

Job Description: Contract Wildlife Veterinarian (Part-time)

This position is funded through the USFWS Zoonotic Disease Initiative and will involve working closely with our Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife (NNDFW) staff. The Wildlife Veterinarian will provide consultation and field support to NNDFW staff and aid in the creation of a Zoonotic Preparedness and Response Plan. The Veterinarian will also provide assistance to Navajo Resource Enforcement (livestock management) within the Division of Natural Resources.

Responsibilities:

- Review and interpret disease testing results conducted by NNDFW, providing comprehensive summaries and recommendations for concerning findings and trends (remotely).
- Train NNDFW staff in necropsy procedures, sample collection methods, and assist with sample processing, storage, and submission (in-person and remotely).
- Assist in the preparation of testing supplies and equipment and provide field support during wildlife captures and mortality events (in-person and remotely).
- Provide veterinarian services and assist with blood and nasal sample collection from domestic sheep as part of the Navajo Bighorn Recovery Project, which aims to investigate potential disease reservoirs and spillover risks (in-person).
- Support Resource Enforcement in developing Animal Health Requirements for the transfer of livestock to and from the Navajo Nation for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 (remotely).
- Keep NNDFW and Resource Enforcement staff informed about current and regional livestock diseases of concern that may impact Navajo Nation (remotely).

Requirements:

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree or equivalent.
- Experience in wildlife veterinary medicine, zoonotic disease surveillance, and wildlife management. Strong knowledge of disease testing procedures, necropsy techniques, and sample collection methods.
- Excellent communication skills to effectively train staff, provide comprehensive reports, and collaborate with different stakeholders.
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively in field and remote settings.
- Understanding of regional livestock diseases and their implications for wildlife populations.

Part-time salary: hourly rate will be \$75/hr. The vet will need to dedicate approximately 528 hours of remote (80%) and in-person (20%) work tasks ($\$75/\text{hr} \times 528 \text{ hrs} = \$39,600$) within the 1-yr grant period. To complete portions of their field work for this project, the vet will travel for

approximately 30 days, with total per diem of \$157/day (meals @ \$59/day + lodging @ \$98/day) and spending a total of 30 days x \$157/day = \$4,710 for lodging and meals. We estimate they may need to travel approximately 4,000 miles to complete all field work required for this project. With a mileage rate of \$0.575/mile, they will spend 4,000 miles x \$0.575 = \$2,300 on personal vehicle costs. Mileage rates are standard FY 2020 approved Navajo Nation rates for use of a personal vehicle. **Total Wildlife Veterinarian Contract Salary: \$46,610.**

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