

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

*USDA Forest Service  
Fishlake National Forest  
Fillmore Ranger District*

### The Position

**Range Technician GS-455-5/6/7** - The position is permanent full-time and the duty station is **Fillmore, Utah**. (Estimated advertisement date on [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) is late December or January.)

The position will provide technical support to the district Rangeland Management program.

Primary duties include:

- Grazing allotment monitoring to assess permittee compliance with Annual Operating Instructions and utilizations standards
- Inspect and document condition of range improvements.
- Assist in managing the district noxious weed program. Provide technical direction to seasonal weed crew and assist in treating noxious weeds. Must obtain pesticide applicators license
- Assist in collecting long term vegetation monitoring data
- Assist in summarizing and compiling annual reporting efforts and data entry. Filing data sheets, organizing and maintenance of range files.
- Facilities, Fleet, and Safety
- NEPA and Interdisciplinary Team participation
- Forest Protection Officer duties
- Assist with care of district horses
- Maintenance of administrative pastures and exclosures

This position requires a unique combination of skills, education, and experience. To be successful, candidates should:

- Be energetic, resourceful, self-motivated, organized, and able to think outside the box
- Exhibit excellent communication skills
- Enjoy and embrace work in a team atmosphere, but have an ability to work independently
- Take pride in being a steward of public lands and enjoy working with a diverse public
- Represent the Forest Service in a professional manner and be responsible, honest, and accountable
- Have a broad understanding and working knowledge of rangeland management
- Have basic horse skills, or be willing to learn them.
- Be able to work alone in the back country, while navigating steep, rugged, mountainous terrain

**NOTE:** Work may be required on holidays and/or weekends including Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer Day, Labor Day, and during various hunting seasons. Wearing a uniform may be required when interacting with the public or representing the agency in an official capacity.

### The District

Fillmore Ranger District is approximately 500,000 acres in size and covers the Pahvant Range and Canyon Mountains. Additional information about the forest and the district: [www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/about/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/about/index.shtml)

### The Community

The city of Fillmore is in Millard County, located in central Utah, and is considered the "last frontier" for growth in the state of Utah. The community was named by an act of the Utah Territorial Legislature signed by Brigham Young in 1851, honoring President Millard Fillmore. For a time, Fillmore was the territorial capital of Utah. The original Statehouse building stands today as the oldest existing governmental building in the state and is maintained by the State of Utah as a historic site and museum. Fillmore is nestled at the foot of a beautiful mountain range with several

campgrounds and picnic areas; trout stream fishing, and is world famous for its ATV trails. It is a fairly small town (pop. 2124). It is a traditional small western town where activities center on families, school and church activities, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor pursuits. There are a few small nearby communities, all within a 5-30 mile commuting distance. Provo, the closest major city, lies 101 miles north of Fillmore, while Cedar City lies 109 miles south. Salt Lake City lies 141 miles north of Fillmore and contains the Salt Lake City airport. These major cities are easily accessed using the major interstates and highways.

#### *Climate and Weather*

Fillmore is at 5,160 feet elevation and the climate is moderate. Snowfall does occur in winter but rarely more than 12 inches. Average annual precipitation for Fillmore is about 10 inches per year. The average low temperature in winter is 26 degrees. The average high temperature in summer is 89 degrees. Current weather information can be found at [www.utah.com/weather/fillmore.htm](http://www.utah.com/weather/fillmore.htm)

#### *Housing and Cost of Living*

As of 2005, the average housing rent was \$591. Homes prices in the area range from \$70,000 to \$300,000+, with the 2009 median home cost at \$153,861. (Government housing is not available.) Compared to the rest of the country, Fillmore's cost of living is approximately 13% lower than the U.S. average. The median household income is \$43,445 and the unemployment rate is around 6%.

#### *Shopping and Business*

Shopping facilities includes a variety of businesses and merchants to meet most needs, including a grocery store, a lumber and hardware store, ATV stores, tire and auto repair shops, convenience stores, and a department store. (A Super Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Kmart, Sears, and JC Penney catalog sales are located an hour away in Richfield.) Other facilities include a variety of restaurants/cafes, motels, gas stations, banks, and other small shops and services.

#### *Education*

Schools include an elementary school, a middle school and a high school. The southern campus of Snow College is in Richfield, an hour away, and offers a variety of classes.

#### *Health Care*

Community care is provided by an Intermountain Health Care affiliated organization. A variety of specialists can be found nearby and serve the community.

#### *Churches*

A variety of churches serve the local area including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Catholic church, the Church of Christ, and the Baptist church.

#### *Civic and Service Organizations*

Civic and service organizations include the American Legion, Civic Arts Club, East Millard Quilt Guild, Lion's Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

#### *Social and Cultural Events*

Several cultural events occur in the Fillmore area throughout the year, including the annual ATV jamboree, Arts Festival, Car Show, and the Christmas Lighting Ceremony.

#### *Recreation*

Fillmore sponsors many youth athletic programs such as baseball, soccer, basketball as well as some opportunities for adults. An eighteen-hole public golf course and a small movie theatre are located in town. There are numerous hiking, ATV, and equestrian trails and camping sites for the outdoor enthusiast. Fishing areas include nearby streams and reservoirs. Major winter sports within a commutable distance include downhill skiing and snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. The Manti-La Sal and Dixie National Forests lie directly adjacent to the Fishlake National Forest. Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Zion National Parks are within a day's drive of Fillmore. The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is also nearby. A Bureau of Land Management field office is also located in Fillmore. Information on the Fishlake National Forest can be found at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/)

*Additional Information*

For more information about the area, visit [www.fillmorecity.org](http://www.fillmorecity.org) or [www.greatbasinheritage.org](http://www.greatbasinheritage.org)

For additional information about the position or to express interest, please contact **Lance Sudweeks, Fillmore District Range Management Specialist, at (435) 896-1013 or [lsudweeks@fs.fed.us](mailto:lsudweeks@fs.fed.us)**