



Ashley National Forest
 Vernal & Flaming Gorge Ranger District
 Vernal Utah
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OUTREACH NOTICE
 Forestry Technician (Fire) GS-462-09
 Flaming Gorge FUM
 Duty Station Vernal, Utah
PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 09, 2015

The Ashley National Forest will soon be Advertising for the following fire position (Merit/Demo):

POSITION:

Series/Grade	Tour	Position	Location
GS-462-09	PFT	Forestry Technician (Fire)	Vernal RD, Vernal, Utah

LOCATION: USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest – Vernal, Utah.

For more information on this position, candidates should contact Lucus Santio East Zone FMO at 435-781-5144 (office), 435-790-4680(cell), (lsantio@fs.fed.us) or Nathan Shinkle East Zone AFMO at 435-781-5283 (office) 435-790-7076 (cell) (nhshinkle@fs.fed.us)

Please respond by: December 09, 2015.

All applicants who respond to this outreach will be notified when the vacancy announcement is open.

Ashley National Forest
 Attn: Lucus Santio
 355 North Vernal Avenue
 Vernal, Utah 84078

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

GS-462-09 Forestry Technician (Fire):

This position serves as the Wildland Fire Module Supervisor on the Flaming Gorge Fire Use Module a Type 1 Wildland Fire Module

INTRODUCTION

This is a standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the USDA Forest Service. The incumbent serves in a key fire management position in a field fire management organization as a Prescribed Fire/Fuels Technician.

Primary responsibilities of the position are preparing and implementing prescribed fire plans, fire

effects monitoring plans, manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments, and smoke and wildland fire use monitoring plans. The incumbent integrates prescribed fire/fuels management, smoke management, fuels modification principles and procedures, fire effects knowledge, and knowledge of scientific data collection and analysis principles into a comprehensive prescribed fire/fuels management program for a unit(s).

Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fireline is a mandatory requirement.

TOUR OF DUTY: This position is PFT

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, **TAKING** and **PASSING** the WCT at the **ARDUOUS** level is a "condition of employment". The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

About the Forest

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to 13,528 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinyon and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of lodgepole pine, fir, and spruce. Grasses, forbs, and stunted, twisted conifers called krumholtz are found above timberline. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The Ashley has three major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises of nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes. The mountains below timberline are covered by coniferous forest, and meadows have streams and lush vegetation. The Wilderness is accessible from July through September, via numerous trails.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming, and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex. Rafting this section of the Green River is a favorite pastime of visitors. Flaming Gorge Dam and Red Canyon Visitor Centers have exhibits to acquaint visitors with the area. At Ute Lookout Tower, visitors can enjoy a spectacular view and learn about the life of early Forest Service lookouts. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road.

About Vernal, Utah

Nestled in a beautiful valley south of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and west of Dinosaur National Monument, Vernal is the county seat for Uintah County. The population of Vernal is approximately 10,000. Including the residents of small surrounding communities, the total population of the Ashley Valley swells to approximately 20,000. Vernal has its own Police Department and the County has a fully staffed Sheriff's department. An office of the Utah Highway Patrol is located in Vernal. The city also has a 25-person volunteer fire department. Wells Fargo Bank and Zions First National Bank have branches in Vernal and Mountain America Credit Union also has a branch with another one currently being built.

Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver. Vernal currently has a commuter contract to provide service to the Denver International Airport from the local airport. Charter and airfreight service is also available.

Schools

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high and two high schools. One high school is a special-purpose accredited high school for students 14 years of age through adult who wish to pursue a quality education in a non-traditional model. Through negotiated agreements, students have total control over their curriculum, including design, content, management, and style in which he/she learns. The Uintah District Learning Center provides education opportunities for children with handicaps or special needs.

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

Health Care

Ashley Valley Regional Medical Center, a 36-bed hospital with 11 physicians on staff, provides a full complement of auxiliary services. It has a 24-hour, fully staffed emergency room. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo.

For extended medical care, Uintah Care Center is a 50-bed nursing home, with additional facilities to provide out patient care on a daily basis. Child day-care centers and preschools are available in Vernal. The community also has several dentists, two podiatrists, a pediatrician, an obstetrician/gynecologist, two optometrists, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community. Two veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

Churches

Churches that provide services in Vernal:

Assembly of God	Congregational
Baptist	Episcopal
Catholic	Jehovah Witnesses
Christian	Nazarene
Church of Christ	Pentecostal
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Lutheran

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, and the annual Christmas Fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical events and Utah State University and Uintah High School produce a play each year.

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. Vernal has several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging, and tap. Gymnastic classes for children are available. Vernal has a large, well-stocked public library. The Utah Field House of Natural History is adjacent to the Dinosaur Gardens. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation, and dances for senior citizens in the area.

Recreation Opportunities

Vernal has parks, a swimming pool, a bowling alley, four movie theaters, a water slide, and an 18-hole golf course. Tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are also available. An athletic club provides weight training, racquetball, aerobics, etc.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities. River trips on the Green River are also available through local guides. Rafts can be rented from local vendors. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing are popular winter sports. Hiking, camping, biking, and hunting are favorite sports.

Basketball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and a swim team for children, are locally sponsored activities.

Climate

The elevation in Vernal is approximately 5,300 feet. The climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Average winter temperatures range between 5 and 31 degrees. Average summer temperatures can reach 90 degrees during the day and dip to 50 degrees at night. Long warm summers and pleasant falls typify the climate. Snow is common from November through March.

Economic Base

Oil and gas exploration and production is currently experiencing an economic boom. A Gilsonite and, phosphate mine are located in the valley and are major components of the local economy.

Tourism and recreation is also a growing and important industry. A Super Wal-Mart and Big K are major department stores in the area and provide employment for the local residents. Several government offices located in Vernal include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and city, county and state offices.

Housing

Apartments and homes to rent are difficult to find in Vernal and surrounding communities due to the current oil and gas boom. The average apartment rental is around \$500 to \$700 a month. Average purchase price for 1,500 square foot home ranges \$159,000 to \$195,000.

There is a strong, positive community spirit. It is a traditional small western town where activities center on families, school and church activities, rodeos, hunting and fishing.

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ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
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Forestry Technician (Fire), GS-0462-09

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NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: __PERMANENT__ TEMPORARY__ TERM__ VRA____ PWD
OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM (FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES)
- _____ OTHER

How did you learn of this vacancy? _____

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