



2015 Temporary/Seasonal Positions

USDA Forest Service, R-2 (Rocky Mountain Region) Black Hills National Forest



The Black Hills National Forest may be advertising and filling several Temporary positions for the following duty stations:

Bearlodge Ranger District – Sundance, WY | Northern Hills Ranger District – Spearfish, SD
Mystic Ranger District – Rapid City, SD and Hill City, SD
Hell Canyon Ranger District – Custer, SD and Newcastle, WY

Applicants are strongly encouraged to select all duty stations to increase their chances of gaining employment on the Black Hills National Forest.

If you have any questions regarding these positions please contact the individual(s) listed as the point of contact (by duty station).

Biological Aid - (GS-0404-3)

15-TEMP-R20404-3-BIO-DT-JB; Announcement opens on 02/03/2015 / Closes on 02/09/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Assists technical or professional personnel in performing various routine field and/or laboratory tests employing standard biological techniques. Independently does routine repetitive tasks on experiments or tests. Receives training and performs a variety of simple and routine tasks. Receives training and assists in experiments that are more complex or field work.

Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Patti Lynch, 605-343-1567 or plynch@fs.fed.us

Biological Science Technician - Plants (GS-0404-4)

Announcement # - to be determined; Announcement will be open for seven days.

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

This position assists scientists or higher graded technicians with conducting ecological management activities in forest ecosystems. This position involves invasive non-native plant management and monitoring. Performs the full range of standardized technical assignments consisting of routine invasive non-native plant treatment, management, inventory, and monitoring of invasive non-native plants commonly found in the work area. Assignments involve the performance of a series of basic related technical tasks, which must be completed according to a predetermined and established routine. Assists in identifying invasive non-native plants using various field guides, surveying for target plants, collecting data on infestation location and status, and treating invasive plant infestations. Treatments primarily involve using herbicides, but may also be accomplished by hand-pulling, and/or using hand tools, power tools, mowers, and other standardized control methods. Accurately and legibly records data related to invasive non-native plant treatments according to specific protocols.

Performs highly physical labor and daily hiking often to remote locations in rugged terrain under possible adverse weather conditions. Uses global positioning systems, aerial photographs, topographic maps, and/or compass in navigation. A portion of time may be dedicated to data entry and other duties in a laboratory/office setting. Applies herbicides using backpack sprayers or other equipment on a regular basis according to specific guidelines. Performs basic mathematical calculations related to herbicide mixing and applications. Utilizes appropriate personal protective equipment supplied by the Forest Service at all times. May identify, collect, and release appropriate insects (biological control) to achieve desired objectives.

Occasionally assists with revegetation and ecological restoration duties such as planting, seed collection, irrigation of past plantings or native plant nursery work.

Duty Station: Sundance, WY – Julie Wheeler, 307-283-1361 or juliewheeler@fs.fed.us

Spearfish, SD – Rylan Sprague or Lou Conroy, 605-642-4622, rsprague@fs.fed.us or lmconroy@fs.fed.us

Biological Science Technician - Plants (GS-0404-5)

15-TEMP-R20404-5-PLNT-DT-JB; Announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving forest plant projects and program planning activities. Collects biological and vegetation specimens and samples and prepares them for laboratory analysis. Is responsible for the accumulation, coding, transcription and processing of information; edits and corrects records; and provides quality control of automatic data processing entries. Tabulates results and prepares graphs and charts according to instructions. Assists in the design of new plant projects. Performs laboratory analysis of pollutant concentrations in plant tissue, aids in preparation of specimens for histological analyses and does routine technical analyses. Layout of experimental plots by taking measurements and marking corners and boundaries. Uses botanical key to identify plants encountered during field trips or surveys of Forest areas. Compiles and summarizes the vegetation types obtained from aerial and ground surveys including forest health monitoring, biological evaluations, and pilot tests conducted as part of the project.

Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Patti Lynch, 605-343-1567 or plynch@fs.fed.us

Biological Science Technician - Wildlife (GS-0404-4)

15-TEMP-R20404-4-WDLF-DT-JB; Announcement opens on 02/03/2015 / Closes on 02/09/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Performs duties in support of the wildlife management program. Independently, or as part of a team, participates in procedural wildlife-related assignments where methods and techniques are well established. Makes browse surveys; takes and records measurements such as counting stems, identifying species, measuring leaders, etc.; identifies and measures species and conditions; delineates wildlife habitat types on topographic maps; and, identifies habitat condition. Maintains records of investigations and trail data as requested by team leader or supervisor. The supervisor or team leader makes sure assigned are completed; and information is developed; that the methods used in securing and verifying data are acceptable; and that use of guidelines are technically-accurate and in accordance with agency guidelines. Under supervision, prepares data summaries in proper format. Summarizes data obtained from field collections using prescribed statistical procedures. Assists in the attainment of field data by calculating and recording relevant biological information irregular to the specific assignment. Formulates and orders data as directed and prepares data for computer use. Assists in the collection, handling, and preservation of specimens. May occasionally serve as a crew leader on designated projects.

Duty Station: Sundance, WY – Julie Wheeler, 307-283-1361 or juliewheeler@fs.fed.us

Biological Science Technician - Wildlife (GS-0404-5)

15-TEMP-R20404-5-WDLF-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

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Independently, or as part of a team, participates in procedural wildlife-related assignments where methods and techniques are well established. Makes browse surveys; takes and records measurements such as counting stems, identifying species, measuring leaders, etc.; identifies and measures species and conditions; delineates wildlife habitat types on topographic maps; and, identifies habitat condition. Maintains records of investigations and trail data as requested by team leader or supervisor. The supervisor or team leader makes sure assigned are completed; and information is developed; that the methods used in securing and verifying data are acceptable; and that use of guidelines are technically-accurate and in accordance with agency guidelines. Under supervision, prepares data summaries in proper format. Summarizes data obtained from field collections using prescribed statistical procedures. Assists in the attainment of field data by calculating and recording relevant biological information irregular to the specific assignment. Formulates and orders data as directed and prepares data for computer use. Assists in the collection, handling, and preservation of specimens. May occasionally serve as a crew leader on designated projects.

Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Patti Lynch, 605-343-1567 or plynch@fs.fed.us

Spearfish, SD – Lou Conroy, 605-642-4622 or lmconroy@fs.fed.us or Valerie Carlson,

Biological Science Technician - Wildlife (GS-0404-6)

15-TEMP-R20404-6-WDLF-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/10/2015 / Closes on 02/16/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Performs a variety of recurring duties in the assigned area. Schedules, organizes, and executes field wildlife projects for detecting identifying and evaluating habitat management. Using prescribed procedures, the technician resolves regular and recurring problems concerning wildlife project plans for habitat management. Collects, complies and summarizes the data that is obtained on wildlife habitat and vegetation for preparation of wildlife species, range allotment, deer herd, and other maps and management plans. Compiles and summarizes the data obtains from aerial and ground surveys to determine vegetation types; conducts routine analyses; and provides the biological and vegetation data from records and fieldwork to professional personnel after checking it and developing explanations for unusually high or low figures or figures that seem inconsistent to determine past wildlife and livestock use. Collects data for big game, upland game, raptors, small mammals, and threatened and endangered species. Subsequently, assists with development of reports after higher graded employees have refined and verified the data and analyzed the results.

Frequently, there is an integrated approach to address resource management issues, where the incumbent works as a team leader or as a member of a team to collaboratively achieve mutual goals and objectives. Individually, as a leader, or part of a team, participates in the development of the unit wildlife project plans and program for habitat management.

Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Lou Conroy, 605-642-4622 or lmconroy@fs.fed.us or Valerie Carlson, 605-642-4622, vcarlson@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Trails (GS-0462-4)

15-TEMP-R20462-4-TRLS-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands. Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed. Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed. Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing. May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup. Performs other duties as assigned.

Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Bonnie Jones, 605-642-4622 or bjjones@fs.fed.us
Custer, SD – Laura Burns, 605-673-4853 or lburns@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Trails (GS-0462-5)

15-TEMP-R20462-5TRLS-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands. Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed. Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed. Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May perform trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing. May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup.

Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Bonnie Jones, 605-642-4622 or bjjones@fs.fed.us

Engineering Aid (GS-0802-3)

15-TEMP-R20802-3-ENGR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/03/2015 / Closes on 02/09/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Assists higher level engineers in locating control points and taglines for roads. Collects data and prepares field notes and reports. Performs various tasks on a land line location or p-line survey crew, such as setting hubs, measuring elevations and distances, setting targets, and recording field data. Performs tasks related to road design, such as computes levels; plots road profiles, cross sections, and traverses; traces completed plans and profiles; prepares data for computerized input; and works from printouts or reports. Assists with work related to constructing roads, trails, or other facilities, such as collecting and analyzing materials, taking measurements; and reporting on contractor's progress to a higher-level engineer. Assists with road inventories, mapping, signing, traffic counts, or other work related to the maintenance of roads, trails or facilities. Develops sketches, drawings, and/or work requests for support operations, such as simple modifications to equipment that are easily visualized, fit a similar pattern, and/or are specified by a senior technician or engineer. Serves as rod person on surveys and uses various types of rods. As head chain person, selects measuring or turning point by considering terrain and demands of the type of survey involved. Independently carries through a sequence of operations. Uses surveying instruments to measure slope distance, and converts to horizontal distance.

Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Dave Plummer, 605-642-4622 or dgplummer@fs.fed.us

Engineering Equipment Operator (GS-5716-8)

15-TEMP-R25716-8-EEO-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/10/2015 / Closes on 02/16/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Incumbent operates one or more types of heavy equipment, such as graders, tractors with bulldozer or angle dozer blades, front-end loaders, backhoes, trench diggers, and large industrial tractors with pan or scraper attachments. Work is generally done on flat or rolling terrain with simple terrain problems, such as forest roads and compounds. Incumbent maintains ditches, road shoulders, and beds and fire lines and clears brush, tree stumps and rocks. Reviews the work to be performed and adjusts equipment attachments for a set level, angle, or depth, according to the type of equipment used. Ensures equipment is maintained in good working condition. May perform other duties as assigned. Class A CDL is required. Since the position requires a CDL, drug testing requirements apply.

Duty Station: Hill City, SD – Bill Ball, 605-574-2837 or wball@fs.fed.us

Hydrologic Technician (GS-1316-4)

15-TEMP-R21316-4-HYDR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov

Performs a variety of tasks involved in the compilation and tabulation of technical data which serves as a base for more complex technical studies made by hydrologists, other physical science specialists or higher-level technicians. The primary duties associated with this position include the inventory of road-stream crossings; conducting soil disturbance surveys; spring and wetland identification; stream mapping and characterization of stream flow; conducting mass movement surveys; and recording all of the relevant data for the field work. Prepares a variety of charts, graphs, and figures for data analysis. Prepares correspondence, in draft form, relating to all phases of the work. The types of equipment, tools, and software used to complete these tasks include: topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, shovels, 4x4 trucks, and skills with Microsoft Office. Individuals will receive training in the different types of field survey and analysis methods. Position will be required to have a state government issued driver's license.

Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Jessica Lucas, 605-343-1567 or jjgould@fs.fed.us
Spearfish, SD and Sundance, WY – Callie Ackerman, 307-283-1361 or callieackerman@fs.fed.us

Hydrologic Technician (GS-1316-5)

15-TEMP-R21316-5-HYDR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Independently performs a variety of tasks involved in the compilation and tabulation of technical data which serves as a base for more complex technical studies made by hydrologists, other physical science specialists or higher-level technicians. The primary duties associated with this position include the inventory of road-stream crossings; conducting soil disturbance surveys; spring and wetland identification; stream mapping and characterization of stream flow; conducting mass movement surveys; and recording all of the relevant data for the field work. Prepares a variety of charts, graphs, and figures for data analysis. Prepares correspondence, in draft form, relating to all phases of the work. The types of equipment, tools, and software used to complete these tasks include: topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, shovels, 4x4 trucks, and skills with Microsoft Office and ArcGIS. Individuals will receive training in the different types of field survey and analysis methods. Position will be required to have a state government issued driver's license.

Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Jessica Lucas, 605-343-1567 or jjgould@fs.fed.us

Spearfish, SD and Sundance, WY – Callie Ackerman, 307-283-1361 or callieackerman@fs.fed.us

Hydrologic Technician (GS-1316-6)

15-TEMP-R21316-6-HYDR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/10/2015 / Closes on 02/16/2015

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This position serves as the crew lead, organizes daily tasks, and is in charge of making sure the crew follows district safety protocols. Independently performs a variety of tasks involved in the compilation and tabulation of technical data which serves as a base for more complex technical studies made by hydrologists, other physical science specialists or higher-level technicians. The primary duties associated with this position include the inventory of road-stream crossings; conducting soil disturbance surveys; spring and wetland identification; stream mapping and characterization of stream flow; conducting mass movement surveys; and recording all of the relevant data for the field work. Prepares a variety of charts, graphs, and figures for data analysis. Prepares correspondence, in draft form, relating to all phases of the work. The types of equipment, tools, and software used to complete these tasks include: topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, shovels, 4x4 trucks, and skills with Microsoft Office and ArcGIS. Individuals will receive training in the different types of field survey and analysis methods. Position will be required to have a state government issued driver's license.

Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Callie Ackerman, 307-283-1361 or callieackerman@fs.fed.us

Archeological Technician (GS-0102-4)

15-TEMP-R20102-4-ARCL-DT-JB; opening date for announcement to be determined

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Assists in performing procedural archeological fieldwork assignments using compass, topographical map, and aerial photographs, and/or GPS unit to conduct archeological surveys and to record site locations. Searches areas for surface historic and prehistoric archaeological remains and artifacts. Assists with determining the exact locations of sites and marks them on maps and/or aerial photographs and plots with GPS units. Assists in recording information on archeological site survey forms and prepares simple reports and field notes. Assists with the cleaning and cataloging of artifacts recovered from inventories and excavations. Assists in site testing and excavation. Applies coding information and/or labels to artifacts, slides, photographs, datasets, and narrative information to ensure that their relationships are cataloged and maintained. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 40 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, and may be asked to drive UTV's, 4X4 trucks.

Duty Stations: Spearfish, SD and Sundance, WY – Marissa Karchut, 605-642-4622 or mkarchut@fs.fed.us

Rapid City, SD – John Swallow, 605-343-1567 or jswallow@fs.fed.us

Custer, SD – Laura Burns, 605-673-4853 or lburns@fs.fed.us

Archeological Technician (GS-0102-5)**15-TEMP-R20102-5-ARCL-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015****You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.**

Conducts inventories of Forest cultural resources in areas of proposed Forest Service projects. Researches reference materials such as State and National register files, historic documents, archeological reports, maps and aerial photos, and interviews source individuals concerning project areas. Performs on-the-ground area surveys for surface and subsurface evidence of historic and prehistoric archeological remains. Identifies and records historic and prehistoric cultural resource sites. Performs a variety of computations and assessments of standard archeological data, such as entering archeological artifact and projects data in appropriate forms and databases. Produces site and survey maps. Transfers GPS data to a GIS Arc View program loaded in a computer to create a map. Conducts cultural resource surveys of areas designated for various projects. Records sites and monitors affected sites during these project activities. Insures that archeology work assignments are carried out in safe, timely manner according to established standards and procedures. Reviews work in progress to see that standards for pre-field research, survey design, site recording, graphics, and final report are being met. Advises other employees on methods of cultural resource inventory and provides written instructions, research materials and supplies to all involved in planning and operation of natural resource activities. May serve as a crew work leader.

Duty Stations: Spearfish, SD – Marissa Karchut, 605-642-4622 or mkarchut@fs.fed.usCuster, SD – Laura Burns, 605-673-4853 or lburns@fs.fed.us**Range Aid (GS-0455-3)****15-TEMP-R20455-3-RNGE-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/03/2015 / Closes on 02/09/2015****You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.**

Counts livestock in feed lots before grazing season. Counts livestock on range allotments. Inspects allotments before and after grazing season for evidence of livestock trespass. Reports unauthorized livestock use cases to superior. Assists in roundup in case of unauthorized livestock use. Tags livestock as required. Inspects conditions of boundary and drift fences and water developments. Checks progress of fence construction by permittees, and salt and feed locations. Serves as a crew member on range improvement construction and re-vegetation projects that include construction of fences, cattle guards, water developments, repairing fences, prescribed burning, seeding and fertilization.

Duty Station: Newcastle, WY – Justin McConkey, 307-746-2782 or jmconkey@fs.fed.us**Range Technician (GS-0455-4)****15-TEMP-R20455-4-RNGE-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015****You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.**

Assists specialists in carrying out rangeland management support projects. Makes a number of measurements using a variety of instruments. Performs computations that require judgment and knowledge of the nature of the sources and use of the data. Participates in noxious plant control, seeding, or similar projects by flagging boundaries, operating equipment, and carrying out kill studies. Identifies plant specimens in the field and collects and prepares specimens. Identifies plants and noxious weeds and determines how they grow. Serves as a crew member on range improvement construction and re-vegetation projects that include construction of fences, cattle guards, water developments, repairing fences, prescribed burning, seeding, fertilizing, and pesticide application.

Duty Stations: Newcastle, WY and Custer, SD – Justin McConkey, 307-746-2782 or jmconkey@fs.fed.us**Range Technician (GS-0455-5)****15-TEMP-R20455-5-RNGE-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015****You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.**

Assists specialists in planning rangeland management support projects that are without clear precedents or guides. Checks range allotments to assess appropriate time to graze, compliance with management plans and

operating instructions, number of livestock, herding procedures, salting, range improvement, maintenance, and the need for additional range improvements such as fences or water development. Inspects allotments before and after grazing for trespass stock and if found, gathers necessary brands, numbers, dates, and locations. Contacts range users to explain needed maintenance work and reports noncompliance to supervisor. Inspects structural range improvements and notifies supervisor of needed maintenance. Recommends the construction or abandonment of range improvements such as fences, water developments, etc. Participates in plant control or type conversion by flagging boundaries, operating equipment, carrying out kill studies, or reseeding. Using accepted indicator plants, determines range readiness dates and advises supervisor. Checks allotments before and after grazing season for trespass stock. Performs a variety of computations and assessment of standard rangeland management data to prepare the data for interpretative use of inclusion in reports. Prepares charts, graphs, and/or reports using well-established specified procedures. Notes and reports on conditions such as range utilization, grazing impact, soil erosion, violations, or needed maintenance.
Duty Station: Spearfish, SD – Spearfish, SD – Tom Smith, 605-642-4622 or tsmith01@fs.fed.us

Forestry Aid (General) (GS-0462-3)

15-TEMP-R20462-3-AID-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/03/2015 / Closes on 02/09/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Performs the full range of standardized forestry support duties for fire, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research activities. Assists in one or more of the following duties: cruising timber by following specific instructions on taking and recording simple measurements and running compass lines in the field using compass and chain; noting compliance with rules and regulations on parking, campfire, sanitation, use of picnic sites, or hunting and fishing; maintaining and cleaning up recreation/wilderness areas; performing standard fire prevention, dispatch, or lookout duties; or performing various standard duties related to silviculture activities.

Duty Stations: Newcastle, WY – Todd Hoover, 307-746-2782 or trhoover@fs.fed.us

Spearfish, SD – Bonnie Jones, 605-642-4622 or bjjones@fs.fed.us or

Peter Howard, 605-642-4622, or pahoward@fs.fed.us

Rapid City, SD – Lou Howey, 605-343-1567 or lhowey@fs.fed.us

Custer, SD – Laura Burns, 605-673-4853 or lburns@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Recreation (GS-0462-4)

15-TEMP-R20462-4-RECR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Contacts visitors to provide information about recreation regulations, opportunities, and current restrictions. Provides information on resource management practices in the area. Checks for compliance with regulations, issues notices for common violations, and reports other violations to supervisor. Assures recreation area and trails are maintained in accordance with standards. Constructs and rehabilitates minor recreation facilities and trails. Makes safety checks of public use areas and takes corrective action. Depending on grade, may direct or lead one or two lower grade employees engaged in recreation maintenance and/or contract work.

Duty Stations: Sundance, WY – Roger Showman, 307-283-1361 or rshowman@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Recreation (GS-0462-5)

15-TEMP-R20462-5-RECR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Assures recreation sites and areas with one or two major uses are operated and maintained in accordance with operation and maintenance plans. Schedules daily activities, establishes maintenance schedules, and inspects cleanup operations based on recreation operation and maintenance plans. Reports on conditions and use of sites and areas. Serves as inspector for recreation area cleanup and/or maintenance contracts. Maintains contact with and provides support to Campground Host(s). Serves as a unit fee collection officer. Inspects recreation areas, areas of concentrated public use, and special use permits for compliance with the permit and the management plans, public health, and safety. Performs safety hazard analyses of public recreation use areas and takes or recommends corrective action. Patrols wilderness to ensure areas are operated, used and maintained in accordance with Wilderness Management Plan. Cleans both roadside and/or backcountry dispersed sites.

Naturalizes sites where necessary in order to control use and prevent resource damage. Installs and maintains information boards, travel signs, regulatory signs and other signs associated with recreation sites, travel management and safety. Provides detailed information about recreation opportunities to Forest visitors and explains the Forest Service rules and regulations.

Duty Station: Sundance, WY – Roger Showman, 307-283-1361 or rshowman@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician – Wilderness/Trails (GS-0462-4)

15-TEMP-R20462-4-WLDN-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Employee is a crew member for duties in support of programs in recreation and wilderness management with the ability of hiking long distances in a remote setting. Duties include checking visitor use, monitoring compliance with agency rules and regulations for campfires, sanitation, camp sites, party size, etc., performs trail log, condition surveys, trail clearing. Uses tools such as crosscut saws, adze, axes, and hand tools to maintain wilderness areas and trails utilizing minimal tool concept. Assists in re-establishment of native plants at denuded campsites and abandoned trails, completes water quality sampling, provides wilderness education and Leave No Trace guidance to visitors.

Duty Station: Custer, SD – Dave Pickford, 605-673-4853 or dpickford@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician – Wilderness/Trails (GS-0462-5)

15-TEMP-R20462-5-WDTR-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Plans and implements the logistics of wilderness projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. Performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys. Explains regulations concerning the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Explains or enforces use regulations according to Wilderness Act. Patrols wilderness to ensure that areas are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with wilderness management plans. Maintains visitors use records and prepares visitors use information for data processing. Assist agency law enforcement personnel with violation information. Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas. Documents destruction to or impacts on campsites. Analyzes ways to educate users. Identifies restoration projects for planning future restoration projects. Trains crews in wilderness revegetation techniques. Performs routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing. Conducts education programs addressing Leave No Trace camping, wilderness philosophy and minimal stock impacts. Oversees routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing.

Duty Station: Custer, SD – Dave Pickford, 605-673-4853 or dpickford@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Timber Sales Prep (GS-0462-4)

15-TEMP-R20462-4-TSP-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and specific instruction. For 3-p sampling, estimates individual tree volume by established methods. Traverses harvest units, processes information and produces maps. Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground. Interprets Aerial Photos and locates ground features. For timber cruising, serves as tally person and may operate electronic field data recorders. Assists in the measure of limiting distances, tree diameter, tree height, estimation of defect and quality, and related fundamental timber cruising procedures. Timber cruising is done under the direct supervision of a qualified timber cruiser. Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species. Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, etc.

Duty Stations: Spearfish, SD – Peter Howard, 605-642-4622 or pahoward@fs.fed.us

Rapid City, SD – Lou Howey, 605-343-1567 or lhowey@fs.fed.us

Custer, SD – Pat Hudson, 605-673-4853 or phudson@fs.fed.us

Sundance, WY – Wes Bice, 307-283-1361 or wbice@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician - Timber Sales Prep (GS-0462-5)

15-TEMP-R20462-5-TSP-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/05/2015 / Closes on 02/11/2015

You will be able to access this job in USAJOBS / www.usajobs.gov.

Independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground that are inconsistent with guidelines. Acts as a certified timber cruiser. Independently applies the instructions issued in a cruise plan. Takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality, and determines defect. Prepares and computer processes cruise data. Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species. Traverses harvest unit boundaries, road locations, and determines area. Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, etc.

Duty Stations: Spearfish, SD – Peter Howard, 605-642-4622 or pahoward@fs.fed.us
Custer, SD – Pat Hudson, 605-673-4853 or phudson@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician – Lead Timber Sales Prep (GS-0462-6)

Announcement number and opening date to be determined; Announcement will be open for seven days.

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The incumbent leads a small marking crew performing a variety of timber sale preparation (TSP) duties that include—but not limited to—timber marking, timber cruising, and sale layout as part of the unit's timber management program. Estimates volume, defect, and quality of timber in a given area. Measures and defects timber on the ground using maps and written cruise plans provided by an advanced cruiser that explain sampling intensity, plot locations, type of cruise and any special instructions. Under supervision of a professional forester, and using pre-established marking rules, selects and marks trees to be harvested or left uncut. Prepares area maps and marks boundaries. Summarizes cruising and marking data and prepares reports. Provides technical assistance to specialists in the development of complex logging plans and preliminary road location. Performs other multifunctional work, as assigned, in other areas of resource management such as wildlife, recreation, visuals, resource planning, and fire management. Performs other resource or fire duties as qualified and assigned. Leads a team of employees performing work up to the GS-05 level. Responsible for identifying, distributing, and balancing the workload and tasks among employees in accordance with established workflow and skill level. Establishes priorities to ensure timely accomplishment of assigned team tasks. Monitors and reports on the status and progress of work. Instructs employees in specific tasks and job techniques and provides on the job training to new employees. Answers questions on procedures, policies, and directives and obtains needed information or decisions from supervisor on problems that occur. Checks on work in progress. Resolves simple, informal complaints of employees and refers others to the supervisor. Reports to the supervisor on performance, progress, and training needs.

Duty Stations: Custer, SD – Pat Hudson, 605-673-4853 or phudson@fs.fed.us

Office Automation Clerk (GS-0326-03)

15-TEMP-R2-326-3OFF-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

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Performs routine clerical and office automation duties in support of the unit. Types a variety of correspondence, reports, and office forms in final form. This can include such things as technical or tabular material, rough draft or voice recordings. Uses word processing software to create, copy, edit (e.g., insert, delete, move text) and include substantive changes. Transmits, receives, and acknowledges electronic mail and messages. Greets office visitors and answers telephone; provides routine information such as telephone numbers or location of key personnel. Refers other inquiries to appropriate person. Files correspondence, reports, and similar materials in manual or electronic files. Posts and files manuals, handbook changes, and supplements. Serves as a collection officer for the sale of forest product permits.

Duty Station: Sundance, WY – Lorien Graysay, 307-283-1361 or lorienbgraysay@fs.fed.us

Visitor Information Assistant (GS-1001-04)

15-TEMP-R21001-4-VIST-DT-JB; announcement opens on 02/04/2015 / Closes on 02/10/2015

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Provides customer service and information of both a general and/or technical nature in support of a variety of forest service activities and programs. Duties performed in the position are dependent on the mission and activities of the Visitor Center in which the incumbent is assigned. The following are representative duties of this occupation: Assists in developing specific objectives for interpretive programs and displays, providing input to the annual plan of work. Inventories and prepares reports on the annual volumes of use, trends in public information needs, and public response to existing information output. Accompanies a higher graded worker and makes regular visits to the various public schools and social groups. Makes presentations on subjects such as fire safety, environmental awareness, recreation activities, and litter prevention. Maintains inventory of existing publications for public use. Prepares or assists in the preparation of informational exhibits which include photos, maps, etc. Maintains the Forest video, film, and slide library and audio-visual equipment. Meets visitors and independently replies, either verbally or in writing, to phone and mail inquiries requesting general information about Forest Service activities, programs, and policies. Responds to a variety of questions covering all services that the forest/district may offer. Assist in coordinating forest service presence with local and community special events, including parades, holiday activities, fairs, shows, and celebrations. Monitors local newspapers for articles related to the Forest Service. Clips and routes articles to the appropriate staffs. Responsible as the forest/district collection officer for the sale of forest maps, passes and product permits. Maintains accurate records of sales to account for monies collected; prepares bill for collections, and transfers funds in a timely and accurate manner to lockbox. May work with the public affairs staff to develop informational publications, including information regarding the various forest permits (firewood, Christmas trees, etc), special events, recreational opportunities, travel management information. May develop, revise and update recreation opportunity guides using the latest technology to make information user friendly and timely. Duty Station: Rapid City, SD – Scott Haas, 605-673-9200 or sehaas@fs.fed.us

Limited housing is available for seasonal positions on a first come, first serve basis.

Many positions will require the operation of Forest Service vehicles or equipment. A valid state driver's license is required in order to obtain a government driver's license.

BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST

The Black Hills National Forest is 1.2 million acres of forested hills and mountains. It is 110 miles long and 70 miles wide, approximately 87 percent of which are in South Dakota and 13 percent in Wyoming. The Black Hills has been a special place for many to come for physical and spiritual renewal. The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota Sioux words, Paha Sapa - "hills are black".

The climate is great– sunny, low humidity with summer daytime highs in the 80's and winter daytime highs in the 30's. Rainfall averages 17 inches per year and snowfall 32 inches.

Five National Park system destinations are adjacent to or within 50 miles of the Black Hills National Forest. These include Mount Rushmore National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Badlands National Park, and Devils Tower National Monument. In addition, the nation's second largest state park, Custer State Park, is located in the southeastern Black Hills area.

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Custer, SD 57730
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BEARLODGE RANGER DISTRICT

The Bearlodge District totals about 200,000 acres in the northern part of the Black Hills within the State of Wyoming. Timber harvest and related silvicultural activity is the largest resource program on the district. Average annual timber offer is about 15 million board feet. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing.

Bearlodge Ranger District has an office on the eastern edge of Sundance, Wyoming, which has a population of approximately 1,200. Sundance is located 30 miles west of Spearfish, South Dakota, 74 miles northwest of Rapid City, South Dakota.

101 S. 21st St.
Sundance, WY 82729
307-283-1361

NORTHERN HILLS RANGER DISTRICT

The Northern Hills Ranger District encompasses approximately 326,000 acres in the northern part of the Black Hills. Vegetation management (timber harvest/fuels reduction) and related silvicultural activities are the largest resource programs on the District. Average annual timber offer is about 30 million board feet. Fuels and KV programs treat about 10,000 acres per year. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing.

We share a number of positions with the adjacent Bearlodge Ranger District which is 30 miles away in Sundance, Wyoming. Spearfish is located 45 miles west of Rapid city, South Dakota and ten miles east of the South Dakota/Wyoming state line. The population is about 13,000, including nearby developments.

2014 N. Main
Spearfish, SD 57783
605-642-4622

MYSTIC RANGER DISTRICT

The Mystic Ranger District encompasses approximately 356,000 acres in the central part of the Black Hills. Timber harvest (and related silviculture activities) is the largest resource program on the district. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, fire, cultural resources, and livestock grazing.

The Mystic Ranger District has two duty stations: Rapid City, SD and Hill City, SD. Rapid City (population 69,000) is the major population and retail center for the region. Most employees are based out of Rapid City. Hill City (population 1,000) is located 26 miles south of Rapid City. The Hill City duty station hosts half of the Mystic District's fire crew, and is where the District's government quarters are located.

8221 S. Hwy 16

Rapid City, SD 57702
605-343-1567

HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT

The Hell Canyon Ranger District manages approximately 440,000 acres of the Black Hills National Forest, with a timber program offering from 10-20 million board feet annually. The district has a multiple use program including ponderosa pine management, range, fire, fuels, lands, minerals, wildlife, heritage resources, recreation and wilderness. The district manages the Black Elk Wilderness and the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve within the Black Hills National Forest.

One fourth of the employees work out of an office in Newcastle, WY (population 3,400), 36 miles west of Custer; all other employees work out of Custer, SD (population 2,000).

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