Annoucement Notice

USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST
DUCHESNE/ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT

GS-0455-06/07
Range Technician

The Ashley National Forest will be filling a permanent full time Range Technician GS-0455-06/07 position with duty station to be located in Duchesne, UT at the Duchesne / Roosevelt Ranger District Office. You must apply between **July 08, 2016** and **July 25, 2016** on USAjobs.gov if you are interested in this position.

The vacancy announcement will be posted to USAjobs.gov on July 08, 2016. This position is being filled Forest Service wide utilizing announcement **16-0401-258470FS-KF,** https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/?Keyword=16-0401-258470FS-KF&Location=&homeRadPublic=all&search=Search&AutoCompleteSelected=False&CanSeekStatusJobs=False **.** Current and former Forest Service employees, Preference Eligibles and government wide long term seasonals who are eligible under the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act (LMWFA) may apply.

Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act:
LMWFA provides current or former temporary or term employees of federal land management agencies opportunity to compete for permanent competitive positions. Individuals must have more than 24 months of service without a break between appointments of two or more years. Service must be in the competitive service, have been at a successful level of performance or better and most recent seperation was for reasons other than misconduct or performance.

If you apply under LMWFA documentation that proves more than 24 months of service with a land management agency without a break of more than 2 years will need to be submitted with your application. Applicants will need to obtain copies of their appointment, extension, conversion and termination/separation Notifications of Personnel Action forms (SF-50) for each period of service that makes up the (more than) 24 months and documentation to show performance was fully successful during this time. Performance documentation can be obtained by contacting the supervisors for the positions you served in during the 24 months and request performance documentation. If they did not complete performance appraisal(s) ask them to

provide a statement of your performance (for each period of service). The statement must specify the actual dates for each employment period and your level of performance (dates should match the dates on the SF50s you're providing as evidence of (more than) 24 months of service).

Information on LMWFA and documentation needed to apply can be found on the internet at http://fsweb.asc.fs.fed.us/HRM/employment/LMWFA.php or http://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/lmwfa-applicant-qa-3-30-2016.pdf

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Position Duties

The position will provide technical support to the Districts range management program. Primary duties will include:

- Grazing allotment monitoring to assess permittee compliance with Allotment Management Plans, Annual Operating Instructions and utilization standards.
- Inspection and documentation of range improvements. Will coordinate with permittees to locate and properly identify improvements. Use of ArcMap and work with forest GIS specialist to update and maintain range improvement GIS layer.
- Assist in managing the District noxious weed program. Provides technical direction to seasonal weed crew employees and assist in treating noxious weeds. Must obtain a pesticide applicators license.
- Assist with collecting long-term vegetation monitoring data such as repeat photo plots.
- Assisting in summarizing and compiling annual reporting efforts and computer system data entry. Filing data sheets, organization and maintenance of range improvement and weed inventory files.
- Responsible for care of the four district horses including farrier services, health needs, transporting to and from pastures.
- Maintenance of administrative pastures and exclosures.

This position will be physically strenuous and will require working in the field in all types of terrain and weather conditions during the field season (generally April through October). Work during the winter months (November through March) will primarily be within an office environment.

Qualification Requirements: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0455 series. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm.

Ashley National Forest:

Ashley National Forest - With headquarters in Vernal, Utah, it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of Utah and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people.
The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed with other resources to ensure supply, a quality environment and safety to the visiting public. Oil and gas drilling and extraction are occurring south of Duchesne. This activity is a forest priority and is therefore requiring emphasis by specialists and managers in both time and expertise to manage broad landscapes in a manner which protects and mitigates for development impacts. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, ATV use and snowmobiling.

Forest landscapes range from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak. Topographical diversity and land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.
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About Duchesne, Utah

Duchesne (pop. approximately 1700) is a fast growing community with a high quality of life located within the Uintah Basin. Duchesne is located about two hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah, a half hour west of Roosevelt, UT and an hour west of Vernal, UT. The Vernal airport is a commuter link to Denver and Moab (Great Lakes Airlines). The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just west of the city limits and incorporates the 2740 acre Starvation Reservoir and is known for its summer and ice fishing opportunities for: walleye, rainbow and brown trout as well as small mouth bass and perch. At the park are sandy day use areas, concrete boat ramps, ice fishing, newly renovated campgrounds with electricity and pavilions as well as year round primitive cabins.

Schools

Elementary School – Kindergarten through 6th Grade.
High School – Grades 7 through 12.
Utah State University-Uintah Basin (Vernal and Roosevelt) offers 13 complete bachelor's degree programs and 7 complete master's degree programs. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical, entry-level work.

Health Care

Duchesne has a local medical clinic and a local dentist. In Roosevelt, 29 miles to the east, there is a fully staffed hospital and clinic with many doctors who specialize in all fields of medicine. There are also many dentists in Roosevelt. Duchesne has local EMTs, a Fire Department, and 911 services.

Housing

The average apartment rental is around $750.00 to $900.00 a month. There are a few homes for sale and rent. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from $135,000 to $250,000. Government housing is not available. For current realty information, contact local real estate agencies.

Recreation

Duchesne has its share of parks that include tennis courts, baseball fields and picnic areas. There is a swimming pool and a bowling center. Duchesne offers a full range of spring, summer, fall and winter activities. There is an old-fashioned County Fair and Rodeo each summer. There is boating, fishing and an annual Walleye Fishing Tournament at Starvation Reservoir 10 minutes northwest of town. Hunting includes deer, elk, moose, antelope, bear, pheasant and doves.

Churches

Churches that provide services in Duchesne include Catholic, Baptist, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Business/Shopping
Restaurants; Fast Food/Convenience Stores; Grocery Store; Automotive Repair; Service Stations; Hardware Store; Motels

Economic Base
Agriculture - Ranching and Farming, Oil Industry, and Tourism

Climate
Spring, summer, and fall are mild and beautiful, with temperatures reaching 90-95 degrees in July and August. Winter temperatures may go to 20 below zero in December and January.