also apply. Research experiences related to rangeland management is preferred. Demonstration of strong oral communication skills with professional peers and good written communication skills in appropriate publications are necessary. Candidates must be supportive of the tripartite teaching, research, and extension mission of the Land-Grant system and also have a commitment to the IFAS' core values of excellence, diversity, global involvement, and accountability.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This position will reside at the Range Cattle Research and Education Center (<http://rcrec-ona.ifas.ufl.edu>), which is a unit of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and is located on a 2840-acre site eight miles south of Ona, FL. Ona is located, 45 miles east of the Bradenton/Sarasota area and 170 miles south of the University of Florida main campus at Gainesville. The Center is located in an agricultural region where beef and dairy cattle, citrus, vegetables, and ornamental horticulture are major industries. Nearly 80% of Florida's 1 million beef cows are located within 150 miles of the Center. Currently, the Center has seven faculty programs and 19 support staff.

Tenure of this position is assigned to the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation (<http://www.wec.ufl.edu>), which includes a mix of basic and applied efforts spanning a spectrum of disciplines from the human dimension of conservation science to the fundamental understanding of wildlife population processes in the state of Florida and among ecosystems around the globe, especially in tropical and subtropical regions. New knowledge produced in the department is communicated through a variety of mechanisms to the scientific community, natural resource managers, other stakeholders, and the general public to advance an understanding of wildlife and their habitats and to facilitate development of more informed natural resource policies grounded on a sound scientific basis. A primary mechanism for transmitting research findings and knowledge of the ecology and conservation of wildlife and their habitats to the public is through extension programming, with programs among faculty stationed on campus and at Research and Education Centers throughout the State.

The University of Florida (<http://www.ufl.edu>) is a Land-Grant and Sea-Grant institution, encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, with an enrollment of more than 53,000 students. UF is a member of The Association of American Universities. The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (<http://ifas.ufl.edu>) includes the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<http://cals.ufl.edu>), the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station (<http://research.ifas.ufl.edu>), the Florida Cooperative Extension Service (<http://extension.ifas.ufl.edu>), the College of Veterinary Medicine (<http://www.vetmed.ufl.edu>), the

Florida Sea Grant program (<http://www.flseagrant.org/>), and encompasses 15 academic departments and the School of Forest Resources and Conservation, School of Natural Resources and Environment, 9 interdisciplinary centers, 13 research and educational centers throughout the state, and Cooperative Extension units in each of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribe. The School of Natural Resources and Environment is an interdisciplinary unit housed in IFAS and managed by several colleges on campus. IFAS employs over 3400 people, which includes approximately 950 faculty and 2450 support personnel located in Gainesville and throughout the state. IFAS, one of the nation's largest agricultural and natural resources research and education organizations, is administered by a Senior Vice President and four deans: the Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, the Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, the Dean for Research and Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Dean for the College of Veterinary Medicine. UF/IFAS also engages in cooperative work with Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS: Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2013 and will continue until a viable applicant pool is determined. Compensation is commensurate with the education, experience, and qualifications of the selected applicant.

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS: Both nominations and applications are welcome. Nominations need to include the complete name and address of the nominee.

Applications must be submitted online. Individuals wishing to apply should visit <http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/32893>, and submit the following materials:

- Application
- Letter of application that states applicant's interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above;
- Complete vita (which includes description of current position and responsibilities)
- Official transcripts documenting awarding of the Master's degree and PhD degree if completed.
- Minimum of three letters of reference sent directly to the search committee chair.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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