

# 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. Without volunteers, we would not be able to make the significant impact that we do.

## Time Commitment

You can join for one day or every volunteer day throughout the summer. Volunteer days are usually every other week from the end of May to the beginning of October. Fence project days usually start at 9am and end by 2pm. A project may cover a half mile to 6 miles of fence.

## Volunteer Tracking and Awards

We are in the process of creating a volunteer award system to keep track of volunteer hours and recognize the contributions volunteers make. More to come soon!

## Job Duties

- Help remove barbed wire and wooden fence or modify fence to make it wildlife friendly. Instruction provided on site.
- Work as a team to pull nails or roll wire and load in vehicle for recycling.
- Use tools to disassemble wooden fence or remove and roll wire.

## Qualification and Skills

- Open to anyone who wants to protect wildlife and create a more permeable landscape.
- 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.

## Expectations

- To show up on time with a positive attitude.
- To commit to the whole day of work. Half days are welcome if discussed ahead.
- 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) - durable or clothing you don't mind snagging on wire.
- To sign a waiver before volunteering
- To have an up-to-date tetanus shot

## We provide

- Snacks and drinks. Some days we can provide lunch (we will let you know ahead of time)
- Gloves, tools, and safety equipment