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Why I Love My Job

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It certainly is not for the money. Though the pay and benefits are good, one will never become rich. The riches are in knowing that in my own small way, I am making the world a better place. So whenever a visitor comes into the visitor center to find out what walk I am leading because each year this is a highlight of their vacation, or a couple tells me how I have influenced the lives of their children or when a visitor comes up to me after a program and says it really sparked their interest in the subject, then I feel like the richest woman on earth.

Added to these riches, I have the opportunity to use my biology degree out in the field. It is a small enough agency that I have held an endangered Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel in my hands, and had the thrill of assisting an endangered peregrine falcon, and knowing I was helping gather information to save these species.

When it comes right down to it, I love my job because I believe it is worthwhile and the USFWS lets me know I am valued as an employee.