Effects of Timber Thinning on Waterfowl Food Resources in a Forested Wetland Ecosystem

Description: The Arkansas Forest Resources Center and the School of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas-Monticello (http://www.afrc.uamont.edu/sfr/) is seeking candidates for a M.S.-level graduate research assistantship to investigate duck food production across a gradient of thinned and unthinned bottomland hardwood stands at White River National Wildlife Refuge in Eastern Arkansas during autumn 2013-2014. Field work will include installing, monitoring, and maintaining acorn collection traps and estimating moist-soil seed production. Additional research objectives are anticipated, and will be flexible depending on student interests.

Qualifications: B.S. or B.A. in wildlife, biology, natural resources, or a related field; ≥2.7 GPA (≥ 3.0 GPA in courses within your major); and satisfactory GRE scores. Preference will be given to those with previous experience with field work, ATVs, and motor boats. Candidates also must have a strong work ethic and be able to endure the physical demands of field work that occur in Arkansas during late-summer and fall.

Assistantship Duration: 2 years of graduate support; Aug 2013–2015

Salary: Compensation is $15,000 per year + full tuition waiver

To Apply: Review of applications begins immediately. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest outlining related experiences, interest in this project, and career goals; a curriculum vitae or resume; unofficial transcripts; GRE scores; contact information for at least three professional references; and a sample of your professional writing (conference abstract, etc.) if available to:

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Deadline: Application deadline is 23 May 2013 or until filled, start date of 1 July 2013 or before.

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