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NWF seeks contractor

The National Wildlife Federation is seeking an independent qualified contractor (1099 position) to help expand NWF's wildlife conflict resolution program. The primary focus of this program is to eliminate conflicts between domestic grazing on public lands and wildlife by providing livestock permittees with an incentive payment to waive their grazing permit to the managing agency. The geographic focus of this program is west-wide, wherever conflicts exist between domestic livestock grazing and wildlife on public lands. At this time, NWF is placing a high priority on expanding the program in Colorado and Nevada.

National Wildlife Federation (NWF): Is the United States' largest private, nonprofit conservation education and advocacy organization, with over six million members and supporters, and 51 state and territorial affiliated organizations (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands). The National Wildlife Federation strives to remain "A national network of like-minded state and territorial groups, seeking balanced, common-sense solutions to environmental problems that work for wildlife and people."

Program Summary: In situations where conflicts between livestock and wildlife are prolonged and intractable, the National Wildlife Federation believes that grazing retirements represent an equitable solution for livestock and wildlife interests. In coordination with federal land managers, the National Wildlife Federation negotiates with livestock producers to retire livestock grazing allotments on public lands that experience chronic conflict with wildlife, especially wolves, grizzly bears, bison and bighorn sheep. This market approach recognizes the economic value of livestock grazing permits and fairly compensates producers for agreeing to voluntarily waive their preference right grazing permit back to the managing agency. Where such waivers occur, federal land management agencies have the opportunity to close or modify grazing on the allotment. To date NWF has eliminated conflict on over 1.1 million acres of public lands in the west.

Contract Description: NWF is seeking a contractor to assist in the expansion of NWF's Wildlife Conflict Resolution Program, particularly into Colorado and Nevada. Contractor will work with NWF's Senior Manager for Wildlife Conflict Resolution Manager. Primary duties under the contract will include:

- Research details on public land grazing allotments, including permittee contract information, allotment management plans, range reports and other information on grazing use and wildlife contract.
- Work with federal grazing permittees and potentially negotiate grazing agreements with grazing permittees.
- Write fundraising proposals and otherwise do fundraising work.
- Work directly with state and federal land management agencies to prioritize and determine highest risk wildlife / domestic grazing conflicts.

In order to perform the contract, individuals submitting proposals should reflect the following skills:

- General knowledge of wildlife conservation issues in the west.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with a variety of partners, with particular focus on ranchers, federal and state wildlife agencies.
- Demonstrated fundraising ability
- Ability to work independently and self-driven
- GIS mapping skills a plus

Depending on experience, NWF is prepared to award a 12 month contract for between \$40,000 and \$60,000.

Interested contractors should submit a cover letter and resume to: Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation, 240 N. Higgins, Missoula, MT, 59802 or email fischerk@nwf.org