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HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
BRIDGEPORT RANGER DISTRICT

***Forestry Recreation Technician, OHV/OSV Lead
GS-0462 - 6/7 Permanent Full Time
Duty Station - Bridgeport, CA***

Demo announcement is open Tuesday March 3 thru March 10, 2015
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/396368700>

Merit announcement is open Tuesday March 3 thru Monday March 16, 2015
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The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will soon be filling a permanent full-time Forestry Recreation Technician OHV/OSV Lead to be located at the Bridgeport Ranger District in Bridgeport, California.

Forestry Technician – Recreation

Responsibilities include assisting the recreation staff in management of the districts OHV, and winter OSV programs and developed recreation sites. The incumbent will manage the district's summer and winter OHV/OSV programs and developed site maintenance, supervising two or more temporary employees and coordinating with numerous partners and volunteers.

General duties support the District's Recreation program as lead technician for the summer OHV Travel Management Program, winter snowmobiling program for the Bridgeport Winter Recreation Area and developed site maintenance. Incumbent will assist the District Recreation Staff Officer with program planning for OHV and OSV grant applications and be the on-the ground lead in their execution, including tracking grant expenditures, accomplishments and reporting. Duties as lead technician will include working with seasonal employees and volunteers in signing, maintaining motorized trails, maintaining recreation vehicles, UTVs and snowmobiles, enforcement of Forest Regulations (Forest Protection Officer) cleaning and maintaining developed recreation sites, and developing safety job hazard analysis. This position will serve as back-up to the visitor information services specialist at the District reception area requiring collection officer training, cash handling, computer skills and communication skills.

The position requires the individual to function approximately 85% of the time in the field under varied environmental conditions including high elevations, remote areas, rain/snow, extreme heat and cold. This position requires working most weekends and holidays.

Desired Skills

- ATV or UTV, riding experience & basic maintenance skills
- Advanced snowmobile riding skills for riding off-trail in steep mountainous terrain.
- Avalanche safety experience/instructor
- Computer skills working with excel spreadsheets and computer point of sale systems
- Communication skills, both written and verbal
- Forest Protection Officer experience

- Collection Officer experience
- Certified ATV/snowmobile safety instructor

About the Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the state of Nevada, and includes one million acres of land in eastern California, along the eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas: the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas).

About the Bridgeport Ranger District (Duty Station)

The Bridgeport Ranger District is located on the west side of the H-T; flanked on the west by the dramatic Sierra Nevada and falling away eastward to the Great Basin Desert. Vegetation ranges from high alpine plant communities to salt desert flats. 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. Recreation use is high as the District borders Yosemite National Park and several wilderness areas. Summer activities include hiking, camping, fishing, and OHV travel; winter activities include backcountry snowmobiling, and skiing. This District has a Congressionally Designated Winter Recreation Area located in the Sonora Pass in California allowing snowmobiling in a wilderness -like setting in the Sonora Pass vicinity. This is extreme snowmobiling, deep snow, big bowls and steep mountainous terrain - with only one marginally groomed trail providing access.

The District has a robust program of work that covers range, fire and fuels, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, watershed, noxious weeds, minerals and special uses. There are about 30 permanent employees and the District typically hires additional seasonal employees. The District is also home to the US Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center.

About the Community

The Ranger Station is located in Bridgeport, CA, a town of about 600 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.

Bridgeport has a K-8 elementary school. High schools are located in Lee Vining, CA and Coleville, CA. Churches representing several denominations can be found within the local commuting area. Bridgeport has a small clinic and ambulance and Life-Flight services. Hospitals are located in Reno, Carson, and Gardnerville, NV and Mammoth Lakes, CA. Bridgeport has a small grocery store and several restaurants/bars.

Summer highs in Bridgeport rarely reach 90 degrees (F) or above. In winter, low temperatures can reach 30 below zero.

Housing

Government housing may be available with this opportunity. Housing in Bridgeport is limited. Rentals range from \$600 to \$1000+ per month. A typical 3 bed/2 bath single family home in Bridgeport costs anywhere from \$250,000-\$350,000+.

For additional Forest information, check out the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF website...<http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf>