



OUTREACH NOTICE

WILDLIFE BIOLOGICAL TECH POSITION GS-0404-05 RUIDOSO, NEW MEXICO

BIOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN

GS-0404 -5 (Lead Wildlife) ~ \$15.00/hr Full Time-Temporary Appointment 1039 hours /NTE 6 months is needed from approximately **April ~September 2013** (dependent on funding). Major duties will involve leading a wildlife crew in the following tasks: 1) Survey for Mexican spotted owl nest sites and their young. 2) Survey for Northern Goshawk nest sites and their young. 3) Survey for Sacramento salamanders. 4) Survey for Kuenzler's hedgehog cactus. 5) Implement a small mammal capture effort for species diversity. 6) Assist in public outreach days. 7) Project maintenance associated with the Habitat Stamp Program. Other duties will include data entry, vehicle and equipment maintenance, etc.

The work will be physically demanding and will involve extensive hiking in steep terrain at high altitudes (6,000 to 11,000 ft.) on a daily basis, commonly during extreme or inclement weather, i.e. monsoon rains from July-Sept. At least 50% of the spotted owl research will be conducted at night. Work schedules are generally 5 days on and 2 off, and the position will require sessions of camping at remote locations on National Forest Land. Vehicles will be provided. First-aid, CPR, defensive driving and field safety training will also be provided. This position is physically and mentally demanding however, it provides a wide array of experience with wildlife and botany techniques.

Applicants must have a valid state driver's license, be able to hear owl and goshawk calls, be in excellent to good physical condition (carry a 40-50 lb pack up steep terrain at high elevation), be self-motivated, and have a desire to work independently or in small groups in remote locations. **U.S. citizenship is required.** Duty station will be in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Federal housing might be available at cost. There are rental options available in the Ruidoso area. Interested parties should fill out the attached outreach form and return to Larry Cordova (lcordova@fs.fed.us) and /or Todd Rawlinson (trawlinson@fs.fed.us). Questions about job duties can be addressed by e-mail to Larry Cordova and/or Todd Rawlinson.

This is an outreach announcement only. Formal application procedures will be necessary, through the USA JOBS Application program (www.usajobs.gov)

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Applicants must apply no later than March 1, 2013 and select Ruidoso, NM as the duty station.



<http://www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln>

District Information

The District manages approximately 375,000 acres of widely diverse vegetation and habitat types. The topography varies from gentle terrain to very steep ruggedness with ranges in elevation from 5,400 to 11,580 feet. The Mescalero Apache Tribal Lands border the District to the south. The District contains critical watersheds for the Rio Ruidoso and Bonito Rivers. There are two wilderness areas (White Mountain and Capitan) totaling approximately 83,000 acres. The Smokey Bear Ranger District office is located in the village of Ruidoso, with an administrative site in Capitan, NM.

One of the major attractions located on the District is the Ski Apache Resort, one of the largest downhill ski areas in the Southwest. The Mescalero Apache Tribe owns and operates it through a special use permit.

The District normally experiences heavy recreational use. The Village of Ruidoso (Population 8,800) and nearby communities relies heavily on tourism to support the economy.

Community Information

Weather: Weather is directly tied to elevation with an average yearly rainfall of 23 inches. Springtime is usually dry and windy while July and August are a balmy 82 degrees with frequent afternoon showers or thunderstorms. A combination of high elevation and abundant moisture produces a beautiful array of color from a variety of flowering plants during the summer months. Winter provides an average 42 degrees in January with accumulating average yearly snowfalls of 47 inches.

Housing: Apartment rentals average \$525 - \$1,000. House rentals (3 bed room) average \$700 and up.

Education:

- Eastern New Mexico University offers Community Education classes, upper division and graduate studies, customized training, and Adult Basic Education (GED).

Medical: Complete emergency medical service unit with advanced life support ambulances and comprehensive emergency, diagnostic, and surgical care. Home and alternative health care providers also available.

Shopping/Dining/Social: Many independently owned shops, franchises, and restaurants.. Ruidoso, Lincoln County, and other local communities have social events spanning the entire year. Infrastructure includes a civic center, senior center, parks, and a library. Popular attractions include Ski Apache Resort, Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, Ruidoso Downs Horse Track and Billy the Kid Casino.

Recreation and Culture: Outdoor recreation opportunities include hiking, camping, picnicking, mountain biking, wildlife watching, ATV riding, downhill and cross country skiing, and snowmobiling. Major attractions for outdoor recreation include the Lincoln National Forest, Smokey Bear Museum, Smokey Bear State Park, White Sands National Monument, Oliver Lee State Park, and Valley of Fire State Park.

Transportation: Albuquerque International Airport is located about 185 miles north of Ruidoso. Sierra Blanca Regional Airport is located about 18 miles northeast of the village. El Paso International Airport is located about 140 miles south of Ruidoso.

Religion: various denominations are represented.

Nearby Cities:

- Alamogordo, NM, 50 miles (population 35,582)
- Las Cruces, NM, 120 miles (population 95,786)
- El Paso, TX, 140 miles (population 563,662)
- Albuquerque, NM, 185 miles (population 520,578)

Biological Science Technician Outreach Form

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send it by e-mail to lcordova@fs.fed.us and/or trawlinson@fs.fed.us no later than **March 1, 2013**. (Please include "GS-0404 Bio Sci Tech Outreach" on the subject line of your message).

Applicants can apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you currently a Forest Service employee:

YES

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NO

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Current title/series/grade/location/classification:

(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc.)

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

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