



## **INVASIVE SPECIES**

### **Rangeland Internship Program**

Wyoming Stock Growers Association

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This internship is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists and range specialists real-world and hands-on experience implementing the educational tools already gained. This paid internship will last for three months during the summer where interns will work, learn, and gain valuable insight from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Wyoming. A stipend of \$1,800 will be given at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the mentoring ranch and the possibility of 1-3 credit hours. Students are responsible for working with their advisor/professor to obtain credit hours. Sophomore, Junior, Senior or Grad students majoring in any natural resource related field are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

#### **Program Goals**

The internship program seeks to bring an on-the-ground focus to actions that halt the expansion of invasive plant species and recover native rangeland habitats. The program will accomplish this in three ways: 1) Identify and provide additional workforce to landowners who have demonstrated a commitment to control and eradication of invasive species; 2) Provide practical experience in addressing invasive species issues to college students engaged in rangeland management disciplines; 3) Publicize these efforts in a manner that motivates other landowners to commit to invasive species eradication.

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The selected interns will be required to engage in daily ranch work with a focus on those activities that impact the management of the vegetative resource including invasive species. These activities may include direct control actions on invasives and the management of livestock under systems that foster strengthening native vegetation while discouraging the spread of invasives.

The mentor ranchers will be required to commit to a protocol that includes engaging the interns in both the physical activities and the decision making that relates to managing a healthy rangeland and eradicating or controlling the spread of invasives.

The interns will be required to submit weekly reports to WSGA outlining their learning experiences, in particular those related to invasive species management. These reports will be posted on the WSGA's blog and social media pages. Interns will also be required to attend the WSGA Environmental Stewardship Tour and to participate in any additional activities related to invasives management that may occur during the term of the internship.

## To apply:

Please include a current transcript, one letter of recommendation, typed one-page essay describing how this internship opportunity will further your educational experience and a complete application. Please find form below. Attach essay and other supporting materials to the application form if mailing to the WSGA office or submit together as an email attachment. Please send to: Wyoming Stock Growers Assn. Attn: Rangeland Internship Program, P.O. Box 206, Cheyenne, WY 82003 or by email to info@wysga.org.

There will be two parts to the application process for the Rangeland Internship Program; approval of the following application and if approved, a phone interview with the Internship Selection Committee in the following weeks after the application deadline.

### Rangeland Internship Program Student Application

*Please Print or Type*

Date Application Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (*If different from above*): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I can be reached at my current address until: \_\_\_\_\_

at the following times \_\_\_\_\_ on the following days \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male/ Female (*This question is asked if more than one intern is stationed at the same location.*)

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Major and/Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Institution of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I will be available for the full internship period of at least 11 to 12 weeks beginning \_\_\_\_\_ and ending \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Year in School: \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_ Graduate Student

- Do you plan on obtaining college credit for this internship? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- Contact information for Advisor and/or Professor:

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2. I have, \_\_\_\_ have not, \_\_\_\_ had rangeland/natural resources and/or field experience. Please detail your experience, if any:

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4. I have, \_\_\_\_ have not, \_\_\_\_ had experience working with livestock (cattle, horses, sheep, etc.) Please detail your experience, if any:

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5. I can bring the following equipment for my personal use at the site to which I am assigned (i.e. Hiking/cowboy boots, hat, gloves, bedding, etc.) :

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7. Please list outdoor experience that you have had: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What are your agriculture and natural resource career goals (*Please be as detailed as possible*)?

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9. What information and/or experience do you hope to obtain from this internship?

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10. Please list any certified first-aid training that you have received, or may receive before site activation  
(*Not a requirement, but useful*):

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11. You will be expected to provide your own transportation to the ranch. It is desirable to have a vehicle through the entire internship period.

If this will not be possible, please explain:

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12. The type of vehicle you will be bringing:

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13. By signing below, I understand that there are stringent physical health requirements to be met by persons receiving a position and I certify by my signature on this application that I am in good health and have no physical defects, diseases, or problems that would affect my performance on ranch operations.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that false information may result in denial of a temporary position.

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Date

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Applicant Signature (*Electronic or hand-written*)