

# OUTREACH

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## GIS DATA SERVICES SPECIALIST

GS-0401-7/9

Permanent Full Time



### Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands Chadron Nebraska

This is a pre-announcement soliciting information we can use to determine area of consideration and your response will not be considered a commitment or an application.

#### The Position

The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands will be advertising to fill the above vacant position in Chadron, Nebraska located at the Supervisor's Office. The GIS Data Services Specialist serves as a geospatial specialist assisting in or administering a corporate based geospatial data management program and related resource coordination.

The position duties are not limited to but include:

- GIS Database Administration
  - Support creation of district's project record by creating and managing SDE Project Schemas or project folders on T drive
  - Provides assistance and technical support in data capture, conversion and manipulation and extraction of information from the databases
- Geospatial and Information Management
  - Coordinates development of resource databases
  - Documents field procedures and office methodologies to develop metadata
- Provide technical support for developing forest protocols.
- Help desk responsibilities, support district and forest data stewards, the District GIS Contacts and GIS Coordinator as needed
- Geospatial data creation and maintenance.
- NRIS, iWeb, FACTS, Infra, GI registration.

## Forests And Grasslands Profile

The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands are situated across five Ranger Districts and one Nursery in two states. The Pine Ridge Ranger District includes the Nebraska National Forest and Oglala National Grassland in the northwest corner of Nebraska. The Bessey Ranger District includes a portion of the Nebraska National Forest in west-central Nebraska and the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest in north-central Nebraska. The Bessey Nursery is co-located with the Bessey Ranger District at Halsey, Nebraska. The Fall River Ranger District and Wall Ranger District share management of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland across southwestern South Dakota. The Fort Pierre National Grassland is managed by the Fort Pierre Ranger District and is situated in south-central South Dakota.

The Nebraska units have approximately 75 permanent employees and several temporary employees. The Supervisor's Office is staffed with approximately 35 employees and is co-located with the Pine Ridge Ranger District. The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located 10 miles south of Chadron, Nebraska, and is a close partner with the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.

## Location

Chadron Nebraska is a full-service community of approximately 6,000 and is located in the northwest part of the state. The Pine Ridge area of Nebraska provides a wide range of recreation opportunities. Hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife watching and a variety of other outdoor activities are available in the immediate vicinity. Downhill skiing is within 2-1/2 hours drive in the Black Hills and world class skiing is within 400 miles in Colorado.

Chadron is the county seat of Dawes County and is located 100 miles south of Rapid City, South Dakota; 300 miles northeast of Denver, Colorado; and 450 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska. Chadron's elevation is 3,365 feet above sea level. Basic economic activities of Chadron include education, retail and wholesale sales, farming, ranching, transportation and tourism.

The community of Chadron offers a hospital, a medical clinic with 5 doctors, a nursing home, 19 churches, public library, 3 banks, a theater, 2 senior citizen centers, 4 dentists, swimming pool, tennis courts, several city parks, a golf course, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, youth programs, an outstanding volunteer fire department/ volunteer emergency medical technicians, an airport with daily commercial flights to Denver, police department, sheriff's department, county and city offices, as well as a thriving retail business community.

Chadron is also the home of Chadron State College. Chadron State College has an annual enrollment of approximately 3,000 students and it employs approximately 260 individuals. The College offers both bachelor and master degree programs and is well known for its education (teaching) program. Chadron State College has a very impressive Physical Activity Center, which has an indoor track, weight facilities and racquetball courts and pool that are open to the general public through a membership program.

Chadron has an excellent school system. Elementary classes average 23-25 students per classroom. Total elementary enrollment is approximately 450 students. The Middle School houses students in grades 5-8 with an average enrollment of 320 students and the High School (grades 9-12) also has an average enrollment of 320 students. Special education classes are provided at all education levels. Chadron is a great place to raise a family.

Chadron has available housing for both rental and purchase. Average rental prices range from \$250 to \$400 per month and average purchase prices range \$70,000-\$150,000. Rental availability can be difficult when Chadron State College is in session.

More information regarding the community is available through the Internet at [www.chadron.com](http://www.chadron.com).

### Outreach Response

If interested in this position please respond by **October 17, 2016**

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact:  
Geri Mason, Forest GIS Coordinator, Phone 308-432-0363, email [gerimason@fs.fed.us](mailto:gerimason@fs.fed.us)

Hard copies of the attached form may be mailed to the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Supervisor's Office, 125 North Main Street, Chadron, NE 69337, Attention Geri Mason or emailed to the above email address.

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

This is a permanent full time position. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) following the outreach. Those who wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement. All applicants who have correctly applied to the announcement, and are found to be qualified, will be referred to the selecting official for consideration.

# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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**NEBRASKA NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS**

**GIS Data Services Specialist, GS-0401-7/9**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:**       USFS                       BLM                       USFWS                       NRCS

NPS                       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 rehired under any of the following special authorities?**

- Persons with disabilities
- Veterans' readjustment
- Disabled veterans with 30% compensable disability
- Veterans' employment opportunities act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps volunteer
- Other ( please provide brief description )

**Please provide any other pertinent information below:**