

DATE: March 25, 2009

FILE REF: 1720

TO: Northern and North East Region

FROM: Bob Hay- ER/6

SUBJECT: Job Posting- Wood Turtle Nest Site Surveys

Project Title: Wood Turtle Communal Nest Site Surveys and Evaluations

Staff Need: Two people are sought to form a survey team. One of the two will be the team lead. The individuals selected for the work will be hired under a personal services contract with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Project Description: The purpose for this study is to identify and evaluate active and potential communal nesting sites for wood turtles in Langlade, Oneida and Vilas counties. This will involve a combination of GIS analysis of suitable stream and river corridors using aerial photography and follow-up canoe or walking surveys to verify site conditions. Sites that are identified, and where legal access can be obtained from the landowner, will be evaluated to determine size, condition, turtle nesting activity and any observable threats. There will be a landowner contact aspect to the project.

Qualifications: At least one of the qualified applicants must have experience using GIS and must have access to GIS software (ArcView or ArcMap 9.0 or newer) and a computer. Applicants must have some proven field experience, although it need not be in herpetology. Applicants must have good interpersonal skills, are well organized, are detail oriented, team players and willing to work long hours under extreme environmental conditions. Applicants must either live within 50 miles of Oneida County or be willing to relocate to within 50 miles of Oneida County at their own expense, for the duration of the project, in order to qualify for mileage reimbursement. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and have access to a personal vehicle.

Project Duration: 12 weeks starting the week of May 18, 2009

Compensation: Minimum of \$10.50 per hour- depends on experience. Mileage reimbursed at \$0.43/mi.

Application Deadline: Applications (cover letter, resume or CV) must be received **no later than April 17, 2009.**

Mail application to:

Robert Hay
17 Oak Glen Court
Madison, WI 53717

Canoe and other equipment will be supplied by WDNR.