

Gila National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE

Forestry Technician (Fuels Specialist), GS-0462-08/09 or GS-0401-09

The Gila National Forest will soon be filling a Zoned Fuels Specialist (GS-0462-08/09 or GS-0401-09, with a duty location of Glenwood, NM or Silver City, NM. The position is to be a Not to Exceed (NTE) 1 year appointment, but may be extended up to 4 years.

This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous wildland firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position. This position has been approved for Secondary Firefighter Retirement Coverage under CSRS and FERS by USDA on 6/28/05, C2.

Forest Service IFPM Crosswalk-- <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>
Please note the IQCS (Red Card Qualifications) that are required for the position.

District Fire/Fuels Program:

The Glenwood District has a fuels program that is driven by wildlife and range improvement projects and fuelwood areas. 75% of the district is in the PJ and Oak Woodlands fuel type. The Fire Management program has two Fire Lookouts, two Suppression Resources (a 5-10 person Handcrew and a Type 6 Engine), a Suppression AFMO and a Zoned Fuels position.

The Silver City District has an active fuels program driven by WUI, wildlife, range, CFRP, and fuelwood area projects. The district is 60% PJ and Oak Woodlands and 40% Ponderosa Pine fuel type. The Fire Management program consists of one Type 3 engine, one Type 6 engine, one Type one Hotshot Crew, one Lookout tower, one Suppression AFMO, one Fire Prevention Technician, and a zoned Fuels Specialist position.

DESCRIPTION OF JOB DUTIES:

Participates in the planning and implementation of fire management projects such as hazardous fuel reduction projects, wildlife habitat improvement or enhancement, watershed management, range improvement projects, or other vegetation management projects, to include fuelwood areas and small timber sales. Participates in fuels/fire management program operations, such as technical or analytical work involving prescribed burning and wildland fire suppression operations.

Selected applicant will participate in the NEPA process for projects, operate fire and fuels related equipment, write burn plans, utilize various computer programs, and implement projects as part of an interdisciplinary program on small and large landscape scale.

Planning document may include, developing a Landscape Scale Risk Assessment Plan and working on the Community Wildfire Protection Plans (for Grant and Catron Counties).

Providing mentoring and skills development to a Fuels student trainee and forest suppression resources.

GILA NATIONAL FOREST

The Gila National Forest is headquartered in Silver City, New Mexico. There are six Districts, five of which are located outside Silver City. The Forest is 3.3 million acres of forested hills and mountains. The Forest is predominately piñon juniper in the southern half with pine types in the northern half. Some unique features in the area include Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, the Catwalk and Aldo Leopold, Gila and Blue Range Wildernesses. Elevations range from 4,500 to 11,000 feet. More information may be obtained by visiting our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila/.

Glenwood

Glenwood, a town of approximately 300 people, known for its spectacular views of the Mogollon Mountains, Catwalk Trail and ghost town of Mogollon, is tucked away in the Southwest corner of the state, 65 miles northwest of Silver City. The elevation in Glenwood is approximately 4,770 ft, but the district ranges in elevations up to 10,535 ft.

The majority of the Glenwood area landscape is considered high-desert with predominately pinon and juniper. The summer temperatures average 50 to 98 degrees. Spring and fall temperatures average between 45 to 75 degrees and winter temperatures range from 25 to 55 degrees with a few colder days. Snow is anticipated in the Glenwood area only about 5 days per year, usually clearing off by mid-afternoon. Sunshine is abundant most all year round. Typically starting around July 4, the monsoon rains brings a wet season that lasts approximately two months.

The active clubs in Glenwood include: Frisco Cowbells, Mogollon Gun Club, Glenwood Women's Club, San Francisco 4-H Club and MAG (Mogollon-Apache-Gila off Road Vehicle Club). The community also has a volunteer library, Community Center and a Community Park. Recreational opportunities are plentiful.

There is a local volunteer fire department, as well as, a local ambulance service. The closest hospital is in Silver City. There are medical clinics in both, Reserve (40 miles north) and Gila (36 miles south).

There is an elementary school (K-2) in Glenwood that averages approximately 20 students. Students in grades 3-12, ride the bus to Reserve, NM. Western New Mexico University is located in Silver City and provides quality programs for traditional and non-traditional students. Cliff, in Grant County has an elementary through High School system as well.

Housing availability in Glenwood is somewhat difficult. Real estate prices are fairly high mainly due to the draw of living in a small, rural community. The Gila/Cliff area, 30 miles away has more housing. Depending on availability, there may be government housing available in Glenwood.

Glenwood is approximately four hours from four major cities: Albuquerque, Phoenix, Tucson and El Paso.

Silver City

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. It placed in the top 1% of over 3,000 communities our size or larger. Downtown Silver City is undergoing a revitalization effort and features many locally-owned shops and galleries.

The community has two libraries, churches of all denominations, a Regional hospital <http://www.grmc.org/>, several medical clinics, ambulance service, an emergency care clinic, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists and nursing homes. There are two newspapers, motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, all weather track, tennis courts, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, an 18-hole golf course, a bowling center and parks. Organized youth and adult sports activities are numerous. In the immediate vicinity are trout fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and camping. The main industries are tourism, mining, logging and ranching. The nearest commercial airports are in El Paso, TX (3 hours), Tucson, AZ (3 hours) and Albuquerque, NM (4 hours). Grant County airport also provides some services with Boutique Airlines.

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 areas such as education, nursing, basic arts and sciences and several graduate programs.

Rental homes and apartments range from \$350-\$800 per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. The price of single family homes range from \$85,000 and up. Property taxes in Grant County are based on \$18.00 per \$1,000 mill levy.

Questions about the position can be directed to:

For Glenwood Duty Station:

James Scola – District FMO

Tobe Haught – District AFMO

Telephone: 1 (575) 539-2481

For Silver City Duty Location:

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OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

Complete the following form and return to James Scola, District FMO.

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Attn James Scola, DFMO

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Name:
Current or Latest Job: Title/Series/Grade:
Merit or Demo:
Phone number:
E-mail address:
Forest Service Region/Unit:
Current Supervisor's Name:
Current Supervisor's Phone:

Narrative (briefly explain the reason for your interest, and summarize your qualifications and experience, including dates, relating to this position):