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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application to your student internship program. As stated in your mission I strongly believe conservation and research go hand in hand. I believe that my professional and academic experiences have prepared me to surpass the expectations of this role, and to truly be an asset to your team.

During my 3 years at Unity College I participated in USFWS and Maine DOT sanctioned scat, track, and vegetation surveys which tested habitat connectivity models for threatened species along roadways in Unity, ME. I am experienced in many computer programs including Rstudio, excel, power point, and GIS. The classes I have taken at Unity College have been specifically chosen to drive me in the direction of field work. Because of this I have used radio telemetry, GPS, map and compass, successfully identified scats and tracks of North American Mammals, identified North American Mammals from their skulls, and identified birds from their calls and appearance. These skills have prepared be to be a quick learner and identify key characteristics that will help me in the field. In addition, my background in computer programs makes me invaluable in the office.

In me, you’ll find an enthusiastic and competent team member who is ready to do whatever task is placed in front of me in an efficient matter. I am also self-driven and thrive independently but also work very well in a group. I worked with forty-two other people in my Habitat Assessment and Management class to put together a working plan to test a Habitat Connectivity model for USFWS which we then pursued and researched for the State of Maine. I enjoy having a positive attitude and creating a productive and enjoyable work environment!

Thank you for considering my application for the student internship, as this role is one I am truly excited about. I hope we have the chance to discuss this opportunity further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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