



White River
National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE
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PERMANENT POSITION and NTE 120 DAYS TEMPORARY PROMOTION
GS-0101/0401/1301-9/11 Social Science/Biological Science/Physical Science
Information Specialist
GIS Specialist

Position Description:

The White River National Forest soon hopes to fill two permanent GIS Specialist positions in the Renewable Resources and Planning Program located at the Supervisor's Office in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. However, until that vacancy is open, we are looking for individuals interested in a NTE 120 Days Temporary Promotion. The Renewable Resources GIS Specialists provide geospatial guidance, leadership, and integrated support for product and spatial data management. The purpose of this outreach is to assess the interest in both the permanent position and the detailing promotional opportunities. Direct hire may be utilized using special hiring authorities such as Veterans Preference, Schedule A, Military Spouses, Peace Corps, and former USFS Resource Assistant Program Participants with a Direct Hire Authority certificate.

What we are looking for in a Candidate:

The Renewable Resources and Planning Program is looking for the following in the candidates:

- Provides leadership in the development and use of spatial data and advanced geospatial technological applications and serves as principal technical advisor on Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
- Highly proficient in utilizing ArcGIS Pro and assist forest staff with the upcoming agency transition to ArcGIS Pro from ArcMap.
- Develops and implements geospatial program goals in conjunction with resource management objectives and organizational business requirements.
- Develops data dictionaries, data models, and metadata for multi-disciplinary information and geospatial applications.
- Coordinates conversion of geospatial information and remote sensing imagery into GIS databases.
- Responsible for organization and maintenance of resource information and data to facilitate analysis across multiple disciplines such as timber, fuels, botany, wildlife, fisheries, range, geology, soils, hydrology, and planning.
- Coordinates input from managers and resource specialists to determine type, amount and level of

information required to develop and analyze ecosystem management alternatives.

- Assesses quality, compatibility, and limitations of various data used in a wide array of land management and planning efforts.
- Manipulates and analyzes geospatial data to support resource management decisions for multiple resource, jurisdictional, and ownership units or a large geographical region.
- Performs multi-scale and/or multi-resource analysis in support of planning, analysis, and monitoring activities.
- Manage competing requests for geospatial analytical support and map production on various on-going forest-wide NEPA projects and occasional time sensitive requests from the Regional and/or Washington Offices.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn of the USFS Natural Resource Manager (NRM) databases.
- Have strong technical skills in ArcGIS Online and Esri mobile applications that can assist specialists with setting up Field Maps and Survey123.
- Conducts formal and informal training and provides technical assistance to GIS software users in the development, storage, retrieval and analysis of data.
- Serves as technical point of contact and maintains liaison with the Regional Office (RO), Federal, State, and local governments; learning institutions; the private sector; professional organizations; and other individuals concerned with GIS, GPS, remote sensing and mapping.

This is a challenging position with a wide variety of tasks to be accomplished. To be successful in this position, you must be a self-starter, thrive in a fast-paced environment, and be willing to take on challenges and provide innovative solutions to complex problems. The ability to lead, communicate, manage complex projects; and be a collaborative team member are all vital skills for this position.

About the White River National Forest:

The White River National Forest is 2.3 million acres in central Colorado. The Supervisor's Office is located in Glenwood Springs with District offices in Meeker, Rifle, Carbondale, Aspen, Eagle, Minturn, and Silverthorne.

Currently, the White River employs approximately 140 permanent employees and 100 temporary employees. The White River National Forest is one of the crown jewels of the National Forest System. It hosts nearly 13 million visitors per year. With 12 ski resorts, the White River is the premier place for winter recreation and is a destination for people from around the globe. The forest has a full complement of resource challenges and opportunities including recreation, wilderness, travel management, oil and gas development, grazing, forest and watershed health, and fuels and fire mitigation. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver>

Duty Station Locations:

- **Glenwood Springs, CO, or**
- **Remote within 250 miles of Glenwood Springs, CO**

Glenwood Springs Information

Glenwood Springs, CO consistently appears on the annual list of Best Small Towns of America. This picturesque mountain community is a great base camp for recreation enthusiasts. There is plenty to do including biking, kayaking, and world-class fly fishing. In winter, excellent cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing abound and down-hill skiing is only a few miles away. Excellent medical facilities are available. The surrounding area has a variety of new schools and provides excellent education opportunities as well as recreation, arts, and entertainment. The popularity and amenities of the area attract high quality teachers and provide access to theatre, music, arts, films, restaurants, and other activities that may not be found in other small communities. Located at an elevation of 5700 ft., Glenwood Springs' mild climate offers locals and guests longer weeks of spring, summer, and fall in which to play in the great outdoors. The area averages approximately 300 days of sunshine a year, a mean January temperature of 32 degrees, and a mean July temperature of 73 degrees.

If interested in either of these opportunities, please:

✓ Respond to the Employment Outreach Database

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/?id=ABA4F150B1BB47FF8C68A835B851D2C9>

✓ Complete the Outreach Response Form below.

✓ Email the completed form **by August 25, 2023** along with your resume to:

Chuck Burley, Resources and Planning Staff Officer, Charles.burley@usda.gov, 970-945-3303

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Name:		Phone W:	
Email:		Phone H:	
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Current Employer

USDA FS Unit:	
Other:	
Location:	

If Federal Employee, Type of Appointment

Permanent		Temporary		Student/Intern		Contractor		Other	
Current Position Title:					Series/Grade:				

How did you hear about this position?	
Agency Contact:	
Other:	

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

- Schedule A (persons with disabilities)
- Veterans Recruitment Act (ARA)
- Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA) of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Pathways Program (Students, Interns and Recent Graduates)
- Public Land Corps (PLC)
- Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act (Temporary/Term Land Management Agency Employees)
- Former/Current USFS Resource Assistant with a Direct Hiring Authority Certificate
- Other: *<please elaborate>*