The USDA Forest Service, Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands, is seeking a candidate for Recreation Management Specialist, GS-0301-7/9. This is a permanent position. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Please fill out the interest form by September 8th, 2023, to be notified of this position posting to USAJOBS. Send your interest form, the last page, to Carl Frey, carl.frey@usda.gov and Julie Johndreau, julie.johndreau@usda.gov by September 8th, 2023.

Description of duties associated with this position:

The Recreation Management Specialist reports directly to the District Ranger. This position will have the following duties:

- the development and administration of annual work plans for wilderness, trails, and recreation resources. Perform inspections, surveys and studies of the backcountry areas, recreation facilities, trails, and their present visitor use and demand. Complete inventory and monitoring activities to determine resource conditions and develop proposals for rehabilitation plans.
- This will be a field going position which will involve contacting the public and writing violations. FPO certification, ATV/UTV certification, and First Aid/CPR/AED certification would be preferred, but on the job training would be made available.
- Preparation of program input relevant to a variety of natural resources management planning processes, including NEPA.
- Preparation and tracking of the annual program budget.
- Working in the Databases associated with the Recreation Program, i.e. INFRA, SUDS, TRACS, and other databases used to monitor unit’s wilderness, special uses, trails and recreation program activities.
- This position has the potential to manage Forest Service employees or volunteer help.
- Developing and continuing relationships with a wide array of partners to further both the goals of the District and our partners.

Qualification Requirements:

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the 0301 series that is covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards for General Schedule
Positions – Recreation Management Specialist, GS-0301-7/9. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for review on the Internet, the Qualifications can be found here: 

For additional information about the position or the Forest, please contact Carl Frey, carl.frey@usda.gov or Julie Johndreau, julie.johndreau@usda.gov.

About the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands:
The NNFG encompasses over 1.1 million acres of land in both Nebraska and South Dakota, including five Ranger Districts and one Nursery. The Pine Ridge Ranger District includes part of the Nebraska National Forest and all of the Oglala National Grassland in the northwest corner of the state. The Bessey Ranger District includes a portion of the Nebraska National Forest in west-central and the McKelvie National Forest in north-central NE. The Bessey Nursery is co-located with the Bessey Ranger District at Halsey, NE. The Fall River Ranger District and Wall Ranger District share management of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland across southwestern South Dakota. The Ft. Pierre National Grassland is managed by the Ft. Pierre Ranger District and is situated in south-central South Dakota.

The Supervisor’s Office is located in Chadron, Nebraska and is co-located with the Pine Ridge Ranger District. The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located 10 miles south of Chadron and is a close partner with the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.

Additional Nebraska Forest Information Here.

Community and Surrounding Area:

Wall, South Dakota

Wall Ranger District is located in beautiful Wall, South Dakota. Wall is located 55 miles east of Rapid City and is adjacent to Interstate 90. The population is approximately 875.

Wall offers four churches, ten motels, two banks, one clinic, one grocery store, a public library, a weekly newspaper, and a post office. The city is served by a full time police department, volunteer fire department, and an ambulance service. Two day care centers and many tourism businesses are located here. Wall has one public school building for grades K thru 12. Total school enrollment is 260. Major employers in or near Wall include Golden West Telecommunications and the Wall School District. Badlands National Park headquarters is 40 minutes southeast of Wall. Commercial airline service is available at Rapid City Regional Airport, 50 miles to the west. More information about the community of Wall can be found at the Chamber of Commerce website at: http://www.wall-badlands.com.

Rapid City, with population of over 70,000, is the major population and retail center for the region. It is a full service community. The Black Hills area provides a wide range of recreation opportunities. Hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, boating, swimming, skiing, snowmobiling, and other activities are available in the immediate vicinity. Wall is within an easy drive of Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Wind Cave, Jewel Cave, and Badlands National Parks.
This outreach is open through September 8th, 2023. If you are interested in applying for this position, send this interest form to Carl Frey, Carl.Frey@usda.gov or Julie Johndreau, julie.johndreau@usda.gov. You will be notified when the position will be advertised on USAJobs website: https://www.usajobs.gov.

Recreation Management Specialist
GS-0301-7/9
Contact Information and Interest Form

Contact Information
Name:
E-mail address:
Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:
Agency/Forest:
Series:
Grade:
Position Title:
Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees
Current Occupation:
Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?
Person with Disability
Veterans Readjustment/Recruitment
Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
Former Peace Corp Volunteer
Other ____________________________________________

Send this completed form along with your resume, via e-mail to, carl.frey@usda.gov and julie.johndreau@usda.gov. Contact them for additional information.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.
USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity employer.