



PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT
District Recreation Technician
Gila National Forest

Title: District Recreation Program Manager

Pay Plan, Series, and Grade:

GS-0462-5/6/7

Work Schedule: Full-time

Duty Station: Glenwood, New Mexico

Contacts:

- Debbie Cress, Glenwood District Ranger, dcress@fs.fed.us

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Pre-Announcement Outreach -- The Gila National Forest is looking to fill a District Recreation Technician position. To express interest in the position please complete and submit the attached Outreach Response Form by February 8, 2015 to District Ranger Debbie Cress at the email address shown above. If you have any questions concerning this position, contact Debbie Cress by phone or email. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov.

Anyone who expresses interest in the position will be notified when the announcement opens.

Duties -- This position provides assistance to a GS-11 recreation program manager, with responsibility for maintaining, planning, coordinating, and reporting on the recreation program on the District as well as providing recreation support to two adjoining districts when needed. The position serves as a collection officer for recreation fees and Contracting Officer's Representative for projects. Supervisory duties include one or more temporary employees. This position supports a busy recreation program which includes developed recreation, dispersed recreation, recreation residences, outfitter and guides, recreation events and wilderness. Developed recreation includes 16 campgrounds, 24 trailheads, 2 picnic sites, 1 fishing site, 4 interpretive/ observation sites, and 1 boating site. Dispersed recreation includes camping outside of developed campgrounds and travel management of roads and trails. Special uses include Outfitter and Guide permits.

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Gila National Forest, 3.3 million acres of mountainous forest and rangeland, rises proudly above the desert country of New Mexico. The Gila boasts more federal land than any other national forest in the contiguous United States and is home to the first designated wilderness area.

Unique features on the forest include an ancient Mogollon site now preserved as the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, the historic water pipeline of the Catwalk of the Whitewater Canyon, 170 miles of the Continental Divide Trail, and the Aldo Leopold, Gila, and Blue Range Wilderness Areas.

ABOUT GLENWOOD RANGER DISTRICT

The Glenwood Ranger District, at 529,860 acres, has a varied ecosystem that ranges from desert to wet mixed conifer forests. The district encompasses two wilderness areas; the Blue Range Wilderness, which is all within the borders of the district, as well as the western side of the Gila Wilderness. The district has 6,500 acres of Inventoried Roadless areas.

The San Francisco River runs through the middle of the district. West of the river to the Arizona border is a predominately pinyon/juniper grassland ecosystem with some Ponderosa pine. The northern portion of this area is mixed conifer, including portions of the Blue Range Wilderness. East of the river, the ecosystem starts in pinyon/juniper grasslands and quickly gains elevation to wet mixed conifer at 10,000 feet as it enters the Gila Wilderness.

GLENWOOD AND THE LOCAL AREA

Location: Glenwood is a town of approximately 300 people, known for its spectacular views of the Mogollon Mountains, Catwalk National Recreation Trail and proximity to the ghost town of Mogollon. It lies on the western border of the state approximately 65 miles northwest of Silver City. The elevation in Glenwood is approximately 4,770 feet, but the district ranges in elevation up to 10,535 feet.

Climate: The majority of the Glenwood area landscape is considered high desert with predominately pinyon and juniper vegetation. Summer temperatures average 50 to 98 degrees. Spring and fall temperatures average between 45 to 75 degrees and winter temperatures range from 25 to 55 degrees with a few colder days. Snow is anticipated in the Glenwood area only about 5 days per year, usually clearing off by mid-afternoon. Sunshine is abundant most all year round. Typically starting around July 4, monsoon rains brings a wet season that lasts approximately two months.

Cultural and Recreation Opportunities: The community has a volunteer library, Community Center and a community park. Recreational opportunities are plentiful.

Hunting, hiking, backpacking, fishing, horseback riding and rock hounding are among the most popular outdoor activities. Whitewater Canyon recreation area which includes the Catwalk National Recreation Trail is a wonderful natural area that draws about 40,000 visitors each year from around the world. Local history is evident in mining ghost towns, ranches and prehistoric Indian sites.

Medical: There is a local volunteer fire department and ambulance service. Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City provides full service hospital facilities. There are medical clinics in both Reserve (40 miles north) and Gila (36 miles south).

Schools: There is an elementary school (K-3) in Glenwood that averages approximately 10 students. Students in grades 4-12, are bussed to Reserve, NM. Western New Mexico University is located in Silver City and provides quality programs for traditional and non-traditional students. The community of Cliff, in Grant County, has an elementary through high school system as well.

Employment: Glenwood is made up of a very diverse community including ranchers, retirees, state/federal employees, local shopkeepers and artists.

Housing: Housing availability in Glenwood is limited and real estate prices are fairly high. The Gila/Cliff area, 30 miles south, and community of Reserve to the north, offers more housing. Some employees choose to commute from Silver City, about an hour and ten minute drive one way. There may be government housing available in Glenwood.

Transportation: Glenwood is approximately four hours from four major cities: Albuquerque, NM; Phoenix, AZ; Tucson, AZ; and El Paso, TX.

To find more information about the Gila National Forest and the Glenwood Ranger District, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila>

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
District Recreation Technician, GS-0462-5/6/7
Region 3, Gila National Forest
Glenwood Ranger District
Glenwood, NM

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER ____

TYPE OF CURRENT APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____
TERM _____ OTHER _____

CURRENT AGENCY/REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

Work experience applicable to this position: _____

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
- ____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- ____ DISABLED VETERAN W/ 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- ____ OTHER _____

Please send this completed form to dcress@fs.fed.us

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.
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