

# Annoucement Notice



**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4  
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
DUCHESNE/ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT  
AND  
VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT  
GS-0455-05/06/07  
Range Technician**

The Ashley National Forest will be filling two permanent Range Technician GS-0455-05/06/07 positions with one duty station to be located in Duchesne, UT at the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District Office and one duty station to be located in Vernal, UT at the Vernal Ranger District Office. You must apply between **June 16, 2014** and **June 26, 2014** on USAjobs.com if you are interested in these positions.

The vacancy announcement is now posted on [USAJOBS](http://USAJOBS). Complete and submit your application on USAJOBS by close of business Thursday, June 26, 2014. This position is being filled utilizing announcements [14-0401-017391G-KFA](#) for government employees (merit) and [14-0401-017391DP-KFA](#) for non-government employees (demo).

***For more information about the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District position, please contact:***

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## **Position Duties**

The position will provide technical support to the Districts range management program. Primary duties will include:

- Grazing allotment monitoring to assess permittee compliance with Allotment Management Plans, Annual Operating Instructions and utilization standards.
- Inspection and documentation of range improvements. Will coordinate with permittees to locate and properly identify improvements. Work with forest GIS specialist to update and maintain range improvement GIS layer.
- Assist in managing the District noxious weed program. Provides technical direction to seasonal weed crew employees and assist in treating noxious weeds. Must obtain a pesticide applicators license.
- Assist with collecting long-term vegetation monitoring data such as repeat photo plots.
- Assisting in summarizing and compiling annual reporting efforts and data entry. Filing data sheets, organization and maintenance of range improvement and weed inventory files.
- Responsible for care of the four district horses including farrier services, health needs, transporting to and from pastures.
- Maintenance of administrative pastures and exclosures.

This position will be physically strenuous and will require working in the field in all types of terrain and weather conditions during the field season (generally April through October). Work during the winter months (November through March) will primarily be within an office environment.

**Qualification Requirements:** Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0455 series. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm>.



## **Ashley National Forest:**

Ashley National Forest - With headquarters in Vernal, Utah, it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of Utah and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people. The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed with other resources to ensure supply, a quality environment and safety to the visiting public. Oil and gas drilling and extraction are occurring south of Duchesne. This activity is a forest priority and is therefore requiring emphasis by specialists and managers in both time and expertise to manage broad landscapes in a manner which protects and mitigates for development impacts. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, ATV use and snowmobiling.

Forest landscapes range from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak. Topographical diversity and land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

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## About [Duchesne](#), Utah

Duchesne (pop. approximately 1700) is a fast growing community with a high quality of life located within the Uintah Basin. Duchesne is located about two hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah, a half hour west of Roosevelt, UT and an hour west of Vernal, UT. The Vernal airport is a commuter link to Denver and Moab (Great Lakes Airlines). The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just west of the city limits

and incorporates the 2740 acre Starvation Reservoir and is known for its summer and ice fishing opportunities for: walleye, rainbow and brown trout as well as small mouth bass and perch. At the park are sandy day use areas, concrete boat ramps, ice fishing, newly renovated campgrounds with electricity and pavilions as well as year round primitive cabins.

### **Schools**

Elementary School – Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

High School – Grades 7 through 12.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (Vernal and Roosevelt) offers 13 complete bachelor's degree programs and 7 complete master's degree programs. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical, entry-level work.

### **Health Care**

Duchesne has two small local clinics and a local dentist. In Roosevelt, 29 miles to the east, there is a fully staffed hospital and clinic with many doctors who specialize in all fields of medicine. There are also many dentists in Roosevelt. Duchesne has local EMTs, a Fire Department, and 911 services.

### **Housing**

The average apartment rental is around \$750.00 to \$900.00 a month. There are a few homes for sale and rent. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from \$135,000 to \$250,000. Government housing is not available. For current realty information, contact local real estate agencies.

### **Recreation**

Duchesne has its share of parks that include tennis courts, baseball fields and picnic areas. There is a swimming pool and a bowling center. Duchesne offers a full range of spring, summer, fall and winter activities. There is an old-fashioned County Fair and Rodeo each summer. There is boating, fishing and an annual Walleye Fishing Tournament at Starvation Reservoir 10 minutes northwest of town. Hunting includes deer, elk, moose, antelope, bear, pheasant and doves.

### **Churches**

Churches that provide services in Duchesne include Catholic, Baptist, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

### **Business/Shopping**

Restaurants; Fast Food/Convenience Stores; Grocery Store; Automotive Repair; Service Stations; Hardware Store; Motels

### **Economic Base**

Agriculture - Ranching and Farming, Oil Industry, and Tourism

### **Climate**

Spring, summer, and fall are mild and beautiful, with temperatures reaching 90-95 degrees in July and August. Winter temperatures may go to 20 below zero in December and January.

### **About Vernal, Utah**

Vernal is situated in northeast Utah south of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and west of Dinosaur National Monument, and is the county seat of Uintah County. Vernal has a population of approximately 9,000 people. When combined with the residents of surrounding communities, the population of the Ashley Valley is approximately 15,000. Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver.

<http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Vernal-Utah.html>

### **Climate**

Vernal sits at approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Vernal enjoys four beautiful temperate seasons; the climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Annual precipitation averages 15-20", mostly in the form of winter snow and spring/fall rain. Winter temperatures usually hover in the 20s-30s during the day, but will occasionally drop to sub-zero. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, but generally average in the low-mid 90s, dipping into the 50s at night.

### **Schools**

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high, one high school, and a private Christian school. The Uintah District Learning Center provides education opportunities for children with special needs. Child day-care centers and preschools are also available.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (with branch campuses in Vernal and Roosevelt) employs about 25 resident faculty and offers 2 Associates Degrees, 23 Bachelor's Degrees, 12 Masters Degrees, and 1 doctorate degree. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical entry-level work.

### **Health Care**

The Ashley Valley Regional Medical Center is a 39-bed acute care facility with an emergency room and trauma care facility with 34 affiliated physicians. Specialties include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, radiology, pathology, orthopedics, ENT, general surgery, urology, OB/GYN, podiatry, ophthalmology and physiatry. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services in the area. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo. The community also has several dentists, two optometrists, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community.

Three veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

### **Housing**

The average apartment rental is around \$750.00 to \$900.00 a month. Rental homes are not readily available. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from \$185,000 to \$290,000. Government housing is not available.

### **Economic Base**

Oil and gas exploration and production, along with oil shale, tar sands, gilsonite, and phosphate, are the major components of the local economy. Tourism is also a growing industry. Several government offices are located in Vernal and include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and city, county, and state offices.

### **Recreation Opportunities**

Vernal has parks, a bowling alley, movie theaters, a water slide, and an 18-hole golf course. Tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are also available. In addition, the Uintah Community Center offers an array of recreational opportunities for all ages including indoor lap pool, indoor leisure pool with slides and water toys, a climbing wall, two full-size gyms, indoor running track, cardio balcony, an aerobic dance area, a strength area, on-site child care, three party rooms, classrooms, a public meeting area, and conference rooms.

Basketball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Locally sponsored children's activities include Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and a swim team. The Uintah Recreation District also sponsors several "fun runs" and a triathlon (the Dino-Tri) each year.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities, and white-water raft trips are available through local guides. Mountain biking is a popular activity and there is a growing network of biking trails on public lands. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular winter sports.

Vernal has several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging, and tap. Gymnastic classes for children are also available.

### **Civic and Service Organizations**

Active community and service clubs in Vernal include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, Toastmasters, Rotary, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Masonic Lodge, Search and Rescue, Cultural Arts, and American Legion, to name a few. The Utah Field House of Natural History is a state park facility located in downtown Vernal, and is a popular destination for tourists and area residents alike. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation, and dances for area senior citizens.

A new, 30,000 square foot county library was recently completed and features a children's library, teen library, community room, public use computers, two small group study rooms, library classroom, and a reading area with a fireplace, study tables, and comfortable chairs.

### **Churches**

A wide range of religious services are available in the area.

### **Cultural Events**

Several cultural events occur throughout the year, including the annual Outlaw Trail Festival, Festival of the Arts, Uintah County Fair, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Dinosaur Days, Dino-Soar Hot Air Balloon Festival, a fall story-telling festival, and the annual Christmas Fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical and other cultural events.

Vernal also hosts a small Farmer's Market every Saturday from July through September. In addition to fresh fruit and other produce, a variety of crafts, locally produced meats, and artwork is offered for sale.