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Position: PhD Graduate Research Assistant

Organizations: University of North Dakota in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and Ducks Unlimited

Location: Grand Forks, ND (UND) and Central North Dakota (fieldwork)

Job Description: We are seeking a highly motivated PhD student to participate in a project evaluating the impacts of high impact short duration grazing on nesting birds (primarily songbirds but also grouse and ducks). The successful applicant will be responsible for leading field crews (3 to 8 people), working with landowners and cooperating agencies, maintaining and proofing data, conducting analysis on nesting bird and vegetation responses to grazing practices, and providing outreach about the project for local landowner groups. Funding is available for a pilot year (summer 2020) and three subsequent field seasons. Students will be encouraged to consider additional components of the project that fit their interests and will enhance project deliverables.

Start Date: Pilot year of field data collection will begin May 15th and PhD position will officially begin in Fall 2020.

Qualifications: M.S. degree in wildlife biology, zoology, rangeland management, or related field. GREs are required. Preference will be given to students with a background in grassland birds, population modeling, prairie ecology, and/or rangeland management. The successful applicant will also need to be highly motivated, passionate about avian ecology and management, and possess strong organizational and communication skills.

Compensation: \$2400/month + tuition waiver

How to Apply: Please send a resume or CV, cover letter, and contact information for 3 references to Dr. Susan Felege (susan.felege@email.und.edu). Deadline to apply is March 15th, although we will begin screening for applicants immediately and continue until the positions are filled.