



Wildlife Biologist

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Pathways Recent Graduates Program

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests

Gunnison Ranger District



The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests plans to fill a Wildlife Biologist position through the Pathways Recent Graduates Program (must have completed a qualifying degree or certificate program in the previous two years; qualified veterans may have an extended application period due to military service) to work on the Gunnison Ranger District.

The target start date is October 5, 2014. Upon successful completion of the program, the incumbent may be eligible for conversion to a permanent position. The duty location will be Gunnison, Colorado. If interested, please fill out the Outreach Response form below and **return no later than June 6, 2014.** We anticipate that a vacancy announcement for this position will be advertised on USAJobs (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>) June 16 – 20, 2014.

Position Description

Duties and responsibilities include assisting the District wildlife biologist in conducting a variety of Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive wildlife species surveys and habitat assessments, managing seasonal crews, completing Biological Evaluations and Assessments, participating on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) interdisciplinary teams, implementing habitat improvement projects, and vegetation data collection including plant identification and measurements following scientific protocols. The various NEPA projects include: wildlife habitat improvement projects, grazing



management, timber sales, prescribed burning, special use permits, and a large variety of recreation projects. There is a large-scale spruce bark beetle epidemic impacting much of the Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir forest type on the District. Thus, there is a large work load on bark beetle related projects that are complex in nature due to the hazard tree mitigation work, salvage harvest, and fuels reduction projects. Many projects may require informal or formal consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Canada lynx and/or other threatened or endangered species.

The position requires knowledge, skills and abilities on southern Rocky Mountains plant identification, plant community types and ecological types, and the ability to learn and implement techniques to conduct vegetation monitoring assessing the effects of management activities on wildlife habitat. The position also requires routine use of GIS, and the ability to create and manage electronic databases and analyze field data.

We desire a candidate that has the ability to work across natural resource disciplines in an integrated manner to accomplish the purpose, need, and multiple use management objectives of projects. The position also requires working with a variety of existing external partners and establishing new partnerships including but not limited to Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Mule Deer Foundation, Wild Turkey Federation, county government, The Nature Conservancy, and Western State Colorado University.

For inquiries, please contact Matt Vasquez, District Wildlife Biologist, at mgvasquez@fs.fed.us.

For information on the Pathways Program, please visit: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>



Gunnison Ranger District Land base Information:

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) are comprised of 3,163,131 acres of National Forest System lands. Of these lands, the Gunnison Ranger District manages 1.3 million acres, which is approximately 40% of the GMUG land base. The Gunnison District encompasses lands within Gunnison, Saguache and Hinsdale Counties.

The Gunnison Ranger District Office is located at:

216 North Colorado Street,
Gunnison, CO 81230

Gunnison Community Fact Sheet: www.gunnisonchamber.org

COST OF LIVING						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Grocery	111	113	121	117	118	118
Housing	119	127	126	114	123	131
Utilities	94	93	93	104	101	101
Transportation	104	105	106	102	104	106
Health Care	99	99	99	98	97	101
Miscellaneous	101	100	105	98	100	102
TOTAL	105	106	108	105	107	110

National Average equals 100

- #### BUSINESS INCENTIVES
- ##### FINANCING OPTIONS
- Community Economic Development Company of CO
 - Region 10 Revolving Loan Fund
 - Conventional Financing
 - Quality Investment Capital Program (QIC)
 - Urban Development Action Grants
 - Small Business Association (SBA)

FREE COUNSELING SERVICE

The Service Corporation of Retired Executives (SCORE) is a non-profit organization sponsored by the U. S. Small Business Administration which provides free information and counseling to small businesses. Whether you are starting a new business or need advice on how to improve your business, SCORE counselors are available free of charge to assist you. Contact the Gunnison Chamber for information.

Colorado Small Business Development Center
Western Colorado Business Development Corp • (970) 943-3159
Providing free assistance for established businesses, retail, manufacturing, wholesale and home-based businesses.

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

The Gunnison Chamber regularly schedules small business workshops on topics of importance to the business community. These workshops are held in the evenings, publicized through the local media, and have a minimal fee to non-member participants.

GUNNISON COUNTRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 36
Gunnison, CO 81230
970.641.1501

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce is a full service, professional organization, available to assist in your relocation. We can provide:

- Statistical Data
- Demographic Information
- Realtor Listings
- Maps, Brochures, & Phone Books
- Church, Club & Organizations Listing
- Referrals
- Small Business Development Center

In addition, the Gunnison Chamber operates the Visitor Center which welcomes thousands of visitors each year with information on recreation, attractions and activities around the area. For more information contact:

Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce
500 East Tomichi Ave.
P.O. Box 36
Gunnison, CO 81230
970-641-1501 or 800-274-7580

VACATION INFORMATION

The Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce has a wide variety of information to help you plan your vacation to the Gunnison area.

- Gunnison County Visitor Guide
- Ghosts of a Town/20 Circle Tour Map
- 4x4 Map
- Cross Country Ski Map
- Day Hiking Guide
- Active Vacationer's Guide
- More to Explore in Gunnison & Crested Butte

To purchase maps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, fun & scenic souvenirs of Gunnison & Crested Butte, visit: <http://www.gunnisonstore.com>

Visit our website at:
www.gunnisonchamber.com

GUNNISON FACT SHEET

PUBLISHED BY THE GUNNISON COUNTRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LOCATION

The City of Gunnison, the County Seat of Gunnison County, is centrally located in the State of Colorado, 200 miles from Denver and 180 miles from Colorado Springs, the major metropolitan areas of the state. The city is approximately 30 miles west of the Continental Divide at the confluence of the Gunnison and Tomichi Rivers. Crested Butte and Monarch ski area are 28 miles north and 42 miles east, respectively. Gunnison's elevation is 7,703 feet.

Gunnison County encompasses 3,239 square miles. 78% of Gunnison County is Federal Land owned by the U.S.F.S. (1,220,035 acres), BLM (355,350 acres), and Curecanti National Recreation Area (40,000 acres), a total of 2,526 square miles, equal to 4.3 persons per square mile.



GUNNISON PIONEER MUSEUM
Highway 50 East, across from McDonald's
Antiques and artifacts
from pioneer life in Gunnison County.

POPULATION

CITY AND COUNTY OF GUNNISON POPULATION			
	2005	2006	% of Change (05-06)
CITY			
Crested Butte	1,572	1,554	-1.2%
Gunnison	5,303	5,309	0.1%
Marble	103	100	-3.0%
Mt. Crested Butte	752	765	1.7%
Pitkin	115	113	-1.7%
Unincorporated	6,419	6,490	1.1%
TOTAL	14,264	14,331	0.47%

The population of County Municipalities grew .047% (05-06). The total population of the County has increased 2.7% since 2000. The State of Colorado's growth during the same period was 10.5%. Gunnison County is the 3rd most populated county in Region 10 and ranks 33rd in State population.

WAGES BY OCCUPATION

OCCUPATION	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Cashier	\$ 6.61	\$10.63
Secretary	\$ 9.26	\$14.92
Plumber	\$17.29	\$26.07
Bookkeeper	\$ 9.26	\$16.60
Machinist	\$13.70	\$20.58
Welder	\$12.07	\$23.40
Mechanic	\$ 9.98	\$22.13
Construction	\$ 9.94	\$16.44
Carpenter	\$13.80	\$23.55
Laborer	\$ 8.69	\$11.27
Computer Programmer	\$13.39	\$36.91

Source: Colorado Department of Labor Office of Workforce Research 2/18/08 <http://www.coworkforce.com>

ECONOMIC BASE

The strongest bases to the Gunnison area economy include the following in this order:

**TOURISM
EDUCATION
RANCHING**

COMMUTING AREA

Gunnison is situated centrally between the two most populated areas of the country — the Los Angeles Basin and Chicago. The rapid growth communities of Denver, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction are within 200 miles each, allowing for easy transportation and distribution access to these market reservoirs.

If interested, please fill out the Outreach Response Form below and send, with résumé, to:

mgvasquez@fs.fed.us

Or mail: USDA – U.S. Forest Service
Gunnison Ranger District Office

Attn: Recent Graduates Pathways Program - Wildlife Biologist Outreach
216 N. Colorado Street
Gunnison, CO 81230



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Gunnison Ranger District, GMUG National Forests
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

Please respond by 06/06/2014 to:

Matt Vasquez, mgvasquez@fs.fed.us

Name: _____

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 Re-employment Act
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
- _____ Other _____