

Outreach Notice



Carson National Forest El Rito Ranger District El Rito, New Mexico

Outreach Response due by close of business on March 26, 2013.

Outreach Notice: Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician (GS-0462-05/06/07)

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity **and to determine interest in the position**. Depending on the response to this outreach, this position may be advertised at multiple grade levels. The Carson National Forest will soon be filling a Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician, GS-0462-05/06/07, position located at El Rito Ranger District, but will work throughout the West Zone of the Forest including on the El Rito, Canjilon, and Tres Piedras Ranger Districts.

The Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician performs surveys needed to prescribe Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) treatments including mistletoe treatment, pre-commercial thinning, and pruning. The incumbent is familiar with GPS and GIS, and traverses forest stands/project areas to draft maps and determine acreages for stands/project areas. The Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician collects technical data needed to plan and prescribe stand treatments including tree diameter, tree height, basal area, age, radial growth, insect and disease, canopy cover, overall stand conditions, etc. The incumbent performs reforestation and stocking surveys to determine seedling survival, planting needs, and the need for site preparation. The Technician assists in the development and preparation of specifications for TSI and tree planting contracts based on analysis conducted in the field. The incumbent serves as an inspector or COR for force account projects, TSI and reforestation service contracts/grants to ensure that specifications for contracts/grants are followed. The Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician ensures that proper inspection reports are submitted, acts on any items needing corrective action, and recommends final approval once contract work has been completed. The incumbent will assist with reporting needs associated with TSI and reforestation.

DUTY STATION:

El Rito Ranger District is in El Rito, New Mexico in Rio Arriba County. **Government Housing is not available.**

El Rito Ranger District

Climate/Elevation/Landscape Type:

El Rito is located in Northern New Mexico in high desert, piñon/juniper country. Ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, spruce, and aspen vegetative types are present 5 miles north of town. Winters are usually mild. Snow is common by late October. The growing season is generally late May to early September. Summer temperatures range from the 70's to the 90's. Winter temperatures range from the 30's to the 60's. Elevation ranges from 6,000 feet to 10,000 feet.

Community/Population/Diversity/General Characteristics:

El Rito is an older community, rich in its culture and predominantly Hispanic with a mix of many other ethnic backgrounds. Population is approximately 1,300. El Rito is mostly a ranching community with numerous artists.

Housing:

Government housing is not available. Housing is limited and rentals are scarce in El Rito. Property ranges from \$20,000 to \$300,000.

Community Economy/ Cost of Living/Local Job Market:

The economy consists of ranching, forest products, and arts/crafts fairs. The Northern New Mexico College, Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools, Las Clinicas del Norte, and the U.S. Forest Service are the largest employers. The cost of living is moderate in the local area. The job market is fairly scarce within the local area, but jobs are available in the 30 – 60 mile radius. These employment opportunities are in the communities of Espanola, Santa Fe, Taos, and Los Alamos.

Access/Nearest Airport/Nearest Big City:

The nearest airports are in Taos, NM (approximately 60 miles northeast) and Santa Fe (approximately 60 miles south). The Albuquerque International Airport is approximately 130 miles south of El Rito. Espanola is the nearest city (approximately 30 miles south). Santa Fe is larger than Espanola and Albuquerque is a large city with a population of over 250,000.

Facilities/Hospitals/Schools/Shopping:

El Rito has a volunteer fire department. Las Clinicas del Norte medical and dental facilities are located next to the El Rito Elementary School. The nearest hospital is in Espanola. There are also hospitals in Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque. There are no general stores in El Rito. There is one restaurant and a cafeteria located on the campus of Northern New Mexico College. Local artisans sell arts and crafts in the community. There is also a Post Office. There

are no banks locally; the closest one being in Espanola. There is a Catholic church in El Rito. Churches of other denominations are located in surrounding communities.

Recreational/Entertainment Opportunities:

There is camping, hunting, fishing, and cross-country skiing in the National Forest within the local area. For other entertainment, you would have to travel to Espanola, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos, or Albuquerque.

Additional Community Information:

Espanola, NM: <http://www.espanolanmchamber.com/>

USDA Forest Service, Carson National Forest: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/carson/>

Information about El Rito NM: <http://newmexico.hometownlocator.com/nm/rio-arriba/el-rito.cfm>

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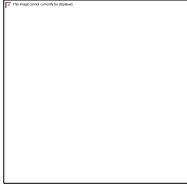
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When announced, the vacancy will be posted on the USAJOBS website at:

<https://www.usajobs.gov>. If you are interested in applying for this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement when the position is advertised, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and send it by mail, e-mail or fax to:

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Forestry Technician – Silviculture Technician

Carson National Forest

El Rito Ranger District, El Rito, NM

Response due before close of business on March 26, 2013.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Current title/series/grade: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes: Current Agency and location: _____

Type of appointment: _____Permanent _____Term _____Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACH CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER

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