

# Moose Day Volunteer Job Description



## Summary Description

Moose Day is an annual census of the moose population in Jackson Hole. Observations made by citizen-scientists on Moose Day are combined with data collected by wildlife managers to paint a more accurate picture of moose numbers in the area. It takes place each year in late February or early March. This project first started in 2009, in collaboration with Steve Kilpatrick former Habitat Biologist at Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD).

## Time Commitment

Volunteers will be expected to help monitor moose on the specified day in February or March. This is typically a 5-6 hour time commitment depending on the designated area.

## Progression

This is a general position for all moose-day volunteers.

## Job Duties

- Use of binoculars/spotting scope to properly identify moose
- Accurately record and identify moose in the designated area
- Writing observations in a cold, outdoor environment

## Qualification and Skills

- Open to anyone who loves to observe wildlife
- Patience while observing wildlife to note behavior(s)
- Must attend a 2-hour Moose-day training session
- Topo Maps and/or GPS use
- Ability to maneuver through snowy, uneven terrain as needed
- Observers can ski, snowshoe, drive, or walk depending on the assigned area

## Expectations

- Communicate with the NMJH Program Coordinator in a timely manner as needed