



# ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER



## PUBLIC INTEREST SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENTIST MIDWEST



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## Protecting Midwest's Wild and Great Places, Wildlife, and Biodiversity

***The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is the Midwest's leading environmental legal advocacy organization. ELPC drives transformational policy changes with national impacts.***

ELPC embraces smart, persuasive advocacy to win the most important environmental cases and create positive solutions to protect the Midwest's environmental quality and vital natural resources. Their teamwork approach uses legal, economic, scientific and public policy analysis, and communications advocacy tools to succeed. ELPC's strategic legal advocacy and eco-business dealmaking involve proposing solutions when they oppose threats to the Midwest's environment.

ELPC shows that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together by putting sustainability principles into practice. ELPC effectively advances climate solutions by accelerating clean renewable energy alternatives to conventional power plants and advancing clean transportation solutions. ELPC protects the Great Lakes and defends the Midwest's wild and natural places, and ELPC fights for safe, clean water and healthy, clean air for all. ELPC combines effective public interest litigation with strategic policy advocacy, sound science, and economic analysis. ELPC produces strong results for the environment in the courtrooms, boardrooms, and legislative hearing rooms across the pivotal Midwest states and in Washington D.C.

ELPC was founded in 1993 after a year-long strategic planning process sponsored by seven major foundations. They have achieved a strong track record of successes on both national and regional clean energy development and pollution reduction, transportation and land use reform, and natural resources protection issues. ELPC brings a new form of creative public advocacy effectively linking environmental progress and economic development that improves the quality of life in Midwestern communities.

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## The Opportunity

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is hiring a talented Senior Natural Resources Scientist with a Ph.D (preferred) or an M.A. or M.S. in conservation biology, water science, or related fields. This full-time ELPC senior staff position focuses on science-based public interest environmental advocacy to protect the Midwest's public lands, the Great Lakes, wildlife and biodiversity will be based in ELPC's Chicago HQ, Minneapolis or Washington DC offices. ELPC's scientist will work with public interest litigation attorneys, policy advocates, economists and communications specialists to educate and inform policy makers and advance natural resources protections across the Midwest's 50 National Parks, and many National Wilderness Areas, National Wildlife and Fish Refuges, National Tallgrass Prairies, National Forests and National Lakeshores. The ELPC Natural Resource Scientist will help develop the biological and scientific case for policy changes and litigation outcomes that ELPC is seeking, whether it be better management of public lands to reduce climate or biodiversity impacts, designations of additional protected wilderness areas, stronger and smarter regulations and permit requirements, or effective challenges to new or expanded fossil fuel infrastructure.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ Work with ELPC's public interest attorneys and policy specialists to assess development impacts and other threats to the Great Lakes and the Midwest's Wild and Natural Places, and advance strategic advocacy with strong science-based environmental solutions.
- ❖ Work with ELPC's Great Places – Great Lakes Program team to protect key at-risk wild and natural places in the Midwest including the four-state Driftless Area landscape (IA-IL-MN-WI), the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, the Great Lakes – especially Lake Michigan and Lake Erie (plagued by toxic algal blooms), and the Northwoods.
- ❖ Work closely with ELPC's stellar Science Advisory Council across multiple project opportunities.
- ❖ Identify published research relevant to ELPC's advocacy campaigns and outreach to the scientific community to build support for our work.
- ❖ Engage with the ELPC team on a new initiative to expand protected National Wilderness Areas in the Midwest, and protect the 50 National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, National Lakeshores, and National Tallgrass Prairies.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Ph.D (preferred) or an M.A. or M.S. in conservation biology, water science, or related fields
- ❖ Strong technical writing and communication skills, with the ability to successfully multi-task on multiple projects.
- ❖ Knowledge of the Midwest/Great Lakes region is strongly preferred.
- ❖ Data analysis and presentation skills, including working knowledge of GIS and statistical programs.
- ❖ Enjoy working with ELPC litigation attorneys to advance ELPC's goal of driving transformational policy changes in the Midwest with national impacts.



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**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience and with ELPC's salary structure, which is competitive with other major public interest environmental law organizations. Excellent benefits provided.



Applications can be submitted at <http://driconsulting.com/ELPC-scientist>

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All first-round interviews for this position will take place at Development Resources, *inc.* at 1820 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 702, Arlington, VA 22209, (703) 294-6684, or via telephone/video conference.

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ELPC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is seeking a diverse slate of candidates for formal consideration.



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