

OUTREACH NOTICE

**Gila National Forest
Silver City, NM**

**Interdisciplinary Social Science
Specialist/Natural Resources Specialist
Forest Plan Revision Team GS-0101/0401-11**



The **Gila National Forest** will be filling a **GS-0101/0401-11, Recreation/Social/Economic Lead for Land Management Planning**. This is a full-time, permanent position with the duty station located in Silver City, NM at the Forest Supervisor's Office. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Interested applicants should complete the attached form by January 22nd, 2016. The position is expected to be advertised on usajobs.gov in early 2016. Those desiring further information should contact Art Telles, Natural Resources Staff Officer, Gila NF at (575) 388-8417 or atelles@fs.fed.us.

Position

This position is located on the Gila National Forest where the incumbent serves as the Recreation, Social Science, and Economic Team Lead for Land Management Planning. The Planning Team will be focusing on revising the Gila National Forest's land and resource management plan (forest plan) over the next 3 to 4 years to incorporate changed conditions and best available science under the 2012 Planning Rule. The revised plan will be a collaboratively developed, science-based framework employing integrated resource management to guide project- and activity-level decision-making.

The incumbent will be responsible for coordinating work with the Forest Planner and the Natural Resource Staff Officer involving the development and integration of long-range functional resource plans into a cohesive land and resource management plan. The individual selected will be a member of the Forest Plan Revision Core Team, working closely with various interdisciplinary specialists, including the Forest Planner, Hydrologist, NEPA Coordinator, Recreation Specialists, GIS specialists, and Public Affairs Officer. This position will also involve substantial innovative work with collaborative groups; Forest Leadership Team; federal, state, and local officials; community leaders and organizations; and the general public. This is an outstanding opportunity for professional development, community involvement and program leadership.

Duties include:

- Recreation, Social Science, and Economic Lead for the preparation, development, and revision of the Forest Plan.
- Staying abreast of the legal aspects of forest planning and associated planning regulations as they pertain to recreation, social, and economic issues.
- Responsible for providing technical and programmatic input, and analyzing and preparing documents related to wilderness, scenery management, recreational uses (including hunting and fishing), and areas with special designations (roadless areas, research natural areas, wild and scenic rivers, etc.).
- Compiling, evaluating, and analyzing data addressing the social and economic influences and dynamics of the forest, as well as recreational uses and needs. Must also be able to conduct socio-economic analyses.

- Responsibility related to helping Forest Planner address plan component requirements for resources such as Minerals, Lands, and Special Uses.
- Helps coordinate collaboration and participation efforts with various stakeholders including Tribes, other Federal agencies, State and local governments, individuals, and public and private organizations or entities during the planning process.
- Coordinating with the appropriate Forest and Regional Staff's/Program Managers related to recreation, social, and economic aspects of the plan.

Candidates that bring the following experience or background are especially suited to this position:

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of land management planning.
- Understanding of the legal foundation for land use regulation and National Forest land and resource management.
- Ability to work effectively with other resource specialists in an interdisciplinary setting.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of research and data collection.
- Effective writing techniques.
- Understanding of the interaction among social, cultural, and economic conditions, and forest land and resource management.
- Knowledge of computer hardware and software programs, which should include Microsoft Office, ArcGIS, and Internet applications.

Gila National Forest

Every National Forest offers its own unique beauty. The Gila's beauty is in its diversity of rugged mountains, deep canyons, meadows, and semi-desert country. It is one of the more remote and least developed National Forests in the southwest. Covering 3.3 million acres of publicly owned forest and range land, the Forest is the sixth largest National Forest in the continental United States. Elevations range from 4,200 to 10,900 feet and cover four of the six life zones. There are 6 ranger districts.

Flora and fauna are diverse. Ocotillo and cactus are found in the lower elevations, and juniper, pine, aspen, and spruce-fir forests are plentiful in the high mountains. Wildlife such as the black bear, mountain lion, elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, and wild turkey inhabit the Forest. Several federally listed terrestrial and aquatic species also occur on the Forest.

The Forest boasts a rich cultural history of the Mogollon and Apache Indians, Spaniards, Mexicans, ranchers, prospectors and miners. Apache Chiefs Mangas Coloradas, Geronimo, and Victorio; conservationist, ecologist and author of the Sand County Almanac Aldo Leopold; Billy the Kid and other outlaws; and renowned lion hunter Ben Lilly are but a few of the personalities from the past that have left their mark in the Gila.

Another unique beauty of the Gila National Forest is its wilderness. The Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range Wildernesses offer unparalleled hiking and horseback riding. The 558,065-acre Gila Wilderness, created in June 1924 at the urging of the great conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold, was the world's first designated wilderness. The Wilderness areas on the Gila comprise a vast, roadless realm astride the Black, Mogollon, Diablo, and Blue mountain ranges, varying from grassland foothills upward through juniper woodland, ponderosa pine, and then spruce-fir forests on the high peaks. Mountain meadows, aspen glades, and spruce forests border on narrow, rock-walled canyons which in some places plunge to depths of more than a thousand feet.

The San Francisco, Gila, and Mimbres Rivers, the Catwalk, Pueblo Park Campground, Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, Mogollon Baldy, Castle Rock, Eagle Peak Mountain, Emory Pass, and the Burro Mountains are among the many islands of beauty on the Gila. Other areas of interest include

Cooney's Tomb, El Caso Lookout Tower, Beaverhead, Reed's Peak, Frisco Hot Springs and Cherry Creek. More information can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/gila/.

Duty Station and Community Information:

The Gila National Forest is headquartered in Silver City, New Mexico. Silver City www.townofsilvercity.org and the surrounding communities of Bayard, Santa Clara, Tyrone and Hurley are located in southwest New Mexico. Main access to Silver City is via Highway 180 north from Interstate 25 at Deming, NM. The elevation is 5,900 feet above sea level. Silver City boasts four gentle seasons. The average annual temperature is 54 degrees. May is the driest month of the year while July is the wettest. The annual average precipitation is 15.69 inches. The population of Silver City is approximately 13,000 and Grant County is about 29,000. Silver City was recently selected as one of the healthiest places to live and retire. Downtown Silver City is undergoing a revitalization effort and features many locally-owned shops and galleries.

The community has two libraries, churches of many denominations, a Regional hospital <http://www.grmc.org/>, several medical clinics, ambulance service, an emergency care clinic, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists, and assisted living and nursing homes. There are two newspapers, motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Community recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, an all-weather track, tennis courts, a skateboard park, health and fitness clubs, a community outdoor swimming pool, an 18-hole golf course, a bowling center and parks. Organized youth sports activities are numerous. Fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and camping are popular activities. Main industries are tourism, mining, and ranching.

Grant County has two public school districts, Silver Consolidated and Cobre Consolidated School Districts. There are several private schools and alternative schools. Western New Mexico University www.wnmu.edu/ offers four-year programs and two-year technical programs in such areas as education, nursing, arts, business, and natural and social sciences. Several graduate programs are also offered.

Rental homes and apartments range from about \$750.00 and up per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. Single family home prices vary considerably. No government housing is available.

Area recreation facilities and attractions include the 3.3 million acre Gila National Forest www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila/; Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument; the Catwalk; the Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range Wilderness areas; Western New Mexico University Museum; Silver City Museum; City of Rocks State Park; and historic town of Pinos Altos, and Mogollon.

Special annual events include the Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo, Tour of the Gila Bicycle Race, San Vicente Art Fair, Pinos Altos Art Fair, Gila River Festival, Gila Regional Medical Center Benefit Golf Tournament, Red Paint PowWow, Silver City Blues Festival, Christmas Lighted Parade, July 4 Festivities, Weekend at the Galleries, Farmer's Market, Grant County Fair, Gem and Mineral Show, Mimbres Region Arts Council events <http://www.mimbresarts.org/>, Silver City MainStreet Project events <http://www.silvercitymainstreet.com> and several presentations at the University Fine Arts Theatre.

Major employers are Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver Schools and Bayard Schools, Western New Mexico University, Wal-Mart, Town of Silver City, Grant County, State of New Mexico, Gila National Forest, and the many local service, supply and construction businesses.

The nearest commercial airports are in El Paso, TX (3.5 hours), Tucson, AZ (3 hours), and Albuquerque, NM (4 hours). Grant County airport in Silver City also provides some services with Boutique Air and daily flights to Albuquerque, NM.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at P.O. Box 1028, Silver City, NM 88062, 1-800-548-9378, or their website at <http://www.silvercity.org/> for more detailed information about the community, special events, and the surrounding area.

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Forest Plan Recreation/Social/Economic Lead
GS-0101/0401-11 (One Position)

Position Title/Series/Grade: Interdisciplinary Recreation/Social/Economic Lead, GS-0101/401 - 11

Duty Station: Silver City, New Mexico

If interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete and submit the outreach form located below to atelles@fs.fed.us

You may attach a brief resume to supplement the information you include on this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee: () YES –or- () NO

Current title/series/grade/location: _____

Type of appointment you are currently under: _____
(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc.)

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

Please check all that apply

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| Person With Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Veterans Recruitment Act | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Former Peace Corps Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Disabled Veteran w / 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pathways Internship Program | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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