



Announcement **Zone District Botanist**

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts



District Botanist-1 Position

Pre-Announcement Outreach: GS-0430-11

Duty Stations: Carson City, NV or Bridgeport, CA

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Job Opportunity -- The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is looking to fill a Permanent Botanist position on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts. To express interest in this position please submit a resume and form attached below by Jan 29th, 2015 to Maureen Easton at measton@fs.fed.us

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS -- Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0430 series covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions -- GS-0430 Botanist as well as meet Standard for Professional and Scientific Positions which can be found on the internet at <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/botany-series-0430/> and <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=GS-PROF>

About the Botanist Position:

This Botanist position is responsible for developing, planning, organizing, and executing the botany program on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts. Both Districts encompass a variety of plant communities ranging from desert biomes to subalpine habitats. Several rare and endemic plant species occur on both districts including Webber ivesia which was recently federally listed as a Threatened species. The botany program has enjoyed ongoing partnerships with research organizations, state and federal agencies, and volunteers in managing the conservation of rare plants on National Forest System Lands.

Duties:

Serves as a Botanist providing technical expert assistance to the unit in matters dealing with threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species and plant community and vegetation management. Is responsible for the identification, management and plant ecology. Ensures consistency throughout the unit in developing and implementing programs to manage and protect these plants.

This position works with other departments on the district and the Forest, and is expected to work in a team environment. This position also works with other federal land agencies and state agencies in developing sensitive plant lists and plant species management guidelines for plants found on the unit.

Provides advice to the unit in development of species management guides and in maintenance of the unit's sensitive plant lists. Prepares biological evaluations for the Endangered Species Act and Forest Service policy requirements for proposed endangered, threatened, and sensitive species. Makes recommendations concerning which plants should be considered sensitive on the unit, and conducts training in habitat analysis, plant identification, and documentation procedures for threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant species in accordance with forest management plans and objectives. Maintains a current inventory of all known and proposed endangered, threatened, and sensitive species plant occurrence records.

Serves as a botanical expert when working on interdisciplinary teams interpreting complex botanical situations involving specialists from several management groups and agencies.

Monitors effects of Forest Plan implementation on plant communities and interprets trends where management emphasis changes, including fire and grazing programs. Prepares scientific information for environmental assessments or draft and final environmental impact statements for the unit.

Prepares scopes of work and government estimates for contracted services. Monitors contract progress and resolves problems with the contractor. Designs and conducts environmental data collection field surveys for threatened, endangered, and sensitive plants; prepares schedules and cost estimates for field surveys for plants; and interprets the field data.

Develops and conducts a monitoring program at selected plant sites. Provides professional advice and guidance regarding area responsibility as required. Recommends management strategies for rare, threatened, and endangered plants.

Coordinates with academic institutions regarding specific research and surveys that are periodically conducted on the unit. Attends seminars and meetings and reviews publications and documents to keep informed on status of threatened, endangered and sensitive plants. Prepares statistical and narrative reports, correspondence and briefings as required.

Reviews environmental assessments and environmental impact statements and makes recommendations to ensure that botanical resources and ecosystem integrity are adequately addressed and considered. Maintains communication with, and exchanges sensitive plant and native re-vegetation program information with, other botanists, ecologists, and horticulturists associated with the Forest Service, other Federal and State programs, the scientific community, arboretums, and botanical gardens.

Prepares botanical reports, biological evaluations, and assessments to provide input for various environmental documents. Makes on-the-ground investigations of complex ecological and botanical conditions of the effects of specific activities on the long-term survival of rare plant species, providing recommendations for action in specific cases.

About the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, in the Intermountain Region, has 6.5 million acres of mountains and valleys, ranging from 2,000 to nearly 13,000 feet high. It is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas, the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Nevada portion of the Forest extends from the Idaho/Oregon border south to Las Vegas, and from the California border east to the Utah border, essentially the entire state of Nevada. The Forest administers 5.3 million acres in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties, and one million acres in 7 California counties. The H-T is the only Region 4 National Forest containing NFS land within the State of California.

For more information about the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest please visit the following website

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/>

About Carson City and the Surrounding Area

Carson City is the state capitol of Nevada and is located on the Eastern slope of the Sierras 45 minutes south of Reno and just minutes from Lake Tahoe. The area has world class hiking and biking trails as well a wide variety of outdoor opportunities in both summer and winter including a variety of Ski areas within an hour's drive. Carson City has a wide variety of amenities including shopping, restaurants and entertainment.

More community information is available on the official Carson City website:

<http://www.carson.org>

About Bridgeport and the Surrounding Area:

The Bridgeport District encompasses 1.2 million acres and spans 5 mountain ranges. Two-thirds of the district is in Nevada, one-third is in California. The District borders Yosemite National Park and several wilderness areas. Vegetation ranges from high alpine plant communities to salt desert flats.

The Ranger Station is located in Bridgeport, CA, a town of about 800 year-round residents, nestled at the base of the Sierra Nevada. In the summer, the area swells with tourists coming to enjoy the scenic beauty and outstanding fishing opportunities. Bridgeport is about 45 minutes from Yosemite National Park, 1 1/2 hours from Lake Tahoe, and 2 1/2 hours from Reno, NV.

More community information is available on the official Mono County website:

www.monocounty.ca.gov/

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