

Internship/Student Temporary Employment Opportunities at the Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District (DLWMD) has opportunities for summer employment for students in biology related disciplines such as wildlife management, ecology, GIS, and environmental studies. Students will gain experience in wildlife management in the northern tallgrass prairie ecosystem. Duties will include wetland and prairie restoration and management including invasive species control, prairie seed harvest, fish control, and water management. Wildlife and plant surveys, mapping with GPS and GIS, maintenance activities, and volunteer and public use programs will also be part of the work.



The DLWMD is located in northwest Minnesota and manages over 42,000 acres of public land in 165 Waterfowl Production Areas in a five county area. Additionally, the DLWMD is responsible for more than 300 wetland and upland easements on private property, totaling more than 11,000 acres. These "jewels of the prairie" are part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, a system of lands where wildlife comes first. The DLWMD is divided into three general landscape areas, roughly equal in size. From west to east, these are: the Red River Valley floodplain, the glacial moraine/prairie pothole region, and the hardwood/coniferous forest. Land acquisition and management efforts are focused in the prairie pothole region of the district, with a goal of providing habitat for nesting waterfowl.

The DLWMD also manages Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge is currently 3170 acres with ongoing restoration of prairie wetland habitats for waterfowl and other migratory birds.

The Detroit Lakes area is full of recreational opportunities with many lakes and a variety of landscapes to explore. It's a great place to spend the summer. Check out our web site at:

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/DetroitLakes>

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