



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Forest Service
Ashley National Forest
Heritage Program



The Ashley National Forest is expecting to make a selection from an Open and Continuous Vacancy Announcement for the following position. This outreach is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to encourage them to apply:

POSITION: Seasonal Archaeological Technician GS-0102-5

LOCATION: USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Vernal, Utah

SALARY: Salary is \$15.00/hr (GS-05/step1).

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The position will be a seasonal archaeological technician. The official duty station is Vernal, Utah. Several positions are available with anticipated employment from May to September 2009.

MAJOR DUTIES INCLUDE:

The selected applicant conducts archaeological pedestrian surveys in a variety of terrains, landscapes, and elevations in support of Forest Heritage Program requirements. Applies scientific methods to survey parcels of land to determine likely sites of archeological or historical interest. Selects, interprets, and applies technical guidelines to analyze archeological data and prepares site forms to document findings. Gather's and downloads field GIS data on a hand held professional grade GPS unit. Compiles information and assists with the preparation of reports about the nature and extent of known cultural resources. Hiking in rough terrain and on steep slopes while carrying up to 25 pounds of field gear and supplies is common. Driving field vehicles in rugged and remote terrain may be required. Field work will be in a forest setting with exposure to rain, snow, cold, heat, dust, insects, wind, and lightning. The position will require that the employee wear a Forest service uniform. The position requires a valid state driver's license.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the minimum federal qualifications for a GS-0102-5 Archaeological Technician. The minimum qualifications are:

1. Bachelor's degree in Anthropology/Archaeology (or related field), OR
2. Four years of technical archaeological work experience, OR
3. A combination technical archaeological work experience and education that provides equivalent knowledge or training as above.

HOW TO APPLY: The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under vacancy announcement **OCRT-102-5-ARCH-DT**. Under the "How to Apply" tab you will be redirected to the Avue website at www.avuedigitalservices.com which is an on-line applicant assessment system that has been specifically configured for USDA Forest Service applicants. Register and provide the requested information in the Avue website. Be sure to follow the directions to apply for this position (**OCRT-102-5-ARCH-DT**) and select "Vernal, UT" as a preferred location.

Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by Monday, March 21, 2011.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Applicants desiring further information, may contact the Forest Archaeologist, Jeffrey Rust, or visit the Forest Website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/heritage/> for updated information. You may reach Mr. Rust by phone (435-781-5156) or by e-mail (jarust@fs.fed.us).

ABOUT THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

The Ashley National Forest, with headquarters in Vernal, Utah, comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of Utah and southwestern portion of Wyoming.

The Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest (and Vernal).

The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, and horseback riding.

The Forest landscape ranges from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak (which is the highest peak in Utah).

ABOUT THE VERNAL AREA

Vernal, Utah is a relatively remote community of around 15,000. The city is the commercial hub of northeastern Utah and is heavily impacted by Oil and Gas exploration and extraction in the area. Vernal attractions include two theaters, over 20 restaurants, three grocery stores, a community recreation center, a bowling alley, the Utah Museum of Natural History, various retail stores, and several bars. Medical facilities include a full service hospital, an urgent care center, and numerous doctors, dentists, chiropractors, and medical specialists. Educational facilities include a High School, a Junior High, a Middle School, and 5 elementary schools.