



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4  
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

## Mountain City/Ruby Mountains/Jarbidge Ranger Districts



### GS-0454-11 Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist

*This position is for permanent full-time employment with a duty station in Elko, NV.*

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will soon be advertising a GS-0454-11 Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist position for the Mountain City/Ruby Mountains/Jarbidge Ranger Districts, with Duty Station in Elko, NV. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and to determine interest in the position. Veterans are encouraged to apply. Government housing is not available.

If interested please fill out the outreach notice form at the bottom of this document with your attached resume and return it to Wendy Fuell by close of business **June 1, 2014**. All interested applicants will be notified of the vacancy announcement number and closing date when it becomes available. When advertised, the announcement will be posted on the official USAJOBS website <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

#### Position Information

General duties include staff and program management for range and wild horses on 1.15 million acres of sagebrush and pinon juniper country in North East Nevada. These three districts have approximately 100 active allotments and 75 permits. Management of the Cherry Springs Wildhorse Territory in the Southern Ruby Mountains adds diversity to the job. Major duties of the position include but are not limited to:

- Develops/manages an overall ecosystem based rangeland management program utilizing resource management plan goals, objectives and decisions and rangeland project decisions as necessary to implement actions that help achieve land management plan goals and objectives.
- Prepares long and short-range plans based on rangeland resource needs/health/capability, available work force, equipment and budget, and public demands for rangeland resource uses.
- Consults, coordinates, and cooperates with all affected users, interested publics, and private interests including various environmental groups. Resolves differences among diverse groups with competing goals. Advises landowners and land lessees on principles of rangeland management and the laws, regulations, and policies governing management of range resources.
- Budgets funds for current fiscal year and plans for outyear funding needs within assigned area of responsibility.
- Serves as principal contact and negotiator for the District on rangeland resources and activities.
- Prepares and reviews ecological assessments for inclusion in the environmental documentation record as a basis for rangeland project decisions.
- Reviews rangeland conditions with rangeland users/permittees to identify and resolve rangeland management problems.
- Inspects grazing allotments for compliance to livestock grazing strategies and management practices that are part of the grazing permit.
- Completes necessary action on rangeland use permit changes or modifications, and ensures compliance by permittees/rangeland users.
- Prepares decisions, processes protests, and appeals, prepares records in preparation of hearings and appears as expert witness when necessary.
- Plans and implements rangeland improvement projects.
- Serves as principal contact and negotiator on rangeland resources and activities.

The position is planned to supervise three permanent full-time Rangeland Management Specialists with duty stations in both Wells in Elko. This preferred candidate will provide strong leadership, sound management, and have a background in NEPA.

### **About the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**

At over 6.3 million acres, the H-T is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with an additional one million acres of land in the eastern part of California, along the Eastern Sierra Front. There are 10 Ranger Districts and includes one of the largest Range and Wild Horse and Burro programs in the Forest Service. For additional Forest and District information, please check out the H-T website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/>

### **Mountain City Ranger District**

The Mountain City Ranger District comprises approximately 450,000 acres of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Staff areas at the district include Minerals, Fire, Hydrology, Noxious Weeds, Heritage, Botony and NEPA.

The district is approximately 84 miles North of Elko, Nevada on State Highway 225 or 12 miles South of Owyhee, Nevada on State Highway 225. When the Forest was first established, the current Mountain City District was apportioned into four Ranger Districts. The Independence and another District were merged in the 1930s to create an enlarged District. Management of the Independence

District was from the Ranger's headquarters at Jacks Creek. The Gold Creek Ranger District took over management of the Bruneau River in the spring of 1940. It was around 1971 that the Gold Creek Ranger District was abolished and its management given to the Mountain City Ranger District.

## **Elko Community**

Elko, Nevada and surrounding area (population 30,000) is a beautiful place to live and offers a full service community with many recreational opportunities. The city is located along Interstate 80 in northeast Nevada between Salt Lake City and Reno, NV. Many people live in the nearby community of Spring Creek, NV (population 15,000), a 15 minute drive from Elko. The climate is high desert with an average of 10 inches precipitation annually, mostly as winter snow.

As the 3rd largest community in Nevada, Elko offers more services than typical of a community of its size, including a hospital, a regional airport with daily service to Salt Lake City, Utah and Amtrak train service. Here in the Great Basin, something is happening all the time, including many festivals, events, celebrations, theatrical plays, orchestral events, sports events, parades and the world- renowned Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Mining Expo. Elko offers a full range of restaurants, hotels, shopping and commercial and financial services. Congregations of major religious denominations are active in the community.

The Ruby Mountains, just south of town, provides some of the most exceptional recreational opportunities ever, including the spectacular glaciated scenery of Lamoille Canyon and the Ruby Mountains Wilderness, a hiking and photography paradise. The Jarbidge Wilderness to the north is breathtaking and one of the least visited in the National Forest System. Every recreation opportunity imaginable is available in Elko and the surrounding area. The surrounding mountains are a great place to experience wildlife viewing, hiking trails, skiing, vast wilderness areas and varied geology. More information about what Elko has to offer can be found at <http://www.elkonevada.com>

## **Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger Districts**

Located in Elko County the Jarbidge and Ruby Mountains Districts encompass nearly 700,000 acres of diverse Great Basin and Columbia Basin ecosystems across three mountain ranges. Staff areas at the district include Range, Recreation, and Wildlife.

The Forest was formed in 1906, in response to local grazing issues. Local stockmen, led by Frank S. Gedney, petitioned the Forest Service to place the Ruby Mountains in the Forest Reserve. The grazing issues stemmed from overgrazing created by cattle, sheep, and horses. To this day, livestock grazing continues to be one of the most prominent resources managed here. Wildhorse management occurs in the southern portion of the Ruby Mountains by Cherry Springs and Overland Pass. The Ranger Districts manages several congressionally designated Wilderness Areas (Jarbidge, East Humboldts, and Ruby Mountains Wilderness Areas).

## **Wells Community**

Wells is a community of about 1,300 people. Founded in the late 1860s, Wells lies in the northeast corner of Nevada. The District Office is centrally located in town. The town sits at an elevation of

5,622 feet and has four distinct seasons. Temperatures vary throughout the year with winter temperatures dropping below zero and summer temperatures occasionally going above 90 degrees. The town sits at the base of the East Humboldt Mountains and there are many opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, mountain biking, snowshoeing and backcountry skiing as well as motorized sports such as ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, and there are many community sponsored events <http://www.wellsnevada.com/events.shtml>.

Wells is 50 miles east of the town of Elko, NV, which is the nearest full service community with several major grocery stores as well as Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Home Depot. Wells is 2 hours south of Twin Falls where there are more shopping opportunities. Salt Lake City is 3 hours to the east with extensive shopping opportunities and a complete selection of health care options. Most people do their shopping and personal business in Elko or Twin Falls. Wells has several gas stations, several motels, a hardware store, grocery store and several restaurants.

Basic health needs are met by a small medical clinic staffed by a nurse practitioner. Hospitals are located in Elko, Twin Falls and Salt Lake City, which is 3 hours to the east.

**Contact**

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# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Supervisory Range Management Specialist

GS-0454-11 (Permanent Fulltime)

Mountain City/Ruby Mountains/Jarbidge District, Elko, NV

Email to [kwfuell@fs.fed.us](mailto:kwfuell@fs.fed.us) by **June 1, 2014**



## HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE  
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!