

Outreach

Permanent Position

Río Grande National Forest



INTERDISCIPLINARY: Social Scientist/Natural Resource Specialist

Lands, Recreation/Heritage and Wilderness Program Manager

GS-0101/0401-12

The Río Grande National Forest will be filling a permanent fulltime position of Forest Lands, Recreation/Heritage and Wilderness Program Manager, GS-0101/0401-12. This position is located at the Río Grande Supervisor's Office located in Monte Vista, CO. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. The Río Grande National Forest is the headwaters for the mighty Río Grande River. The Río Grande National Forest is looking for a dynamic motivated individual to join their team and help manage these important resources while working in the majestic grandeur of southern Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Interested applicants should contact Jody Fairchild at jfairchild@fs.fed.us or (719)852-6221.

INTRODUCTION. Incumbent provides overall lands, recreation, and heritage program management for the Río Grande National Forest. The Río Grande National Forest does not have Staff Officers therefore this position reports directly to the Deputy Forest Supervisor.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Provides strategic guidance and leadership to the lands, recreation, and heritage programs and associated program areas such as special uses, wilderness, and trails Management
- Provides advice on all aspects of acquisition, disposal, and land rights,
- Provides advice on cases concerning land adjustments
- Provides direction and support of non-recreation and recreation special use program
- Provides technical support and facilitates an interdisciplinary approach to the development of long-range resource management action plans and short-range operations for lands, recreation, and heritage management.
- Analyzes and recommends priorities and adjustments based on changing direction from the Region, rate of progress toward goals and objectives, resource capabilities, changing economics.
- Provides support in the areas listed above to Forest Plan Revision
- Budget Program Management for Recreation, Trails, Wilderness, Lands, Special Uses, Heritage Programs
- Works closely with engineering
- Develops and maintains strong working relationships with public

Supervision of 3 permanent employees; a realty specialist, archeologist, and landscape architect.

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If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form. All responses or requests for further information should be sent to Jody Fairchild, jfairchild@fs.fed.us or 719 852-6221

**** RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST ****

The Rio Grande NF is 1.82 million acres located in south-central Colorado. The Forest embraces the San Luis Valley, a large rural agricultural valley. The Forest presents a myriad of ecosystems, from the 7,600-ft. alpine desert floor to over 14,300-ft. mountains in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness on the eastern side. The Continental Divide runs for 236 miles along most of the western border of the Forest. The Rio Grande NF offers a wide range of recreational settings and opportunities. Portions of four Wilderness Areas (South San Juan, Weminuche, La Garita and Sangre de Cristo) and the headwaters of the Rio Grande River fall within the Forest. Recreational opportunities abound to include Wolf Creek Ski Area, over 1,300 miles of trails, premier fishing and hunting opportunities as well as scenic byways and a national scenic trail.

**** MONTE VISTA ****

Supervisor's Office - Rio Grande National Forest

Monte Vista, 14 miles east of Del Norte and 17 miles west of Alamosa, is home to the Rio Grande NF Supervisor's Office. This rural community of just over 5,000 has amenities and facilities to cover all basic necessities. The downtown shopping area offers a variety of specialty shops, chain stores and service providers. Schools in Monte Vista include an elementary school, junior high school and senior high school. The schools are modern and well-staffed. Agri-business is still the number one employer in

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the San Luis Valley. Price ranges for homes will vary, with an average 2-3 bedroom 2 bath in town house going around \$150,000. There are numerous local real estate businesses happy to provide current market information.

**** SAN LUIS VALLEY ****

Larger than the state of Rhode Island, the San Luis Valley (SLV) is the largest and highest agricultural alpine valley in the world. The Valley floor rests at 7600'. To the west of the SLV is the San Juan Mountains ecosystem, the headwaters of the Rio Grande River and the Continental Divide. To the east, the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range, complete with multiple "14'ers", stand guard over this incredibly beautiful, very rural and isolated area.

Denver, CO is 4-hours north and Albuquerque, NM 4-hours south. While there are some excellent shopping opportunities locally, if you just get the itch to experience some hustle and bustle Durango, Pueblo, and Colorado Springs are 2-3 hours away.

Long summer days in the 80's transition through a colorful and crisp fall. Winters can be somewhat extreme, with temperatures dipping well below zero and, in some years, frequent snows, however the low mountain humidity and abundance of sunshine help mitigate the affect.

The San Luis Valley is home to Adams State University as well as the Alamosa Campus for Trinidad State Junior College. Medical, dental, and vision clinics are located in many of the Valley communities as well as hospitals in the towns of Del Norte, Alamosa, and La Jara.

Information on the Web:

<http://www.monte-vista.org/>

<http://www.alamosa.org/chamber-of-commerce>

<http://www.delnortechamber.org/>

www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande

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Monte Vista CO, Rio Grande NF; Supervisors Office
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

Please respond to

Jody Fairchild at jfairchild@fs.fed.us or (719)852-6221

Response due April 20, 2016

Name _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary ____ Student/Intern ____ Contractor ____ Other ____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

____ Veterans Readjustment

____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

____ Other _____