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Job Description

The School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University is seeking a qualified individual for a postdoctoral Fellowship to provide leadership and support for the National Damage Assessment Program (NDAP) of the USDA's Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program at Auburn University, in Auburn, Alabama. The NDAP is a joint damage assessment program among principal investigators from Auburn University, Texas A&M University, and Colorado State University and funded through a grant by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program (FSCP) was established by the 2018 Farm Bill in response to the threat feral swine pose to agriculture, native ecosystems, and human and animal health. The USDA NRCS and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have been directed to work cooperatively in pilot areas to study and assess the nature and extent of damage caused by feral swine, remove them, and restore the land. The USDA NRCS funded approximately 34

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pilot projects in 12 states (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas) during 2020-2021 with state and NGO project partners within each state to address this mission.

The purpose of the National Damage Assessment Program is to coordinate the collection of standardized damage data and information on the reduction of feral swine damage to agriculture among all project partners through implementation of the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program. The NDAP provides training to project states on data collection, collates survey data collected by partners, and analyzes data for reporting, research, and publication purposes at a national/project-wide level. Quantitative survey data, monitoring outcomes, and case study data will be collated into final products showcasing FSCP outcomes following feral swine removal and implementing restoration on the impacted lands. The person selected for this position will work under the supervision of the Auburn University academic partner on the campus of Auburn University to provide support and leadership for NDAP project partners.

Specifically, this position will work with project partners to ensure timely and accurate data collection, collate outputs from other monitoring activities occurring within pilot projects, and develop semi-technical products to communicate the outcomes of the NDAP. This position will work closely not only with project partners in each of the FSCP states, but also with the other academic partners of the NDAP, NRCS Outcomes Team, and the USDA APHIS National Feral Swine Damage Management Program. In addition to these responsibilities, there is considerable opportunity to analyze and publish previously collected datasets. This is a 24-month, limited-term, non-tenure track position and is funded by the School of Forestry and Wildlife Science through a grant from the USDA NRCS for up to two years. Continued employment is contingent on the availability of funding and satisfactory performance.

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