

## Position Announcement



*Verde River*

Forestry Technician  
(Wilderness/Trails Coordinator)  
GS-462-5/6/7

USDA Forest Service  
Southwestern Region  
**Prescott National Forest**

**The Prescott National Forest is advertising a vacancy for a GS-462-5,6,7, Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails).** The position is a Permanent Full Time (PFT) appointment and will be accepting applications thru January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 on USA Jobs.

USA Jobs Link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/424879300>

The forest has a high paced and demanding trails and wilderness program with numerous public partnerships, volunteers, and grant projects. The program manages and conducts work in 8 wilderness areas and on 850 miles of trail. The wilderness areas range from just over 5,000 acres in Apache Creek to 59,000 acres in Sycamore Canyon. The trail system is evenly split between motorized and non-motorized with two OHV areas and numerous high use recreation areas around Prescott that receive the majority of public use and demand.

Applicants must have strong desire to work with volunteers of diverse backgrounds and abilities. The trails program has an ever growing base of volunteers that need training, supervision, and coordination. This position will be the lead contact for the trails volunteer program and will spend at least 2 days each week working with volunteers on a variety of trails, wilderness, and other dispersed recreation projects. Knowledge and experience designing, constructing, and maintaining motorized and non-motorized trails will be critical to this position.

Field supervision of seasonal trails and wilderness employees and working with youth corps and partner groups will also be critical.

Applicants must be able or interested in learning to use, maintain, and care for UTVs, ATVs, motorcycles, and pack and saddle stock to travel throughout the trail system. Additionally the use of 4x4 trucks, trailers, and mechanized trail equipment will be common modes of work and transportation.

Familiarity with computer programs such as MS word, excel, and outlook is needed and skills using GPS and GIS systems to manipulate data is an added bonus. Employee will be required to learn the INFRA trails module for reporting and data management purposes as well.

Assists with the enforcement of Off-Road-Vehicle (ORV) restrictions, including maintenance and posting of regulatory signs and enforcement of restrictions.

Serves as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). Issues notices of field violations when violations of regulations are encountered. Conducts investigations, collects evidence and prepares case reports on violations.

Participates in the identification and planning for future trail construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and restoration projects. Performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Recommends the location of a variety of facilities, and records diverse information about the characteristics of the area. Trains crews in wilderness and trails construction and revegetation techniques. Performs independently or as a leader of a small project crew in trail maintenance and construction.

Initiates public contacts in the field to enhance the user's wilderness experience and protect the wilderness resource through dispersal of information and education about Leave No Trace. Develops and conducts wilderness education programs at Forest Service offices, trailheads and in the local community. Keeps records of visitor use levels, types and patterns. Makes sure that portals are properly signed and bulletin boards are maintained. Maintains records of visitor use levels, and types and patterns of use.

## **The Prescott National Forest**

The Prescott National Forest lies in west Central Arizona. It borders the Kaibab National Forest on the north, the Coconino National Forest on the northeast, and the Tonto National Forest on the southeast. Roughly half of the forest lies west of the city of Prescott in the Juniper, Santa Maria, Sierra Prieta, and Bradshaw Mountains. The other half of the forest lies east of Prescott and takes in the Black Hills, Mingus Mountain, Black Mesa, and the headwaters of the Verde River. Total acreage is approximately 1.25 million acres.

**THE COMMUNITY:** Located in central Arizona, the Prescott Tri-City Area is about 100 miles north of Phoenix, Arizona and about 100 miles south of Flagstaff, Arizona. The Prescott Tri-City area is a rapidly growing, vibrant, full-service community with small town character. The Prescott area is the marketing and cultural center of north central Arizona. Today visitors and new residents come from everywhere to enjoy the area's mild climate, natural beauty, and historical and cultural points of interest.

**POPULATION:** About 40,000 in Prescott, 39,000 in Prescott Valley, and 11,000 in Chino Valley.

**ELEVATION:** 5,300 (mile high)

**CLIMATE:** The Prescott area has a fairly arid and moderate climate; annual rainfall is about 18 inches and annual snowfall averages from 6-12 inches; snow is most likely during late winter and early spring.

**SCHOOLS:** Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley each have one public high school. Elementary and middle schools are abundant. Private and charter schools exist for all grade levels. Yavapai College, a two-year community college, has campuses in all three communities. Prescott College, a private college, and the renowned Embry Riddle Aeronautical University are located in Prescott. Northern Arizona University, based in Flagstaff, also conducts classes in Prescott.

**CHURCHES:** The Prescott Tri-City area has churches of many denominations.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** The Yavapai Regional Medical Center East and Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center are located in Prescott. Yavapai Regional Medical Center West is located in Prescott Valley. Numerous clinics exist and a full array of medical services is available.

**SHOPPING:** A full array of shopping services exists in the Prescott Tri-City area. A regional mall opened in March of 2002 to meet community growth demands.

**MAJOR EMPLOYERS:** Community, county, state, federal, school districts and colleges are the major employers. Sturm Ruger and Co., construction, service industries, and tourism are the major private employment sources.

**HOUSING:** Housing is moderately expensive with the average cost of a new home approximately \$175,000-\$275,000 in Chino Valley and \$200,000 - \$300,000 in Prescott Valley. Prescott ranges from \$250,000 and up.

**Other Community Information:**

The Prescott Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 445-2000  
website: [www.prescott.org](http://www.prescott.org)

The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 772-8857  
website: [www.pvchamber.org](http://www.pvchamber.org)

The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 636-2493  
website: [www.chinovalley.org](http://www.chinovalley.org)