

C O P Y

Soils Building  
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Dear Sam:

The new soil erosion service of the Department of Interior, of which Dr. H. H. Bennett is chief, has asked me to recommend a game manager for the staff of a new erosion demonstration to be controlled under the public works bill in western Wisconsin. The project is not yet finally approved and its nature and location are confidential for the present. If approved, the duration of the work is 1-1/2 years.

It is proposed to take several townships of farm land and reorganize the physical layout to bring about a combination of farming, forestry, game management and erosion control. Fences are to be moved and erosion dams installed by C.C.C. camps. The crop yield, timber yield, game yield, stream discharge and silt load are to be measured before and after the change.

A game manager is needed to (a) census the area this winter and inaugurate feeding at once to save the present high stock of quail, (b) collaborate with the farming and forestry staff in making the new layout yield as much game range as possible, and (c) organize the farmers for the orderly harvesting of the game crop.

There will be need, of course, for continued technical supervision of game management, but there is no financial assurance that the project will continue that long.

Another way to describe the game manager's work is to say that he has the opportunity of applying to a definite area Errington's accumulated findings, which have so far not been applied to actual land.

If the project goes through, Errington will be asked to act in an advisory capacity.

Have you any graduate game managers who would qualify? If so, can you give me a rating of their strong and weak points, their addresses, and what you think is the salary which must be offered them? If you have any especially strong men who are available, you are at liberty to send them a copy of this letter with the suggestion that they communicate with me direct, but with the request that the project be not publicly discussed until further notice.

A game manager with forestry training is preferred, since he will have to work very closely with the forester and with the agricultural staff. It is, of course, essential that the candidate be an executive as well as a research man.

Sincerely yours,

ALDO LEOPOLD