



## 2014 Range Technicians Seasonal Positions



USDA Forest Service, R-4 (Intermountain Region)  
Ashley National Forest, UT

The Ashley National Forest is advertising and filling Seasonal Range Tech positions in Duchesne, Vernal, and Manila/Dutch John, UT.

The Ashley National Forest is currently advertising temporary (three to six month) employment opportunities for the 2014 field season for six range technician positions.

*If you are interested in the positions listed below please contact the associated contact persons to receive further information on job announcement numbers and on how to apply. The position announcements will be on [USAjobs.gov](http://USAjobs.gov) beginning March 7, 2014 and will close March 17, 2014. Please remember to attach ALL transcripts and certifications to your application.*

**Range Aid GS-455-03;** Announcement # [GS-0455-03, Range Aid, 14-TEMP110401-010078JG-DT](#)  
Opens 03/07/2014 and closes 03/17/2014. You can access this announcement with the number listed above or the USAjobs control # 363149600 in USAjobs.

**Duty Station:** Duchesne, UT

**Contact:**

*Duchesne:* Amber Helmus, 435-781-5205, [ahelmus@fs.fed.us](mailto:ahelmus@fs.fed.us)

**Range Technician GS-455-04;** Announcement # [GS-0455-04, Range Technician, 14-TEMP110401-010074JG-DT](#) Opens 03/07/2014 and closes 03/17/2014. You can access this announcement with the number listed above or the USAjobs control # 363150000 in USAjobs.

**Duty Stations:** Duchesne, UT, Vernal, UT and Manila, UT

**Contact:**

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*Vernal:* Garry Brown, 435-781-5168, [gdbrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:gdbrown@fs.fed.us)

*Manila/Dutch John:* Aaron Zobell, 435-781-5951, [azobell@fs.fed.us](mailto:azobell@fs.fed.us)

**Range Technician GS-0455-05;** Announcement # [GS-0455-05, Range Technician, 14-TEMP110401-009979JG-DT](#) Opens 03/07/2014 and closes 03/17/2014. You can access this announcement with the number listed above or the USAjobs control # 363150200 in USAjobs.

**Duty Location:** Vernal, UT and Manila, UT

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The seasonal Range Technician positions will be part of the invasive weeds crew on the districts. The forest treats an average of 2,200 acres of weeds per year. These positions will require a pesticide applicators license which will be obtained at the beginning of the field season. Range Technicians will be spraying noxious weeds in remote locations in the Uinta Mountains – access is by truck, ATV, boat or horseback. Other duties may include assisting Rangeland Management Specialists with range improvement projects, vegetation monitoring and rangeland management issues. The anticipated start date is mid-May 2014 with an expected end of season date of September 2014. The position will work four days a week, 10 hours a day for a 40 hour week. Previous certification to spray weeds is a plus.

**Housing:** Seasonal government housing is not available.

### **About the Forest**

Ashley National Forest has its 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 in harmony with other resources to insure a continuing supply and a quality environment. 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, and snowmobiling.

Forest landscape ranges 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 intensive 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.

### **About Duchesne, Utah**

Duchesne is the gateway to the Uintah Basin. It is a fast growing community with a high quality of life. Duchesne is located about two and half hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah. Duchesne is shadowed by the beautiful Uintah Mountains. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just outside of the city limits. Duchesne is the county seat and there is a new Justice Center, which houses the Sheriff's Department and Court personnel. Other county agencies operate out of Duchesne. 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 recently renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery.

### **About Vernal, Utah**

Vernal has a population of approximately 8,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2000 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years. Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernable on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT. The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta

Basin including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. Vernal city has recreation leagues for sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and other activities like yoga and table tennis. For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

### **About Manila, and Dutch John, Utah**

Daggett County has two towns, Manila and Dutch John, each with a year-round population of about 200. Manila is a popular summer home area and is becoming increasingly popular as a summer retirement destination. Essential services are available; such as, groceries, fuel, lodging dining, ambulance, preventive healthcare, and law enforcement. A wider variety of services are available within 50 miles.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements/OCR's are posted on USAJOBS at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/).

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. **You must identify Duchesne, Vernal, Dutch John/Manila, UT as location specific to the above listed positions.**
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes. **You must attach college transcripts, if applicable.**
4. Manage Your Career - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.