



Fence Volunteer

Job Description

Summary of Project

Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation has been removing and modifying fences for 30 years. With the help of our partners, landowners, and volunteers, we have removed over 240 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. Our volunteers are the heart of these efforts—without their dedication, these ambitious habitat restoration projects would not be possible.

Time Commitment

There is no minimum 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 8am and end by 2-3pm. A project may cover a half mile to 6 miles of fence.

Progression

The Fence Volunteer Position is a general position with no established progression. However, some of our more seasoned volunteers may at times be asked to provide additional support.

Volunteer Tracking and Awards

We track volunteer hours to recognize individuals who make significant contributions at the end of the season. Those with the most volunteer hours are often recognized and offered prizes!

Job Duties

- Help remove barbed wire and wooden fence or modify fence to make it wildlife friendlier (Instruction provided on site).
- Pull fencing nails or roll wire and load in vehicle for recycling.
- Work as a team to roll wire into a winder.
- Use tools to disassemble wooden fence.

Qualifications and Skills

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

- Be willing to work on uneven terrain and remove barbed wire. Some projects may require hiking on steep slopes and carrying heavy wire.
- Be willing to work in all kinds of weather, terrain, and remote areas.

Expectations

- To show up on time with a positive attitude.
- Be prepared to participate for the duration of the volunteer event. 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 bring lunch, water bottle, and backpack.
- To sign a waiver before volunteering.
- Reliable transportation to the meeting locations.
- To have an up-to-date tetanus shot.

We provide

- Training.
- Snacks and water coolers.
- Gloves, tools, and safety equipment.