



USDA Forest Service
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
Thunder Basin National Grassland

Outreach Date: 11/16/2012

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland will soon be advertising for a Lead Forestry Technician (Recreation). This permanent seasonal position is located in the Laramie Ranger District.

TITLE, SERIES, GRADE

LOCATION

Lead Recreation Technician
Forestry Technician, GS-0462-6/7
Permanent seasonal (18 & 8) position

Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Pre-Vacancy Announcement

The vacancy announcement number for this position has yet to be established. The vacancy announcement will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. Individuals that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement on the USAJOBS.gov website by the yet to be determined closing date of the vacancy announcement. This position may be advertised under both merit promotion (internal) and demonstration project (external) procedures under separate announcements. Applicants who wish to be considered under both procedures must apply to each announcement and follow the specific instructions applicable to each procedure. The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official upon closing of the vacancy announcement. All applicants found to be qualified, and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

If you are interested in this position, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form by December 17, 2012. We will notify the respondents when the job is posted on www.usajobs.gov.

Applicants can set up an alert on USAJOBS.gov citing the Series/Location and grade that will also notify them when the announcement is posted.

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THE POSITION

Primary duties of the position include operation and maintenance of a diverse developed and dispersed recreation program. Attributes and duties of the applicant should include:

- Strong leadership skills are a must to be fully qualified for this position. Ability to direct/lead recreation technicians to accomplish agency goals. Ability to demonstrate self-motivation, take initiative and problem solve. Demonstrates safe and professional working attitude.

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- Leads construction/maintenance projects in the field. Provides day to day supervision of recreation personnel (PFT & PSE Technicians and Temporary Staff) for project implementation, training, scheduling, and records keeping. Provides project oversight, project scheduling, and quality control.
- Assists in recruitment, coordination, and oversight of volunteers. Leads volunteer partners in performing various recreation projects. Demonstrates excellent interpersonal and communication skills when dealing with the public and other disciplines within the Agency.
- Assists District Recreation Staff with developed site condition surveys, inventories, and Travel Management implementation. Inspects campgrounds and other developed recreation sites for compliance with safety and accessibility standards and infrastructure maintenance requirements. Surveys and removes hazard trees.
- Assists in recreation management including compliance, monitoring and visitor contact for information dissemination and includes all facets of a diverse recreation program. Ability to provide a high level of customer service to visitors, volunteers and co-workers.
- Acquires and maintains certification as a Contracting Officer Representative, Fee Collection Officer and Forest Protection Officer. Enforces Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as required. Oversees collection of fees. Ability to explain and enforces use regulations including the Travel Management Rule and Forest Closure Orders. This position will require a background check.
- Experience with recreation water systems and ensuring compliance with EPA drinking water standards.
- Experience cleaning and maintaining developed recreation sites and campgrounds.
- Ability to utilize hand and power tools including chainsaws (B certified faller needed) for maintenance and construction. The successful applicant will have strong technical skills in construction and related machinery.
- Maintains a valid state and agency Driver's License. Ability to gain certification in Off Highway Vehicle (OHV/ATV), Snowmobile, Bobcat and skid steer operations.
- Assists the District's winter recreation program through maintenance, cleaning, plowing, and grooming of facilities and snow trails. Fulfills grooming agreements with partners.
- Assists with placement of boat docks at beginning and close of season, maintain throughout season.
- Assists sign coordinator for the District, including inventory, ordering and coordination of installation for trailheads, roadways and interpretive signs.
- Provides assistance to wilderness and (motorized and non-motorized) trail crews.
- Opportunity for co-lateral duty as a wildland firefighter.
- Availability to work weekends and holidays.
- Ability to walk and climb in steep and uneven terrain; be exposed to adverse weather and insects; perform physical labor such as bending, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds or more; and deal with problem visitors.

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest & Thunder Basin National Grassland Information

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Medicine Bow contains 1,665,721 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It consists of three Ranger districts: Brush Creek/Hayden at Saratoga, Laramie District at Laramie, and the Douglas District / Thunder Basin National Grassland at Douglas.

The Routt National Forest is located in northern Colorado. It was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 as the Park Range Forest Reserve, and then the name changed to the Routt National Forest in honor of

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Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial and the first State Governor of Colorado. The Routt includes 1,126,650 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It now consists of three Ranger Districts: Hahn's Peak-Bears Ears at Steamboat Springs, Parks at Walden, and Yampa at Yampa. The Middle Park District at Kremmling is part of the Arapaho National Forest but is administered as part of the Routt, and as a part of the Parks District. It includes 232,846 acres of National Forest.

The Thunder Basin National Grassland is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. The Grassland ranges in elevation from 3,600 feet to 5,200 feet and the climate is semi-arid. Land patterns are very complex due to the intermingled federal, state, and private lands. The Grassland abounds with wildlife, provides forage for livestock, provides unique opportunities for recreation, and is underlain by vast mineral resources.

Major resource programs on the Forest include fire and fuel management, range, timber and other vegetation management, wildlife, minerals and recreation. The Forest has been heavily impacted by a mountain pine beetle epidemic which has more than 1.2 million acres of lodge pole pine. The large number of dead trees has increased the potential for large fires and the need for fire and fuels management.

Elevations on the Forest range from about 5,000 feet to over 12,000 feet. Vegetation varies from sage brush-grasslands at the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce, fir and aspen in the upper elevations. Wildlife is abundant, with antelope, elk, moose, mule deer, and white-tailed deer being the most common larger species.

Additional information about the Forests and Grassland can be found on our website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/>.

Laramie, Wyoming Community Information

The city of Laramie is located on the southeastern portion of Wyoming with a population of approximately 27,000. For more community information you can visit the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau website at <http://www.laramie-tourism.org>.

Laramie is at an elevation of 7,165 feet so the average summer temperature is a cool 78 degrees. Mild temperatures allow outdoors enthusiasts to enjoy their favorite pastime well into the fall. Autumn also brings hunting seasons for antelope, deer, elk, or game birds. The change of color of aspen leaves in the fall provides opportunity to drive through colorful surroundings that is beautiful and very relaxing.

Summer months offer opportunities to enjoy camping in nearby wilderness settings or well-maintained campgrounds, backpacking, fishing, river rafting, wind surfing, rock climbing, and guest ranch vacations. Jubilee Days, walking tours, museums, Wyoming Territorial Park, the scenic byway over the Snowy Range, and Lake Marie are favorite attractions for local residents and tourists.

The average annual snowfall in Laramie is 48.4 inches, but the surrounding mountains receive substantially more snow. The average winter high is 32 degrees with an average daily low of 9 degrees, but temperatures may drop below zero. Skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are favorite winter sports.

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Educational opportunities are plentiful in Laramie. Private schools are offered K-6; public K-12; junior college courses are offered locally through the Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The University of Wyoming is located in Laramie and is the only four-year institution in the state, serving the widespread population through modern technology and offering over 140 different academic programs.

The city of Laramie has approximately 16 Hotels/Motels; numerous restaurants; 1 hospital; doctors; dentist,, churches of various denominations; 7 museums; 11 municipal parks; 2 golf courses; sports; newspaper/daily circulation; radio; television/cable; several banks; several savings and loan associations; 1 public and 8 university libraries; 2 movie theaters; a bowling alley and retail shopping in historic downtown and surrounding areas. The city is protected by the Fire Department, local Police Department, Sheriff and the Highway Patrol.

Shopping Malls and additional entertainment can be found in the following surrounding cities:

Cheyenne, Wyoming - 50 Miles

Ft. Collins, Colorado - 67 miles

Denver, Colorado - 125 Miles

No government housing is available. The average purchase price of a single dwelling home is \$180,000 - \$250,000. Apartments units are in demand due to Laramie being a college town. The average cost of a one-bedroom apartment is \$500 - \$800 per month. Wyoming has a sales tax; however, there is no personal income tax.

Contact Information

Additional information about the position may be obtained from Recreation & Lands Staff Officer Ted Benson, at (307) 745-2390, or Laramie District Ranger at (307) 745-2337 or e-mail at tedbenson@fs.fed.us or feromero@fs.fed.us.

Outreach Response Form

Lead Recreation Technician, GS-0462-6/7, 18 & 8 (permanent seasonal)
Laramie Ranger District, Medicine Bow – Routt National Forests, Laramie, Wyoming
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region
Please respond by December 17, 2012, to:
Ted Benson - tedbenson@fs.fed.us / 307-745-2390

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send via e-mail to tedbenson@fs.fed.us. If you do not have access to e-mail please mail this form to: Laramie Ranger District, Attn. Ted Benson, 2468 Jackson Street, Laramie, Wyoming, 82070. Please respond no later than December 17, 2012.

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 _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.

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