

**Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**

(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Division: Conservation Education

Budget Code: 24350

Center Title: Division of Conservation Education – Centennial Education Center

Center Number: 2133

*** Position Information ***

Proposed Classification: Television Producer Director I

Proposed Salary Grade: 65

Salary Range: \$27,818 - \$41,639

Proposed Effective Date: 06 / 01 / 06

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> (min + fringe)
Total Budget	\$ 727,125.00	\$ 35,591.00
Receipts	<u>\$ 727,125.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,591.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Source(s): 50% Federal Aid Grant F35 – 50% WRC

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

- ready the technical set up and operation of the Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education's Distance Learning Interactive Videoconferencing programs utilizing H.323-protocol streaming internet delivery
- technical direction of live interactive videoconferences
- archive and duplicate interactive videoconferences using the digital video disc recorder, hard drive and videocassette recorder
- facilitate and archive video streams of wildlife education center videoconferences using computer software
- instruct and support educators in the operation of new technical equipment such as the flex cam, Windows personal computers using Word, PowerPoint, Internet Explorer, and other software
- troubleshoot and maintain technical equipment used for distance learning interactive videoconferences. Resolve technical issues by working with ITS personnel and the Distance Learning Coordinator, contractors, and other center and agency staff
- technical direction of live on-air programming
- route audio and video signals to send audio and video throughout the center for special events such as meetings, auditorium events and remote classroom activities
- edit video content for archiving and streaming
- monitor, adjust, maintain and oversee the center's exhibit audio visual systems

Statutory Reference for Request

The Wildlife Resources Commission is charged by General Statute 113-132 with the management, regulation, protection, and conservation of wildlife resources and inland fisheries in North Carolina. The Division of Conservation Education is responsible for implementing the requirements of G.S. 113-132 by providing formal and informal education to the citizens of the state.

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Agency: N C Wildlife Resources Comm. Division: Wildlife Management

Budget Code: 24350 Center Title: Wildlife Management Center Number: 2151

*** Position Information ***

Proposed Classification: Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist I Proposed Salary Grade: 67

Salary Range: \$30,045 - \$47,735 Proposed Effective Date: 06/01/2006

Number of Positions: 3 (Time-Limited)

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> (min + fringes)
Total Budget	\$ 11,264,370.00	\$ 114,375 .00
Receipts	\$ 11,264,370.00	114,375.00
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Source(s): WRC Receipts / CURE Funds

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

Provide technical assistance and support to implement the Cooperative Upland Habitat Restoration and Enhancement (CURE) Program to restore declining populations of early succession wildlife on private lands in the western piedmont CURE Focal Area.

• **Technical Assistance**

Employees will work at the local and regional level with landowners, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Wildlife Management Division staff to develop, implement, and monitor CURE conservation plans.

Employees will design wildlife habitat management practices, including the development of detailed practice specifications; will provide technical assistance to support the installation of wildlife management practices cost-shared by the Commission or through the Farm Bill; and will prepare approximately 20 conservation plans per year. Plans will include the necessary technical information for the landowner to establish and maintain quality habitat conditions for the life of the plan. Monitoring of wildlife populations will be implemented to evaluate the effectiveness of habitat improvements.

Employees will be stationed near the Turnersburg, Rowland, and Benthall Plantation CURE area and will provide technical support for development of all aspects of wildlife management components in CURE plans and will be participating in on-site inspections for verification of plan compliance.

• **Training and Coordination**

Employees will work with NCWRC, NRCS and SWCD to provide wildlife habitat training and technical support to landowners, contractors, and agency personnel. Training will involve updating WRC personnel regarding CURE program practices. Employees will also prepare and deliver wildlife management training programs for NRCS, other technical service providers, and landowners.

• **Monitoring Expenditure of CURE Funds**

Employees will provide technical oversight to the expenditure of CURE funds. Many of the programs include cost share incentive payments to the landowner for specific habitat management practices. Practices must be established and maintained according to defined criteria in order to qualify for payment. The employee must insure that CURE plans meet these criteria. Actual payments will be made by the Commission and other agencies supporting the programs used.

- **Outreach**

Employees will advise and participate in identifying and implementing outreach opportunities to enhance private landowner understanding of integration of biological considerations with agriculture and forestry programs. This may involve preparation of written material, coordination of meetings and/or workshops, or conducting workshops. Employees may be required to give presentations at landowner meetings as well as to a variety of farm based associations and organizations.

- **Continuing Education**

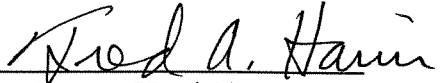
Employees will participate in training sessions to improve his/her working knowledge of all aspects of conservation; will be responsible for keeping abreast of current wildlife management and farming techniques as they apply to the conservation plans. Formal training sessions may be available on occasion. In addition, information will be provided at routine Technical Guidance staff meetings and by the District Technical Guidance Biologist. The employee is expected to review current journals that are applicable to the implementation of farm conservation plans.

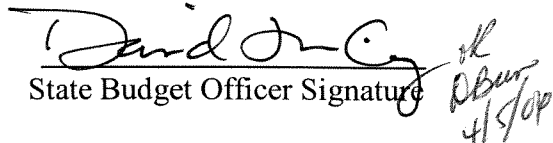
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