



# United States Forest Service

## Outreach Notice

### Region 2

Pike & San Isabel National Forests/Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands  
South Park and San Carlos Ranger Districts

Realty Specialist  
GS-1170-09/11  
(Potential Position)

Duty Station: Fairplay, Colorado.

Point of Contact: Josh Voorhis South Park District Ranger  
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**Position and Duties:** This potential position serves as the Realty Specialist for the South Park and San Carlos Ranger Districts. **This is a Potential Permanent Fulltime Employee position.** The duty station will be in Fairplay, Colorado.

This position serves as Program Manager for the South Park and San Carlos District's Lands Program. This position spends at least 75% of duty time administering all aspects of the lands special use program. The incumbent will evaluate simple and complex special use proposals according to regulatory screening criteria and determine compliance with national, regional and forest direction. The incumbent also conducts on-the-ground reviews of special use programs and individual authorizations for compliance with Forest Service policy, terms and conditions.

The duty station is Fairplay, Colorado. However, frequent travel to the San Carlos District including some over-night trips is required.

As part of the application process, the incumbent will provide program specific technical advice to interdisciplinary teams preparing environmental analyses and necessary documents to fulfill NEPA requirements for special use authorizations and will serve as an ID team leader or member.

The incumbent will recommend granting of special use authorizations for the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. Authorization types include permits, term permits, easements and leases.

The position is also responsible for land claims, scheduling surveys, land donations, Small Tracts Act cases, land adjustment issues, coordinating land line maintenance targets and NEPA efforts as necessary.

The incumbent must be able to communicate with a variety of customers, including special use applicants and special use permittees, realtors, attorneys, as well as dealing with other employees.

Must be familiar with Forest Service regulations concerning lands and special uses and be proficient in various computer databases, able to read and understand deeds and surveys.

Must have the ability to research titles and have a sound knowledge of right of way laws and policy. This position does not include recreation special uses.

Occasionally must work in steep, rough mountainous terrain in various weather conditions.

**Organizational Unit:** The Pike & San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) are located in southeastern Colorado. The Forest is comprised of eight Ranger Districts (6 mountain/2 grassland) covering over 3 million acres from Leadville, CO to Elkhart, KS. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Pueblo, Colorado. The PSICC is a complex "urban" Forest emphasizing people related resources including fire and fuels, recreation, watershed, lands, and special uses.

**The South Park Ranger District has locality pay above the RUSA rate as part of the Denver metropolitan area counties.**

The South Park Ranger District office is located in Fairplay, Colorado at 9,953 feet elevation. Fire and fuels personnel are based at the Lake George Work Center in Lake George, Colorado at 8000 feet. The district is approximately 540,296 acres in size, including parts of two Wilderness areas (Lost Creek and Buffalo Peaks) and is located in Park and Teller counties. Elevations on the District range from 7,200 to over 14,000 feet and multiple outdoor recreation opportunities of every possible type exist. Communities within the district include Alma, Como, Guffey, Hartsel, Jefferson, Lake George and Florissant.

Fairplay, the District office, is located just over an hour from the Denver metro area (3.5 million) and a half-hour from the ski town of Breckenridge.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION:** The town of Fairplay is located in central Colorado in Park County, approximately 85 miles southwest of Denver and 85 miles west-northwest of Colorado Springs at the intersection of U.S. Highway 285 and Highway 9. Fairplay lies within the geographic feature of "South Park." South Park covers over 900 square miles and is surrounded by the Mosquito, Park, Platte River, Kenosha, and Tarryall mountain ranges. The town sits on the edge of the Middle Fork of the South Platte River and was originally founded as a mining town in the mid-to-late-1800s with the discovery of gold and silver. Fairplay is a bedroom community to Breckenridge and Summit County and is influenced economically and socially by the ski industry.

Summer recreation and tourism center on multiple outdoor recreation opportunities including trout fishing, boating, rafting (nearby), horseback riding, hot springs (nearby), backpacking, gold panning, golfing (nearby), mountain biking/hiking/climbing, and camping. Winter sports include hunting, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and alpine skiing (Breckenridge, Copper Mountain, Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone, A-Basin, Monarch, and Loveland). The South Park Recreation center is located in Fairplay and includes weight facilities, cardio machines, dance classes, exercise classes, swimming pool, skate park, and babysitting services.

**ELEVATION:** 9,953 feet

**POPULATION:** 850 in Fairplay (Park County Seat); 2,000 additional in outlying rural areas, and over 14,500 in Park County – the 4th fastest growing county in Colorado.

**NEAREST LARGER TOWN:** Denver, 85 miles; Colorado Springs, 85 miles; Breckenridge, 23 miles.

**CLIMATE:**

**AVERAGE ANNUAL RAINFALL:** 13 inches; **AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL:** 42 inches

**AVERAGE SUMMER HIGH TEMPERATURE:** 72 (July)

**AVERAGE WINTER LOW TEMPERATURE:** 20 (January)

**HOUSING AVAILABILITY AND APPROXIMATE COST:** Government housing is not currently available for permanent employees. Facilities are used to house seasonal and temporary help. Rental apartments range from \$600 to \$1400 per month and the average cost of a home ranges from \$255,000 to \$350,000.

**MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL FACILITIES:** Medical facilities in and close to Fairplay include Fairplay Therapy Center, Buena Vista Medical Clinic (40 miles), Saint Anthony's Summit Medical Center (30 miles), Salida Hospital (63 miles), and Fairplay Family Dental.

**EDUCATION:** The schools in Fairplay include a preschool, elementary school (Edith Teter Elementary, K-5), a middle school (Silverheels Middle School, 6-8) and a senior high school (South Park High School, 9-12). Branches of the Colorado Mountain College are located in Summit County and access to several classes is available through South Park High School. The rural branch of Red Rocks Community College may be accessed through the Park County Library in Bailey.

**CHURCHES:** Churches in the town of Fairplay include: South Park Christian Chapel (non-denominational), Fairplay Seventh Day Adventist Church, Fairplay Southern Baptist Church, South Park Community Church (Presbyterian), and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

**REMARKS:** Grocery shopping can be done at Prather's Market, a moderate-sized store in Fairplay. Larger markets can be found in Summit County (City Market, Safeway, Walmart, Target), Buena Vista (City Market, Alco), Conifer (Safeway, King Soopers), and Salida (Safeway, Walmart).

A variety of hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops can be found in Fairplay. The community also sports a library, and "South Park City" an open-air museum showcasing buildings and furnishings from the 1880s.

Annual Events include: South Park Music Tour, The Park County Fair, Burro Days (a celebration which hosts the World Championship Pack Burro Race), Alma Festival in the Clouds (music & art), and an annual Christmas Celebration and Holiday Bazaar.

For more information about South Park and the surrounding area, please visit the Park County Heritage website at: <https://www.colorado.com/association/park-county-colorado-heritage> which features an interactive map that is very helpful in viewing sites and providing additional information.

If you are interested in this position, please respond to Josh Voorhis, South Park District Ranger, by completing the attached Outreach Response Form and returning it via e-mail, regular mail, or fax. Please feel free to include a brief narrative or resume outlining your experience for the position.

The vacancy announcement(s) for this position will be posted at the USAJobs website, the U.S. Government official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. All those responding to this outreach will be notified when the position announcement is open for applications.

If you would like further information on the position please contact:

Josh Voorhis, District Ranger: [jvoorhis@fs.fed.us](mailto:jvoorhis@fs.fed.us), (719) 836-2031 or fax (719) 836-3875

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## Outreach Response Form

### Realty Specialist

GS-1170-9/11

Fairplay, Colorado, South Park and San Carlos Ranger Districts

USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

**PLEASE RESPOND BY January 10, 2019**

to: Josh Voorhis at [jvoorhis@fs.fed.us](mailto:jvoorhis@fs.fed.us) or call (719) 836-2031

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Desired: Fairplay \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: Permanent \_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_ Student/Intern \_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Series/grade if Federal Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this position? \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

\_\_\_\_ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

\_\_\_\_ Veterans Readjustment

\_\_\_\_ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

\_\_\_\_ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

\_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_