

Outreach Notice
U.S. Geological Survey
Student Contractor – Wildlife Disease
Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center

Location: Preference given for Colorado (Boulder, Denver, or Fort Collins) or Montana (Bozeman), but remote work may be considered

Compensation: \$26 – \$50/hour, depending on education and location.

Start date: Between July and September 2026

Employment term: The employment term will not exceed 12 months full-time employment (40 hours/week). Part-time work (15-20 hours/week) may also be offered.

Eligibility: This position is open to students (currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program) or recent graduates (must complete work within 2 years of receiving undergraduate/master's degree or within 1 year of PhD)

Description:

The U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center (NOROCK) is initiating outreach for interest in a student contractor position to assist with research on wildlife disease and climate change. Anticipated duties will require skill sets in wildlife biology, disease ecology, written communication, and data management. Preference for a candidate with at least one year of graduate (post-bachelor's) experience and demonstrated experience conducting research related to wildlife disease/wildlife management.

The student contractor will conduct research in close collaboration with wildlife managers and researchers at federal and state agencies. The contractor will work on a project related to hemorrhagic diseases affecting wild ruminants (e.g., deer and elk) in the western US. The work consists of literature review, compiling data and metadata, and, if time allows, conducting data analysis on the occurrence of hemorrhagic disease. The work will also involve participation in meetings with wildlife managers across different agencies. This position offers opportunities to develop research products including presentations and publications.

This is not a position announcement. **If you are interested in this position, please provide the following, addressed to Wynne Moss via email (wmoos@usgs.gov) by May 25, 2026.**

- Resume
- Letter describing your interest in this position