

Fence Volunteer Job Description



Summary Description

The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation has been removing and lowering fences for almost 30 years. With the help of our partners, landowners and volunteers we have removed over 230 miles of fencing. The west is covered with thousands of miles of barbed wire fences that no longer serve their purpose. Wildlife can be entangled in these fences and the results can be deadly. In addition, migration patterns can be disrupted by these fences. Our goal is to modify or remove fences to keep wildlife safe and allow wildlife to move freely. Volunteers are incredibly important to fence work. Each fence project can range from 1 mile of fence to 6 miles of fence. Without our volunteers, we would not have the ability to remove the amount needed to make a huge impact.

Time Commitment

Volunteers can expect a weekday or weekend daytime commitment throughout the summer. April-October is fence removal/modification season. Fence project days usually start at 9am and are done by 2pm.

Progression

We are in the process of creating a volunteer award system to keep track of volunteer hours and have awards for long time volunteers. More to come soon!

Job Duties

- Help remove barbed wire fence or modify fence to make it wildlife friendly, instruction provided on arrival.
- Work as a team to roll wire and load in vehicle for recycling.
- Use tools to remove and cut wire.
- If lowering fence, lower the wire towards the ground.
- Snacks and drinks are provided, we are trying to get sponsors for lunch!

Qualification and Skills

- Open to anyone who wants to protect wildlife and create a more permeable landscape.
- We recommend volunteers have an up-to-date Tetanus shot
- Be willing to hike steep and uneven terrain and carry heavy wire

- Be willing to work in all kinds of weather, terrain and in remote areas.
- Must sign a waiver before volunteering.

Expectations

- To show up on time with a positive attitude.
- To work from 9am-2pm.
- To be willing to learn and work as a team.
- To come prepared in proper clothing (long sleeves, long pants, eye protection and close-toed shoes).