

# USDA Forest Service – ApacheSitgreaves NFs Alpine Ranger District, Alpine AZ Pathways Internship



## 2013 Job Announcement

The USDA Forest Service, ApacheSitgreaves National Forests, Alpine Ranger District will soon be filling the following temporary Pathway internship positions for the summer season of 2013 from mid-May thru September.

**It is recommended that you apply as soon as the announcements are open to be considered for any of these positions, as announcements will only be open till the end of this week. February 25 – March 1, 2013.**

To apply for these internship jobs you will need to apply through USAJOBS website

**Job Announcement # for all three position titles below - 13-INTERN-NTE-0499-PW**  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/338455300>

## Please read the “Forest Service Pathways Student Hiring Program Fact Sheet for Applicants”

Position Title	GS Level	Location	Duty Station	Announcement #	# Position	POC
Student Trainee (Firefighter/Engine Crew Member)	GS-499-03	Alpine Arizona	Alpine Ranger District	PATHWAYS	3	Chris Johnson 928-339-5031 <a href="mailto:cjohnson15@fs.fed.us">cjohnson15@fs.fed.us</a>
Position Title	GS Level	Location	Duty Station	Announcement #	# Position	POC
Student Trainee (Biological Sciences)	GS-499-03	Alpine Arizona	Alpine Ranger District	PATHWAYS	1	Suzanne Grayson 928-339-5070 <a href="mailto:sgrayson@fs.fed.us">sgrayson@fs.fed.us</a>
Position Title	GS Level	Location	Duty Station	Announcement #	# Position	POC
Student Trainee (Trails)	GS-499-04/05	Alpine Arizona	Alpine Ranger District	PATHWAYS	2	Myron Burnett 928-339-5051 <a href="mailto:mburnett@fs.fed.us">mburnett@fs.fed.us</a>

**Duties associated with Student Trainee (Biological Sciences) position:** Duties include monitoring for Federal and Forest Service Sensitive species, and the maintenance of wildlife improvement projects. The job duties may consist of working long hours in adverse weather conditions, and at various times of the day.

**Duties associated with Student Trainee (Firefighter/Engine Crew Member) position:** Duties include crew member on a Wildland Fire Engine responding to wildfires as well as other project work on the District including thinning, equipment maintenance and other project work.

**Duties associated with Student Trainee (Trails)** Duties include trail construction and maintenance in a backcountry setting and will include overnight field work. A typical work schedule is eight days in the field and six days off.

Government Housing may be available.

## **ABOUT THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS**

- The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests cover more than 2 million acres, including considerable wilderness and primitive areas. Elevations ranging from 3,500 ft (1,067m) to over 11,500 ft (3,354m) result in a diverse climate and a variety of vegetation types including desert scrub, pinyon-juniper, ponderosa pine, mixed conifer and spruce-fir. Heavy recreation sites include both developed and undeveloped areas. Water is a major attraction with 24 lakes and reservoirs and more than 400 miles of rivers and streams - more than can be found in any other southwestern forest. Four rivers lie within the boundaries of the national forest – Black, Little Colorado, Blue, and San Francisco. The forests supply timber, wildlife, grazing and tourism which help support local communities.

## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY**



- UNIT: Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
- TOWN: **Alpine**
- STATE: **Arizona**
- ELEVATION: **8,100 Feet**
- POPULATION: **600 winter and 3,000 during the summer**
- ESTABLISHED: **1876**
- INFORMATION AS OF : 2012

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**LOCATION:** Alpine is a small community located in the White Mountains at the junction of U.S. Highways 180 and 191, six miles west of the Arizona/New Mexico state line. It is in the southern portion of Apache County, 27 miles south of Springerville, 250 miles northeast of Phoenix, AZ or 250 miles southwest of Albuquerque, NM. The community is surrounded by the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Alpine has beautiful mountain meadows surrounded by majestic peaks. Also known as Bush Valley, it was settled by Anderson Bush, who built a log house about a mile southeast of the present town-site. Alpine, an unincorporated community is governed by the Apache County Board of Supervisors.

**PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES:** Each year 50,000 visitors enjoy the year-round activities in Alpine and the adjacent National Forests. Much of the local employment opportunities are in tourism related service and retail businesses. People are attracted to Alpine's cool summers; the mountain air, scenery, and absence of traffic. There are ranching and logging operations in the area. The largest single employer in Alpine is the U.S. Forest Service.

**ATTRACTIONS:** Within a 30-mile radius there are more than 200 miles of trout streams and 11 lakes, 286 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding and biking. Whether you hunt with a lens or a gun, you will find deer, elk, mountain lion, bear, turkey and Javalina. Winter brings ample snow for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiles. Hundreds of wildflowers bloom during the spring and summer, Bald eagles nest at Luna Lake and Osprey fish along the Black River. The aspen covered mountains turn golden in the fall.

**WEATHER:** The average high temperature in June/July is 78 degrees. The average low Temperature in January is 10 degrees. Average yearly precipitation is 19 inches with an average accumulation of 60 inches of snow.

**POST OFFICE:** An office with a full service counter and P.O. Boxes. Zip Code - 85920

**HOUSING:** Single family homes range in price from \$90,000 to \$275,000 and up, most average \$225,000. One acre parcels of land average \$42,500.00. There are few rentals or long term mobile home parks. There may be Government housing available.

**SCHOOLS:** Alpine School District #7 offers instruction to students in Kindergarten and grades 1 through 8, in four multi-grade classrooms. The students in grades nine through twelve are bused to the Round Valley High School (26 miles to the north). Northland Pioneer College, a two-year community college has a campus in Round Valley.

**FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION:** An Apache County Deputy Sheriff and an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer are stationed in Alpine. The Alpine Volunteer fire department has volunteer firefighters and E.M.T.s. The insurance classification is '9'.

**UTILITIES:** Many people use wood or wood pellets for heating.

**Electricity:** Navopache Electric Cooperative

**Gas:** Ferrellgas, Graves Propane and Sierra Propane deliver to Alpine. Alpine Propane is located in Alpine.

**Telephone:** Frontier is the provider for telephone, and multiple cell service providers are in the area.

**Water:** Alpine Water Company is within the town-site. Sub-divisions may have water systems and some areas rely on private wells.

**Sewer:** Alpine Sanitary District is within the town-site. Septic tanks and Wisconsin Mound septic systems are used in other areas.

**OTHER SERVICES - IN ALPINE:** There is a County library and three churches, Catholic, Baptist, and Presbyterian. There are motels and cabins, RV parks, a market, gas station, hardware, restaurants and tavern, garage, candy, bakery and gift shops.

**IN ROUND VALLEY:** Supermarkets and convenience stores, drug store with pharmacy, restaurants and fast food, motels, churches, clothing store, feed stores and hardware/building supply stores. Springerville/Eagar (Round Valley) is located 26 miles north of Alpine.

**MEDICAL:** There is a Hospital and Ambulance Service in Springerville. There are medical clinics with permanent staff and visiting specialists. Dental, Optometry and Chiropractic services are also available.

**PUBLICATIONS:** The local newspaper is *The White Mountain Independent* and the *Arizona Republic and USA Today* is available by subscription.

**FINANCIAL:** There are three banks located in Round Valley.

**MORE INFORMATION....** For more information about this position, please feel free to contact Beth Musselman at 928-339-5020, email [bmusselman@fs.fed.us](mailto:bmusselman@fs.fed.us) or Richard Davalos, Alpine District Ranger at 928-339-5010, e-mail [rdavalos@fs.fed.us](mailto:rdavalos@fs.fed.us).

**Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!**

**For further information on Alpine and Springerville/Eagar, contact:**

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