



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 one or more of the following positions. Up to two positions from each grade may be filled. This outreach is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to encourage them to apply:

POSITIONS: **Seasonal Archaeological Technician Crew Chief GS-0102-7**
 Seasonal Archaeological Technician GS-0102-5
 Seasonal Archaeological Technician GS-0102-4

LOCATION: USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Vernal, Utah
 Anticipated employment will be from May to August 2012.

SALARY: GS-7 Archaeological Technician Crew Chief - \$18.59/hr.
 GS-5 Archaeological Technician - \$15.00/hr.
 GS-4 Archaeological Technician - \$13.41/hr

DUTIES FOR GS-4 POSITION:

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; hikes in rough terrain and on steep slopes while carrying up to 25 pounds of field gear; field work will be in a forest setting with exposure to rain, snow, cold, heat, dust, insects, wind, and lightning. The position requires that the employee wear a Forest Service uniform.

DUTIES FOR GS-5 POSITION (in addition to above):

Serves as assistant crew chief, gathers 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; and drives field vehicles in rugged and remote terrain. The position requires that the employee have a valid state driver's license.

DUTIES FOR GS-7 POSITION (in addition to above):

Serves as the field Supervisor or crew chief for a variety of survey projects; prepares and finalizes Archaeological site documentation from field surveys; writes reports for Forest projects; makes National Register eligibility recommendations for archaeological sites; and utilizes ArcGIS software to analyze data and prepare maps for site forms and reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GS-4:

1. Two years of college with courses related to archaeology/anthropology, OR
2. Six months of general work experience and 6 months of technical archaeological work experience, OR
3. A combination of education and work experience.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GS-5 POSITIONS

1. Bachelor's degree in anthropology/archaeology (or related field), OR
2. One year of technical archaeological work experience, OR
3. A combination of technical archaeological work experience and education that provided equivalent knowledge or training as above.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GS-7 POSITIONS

1. Bachelor's degree in appropriate field and one year of graduate-level education in Archaeology, OR
2. Two years of technical archaeological work experience, OR
3. A combination of technical archaeological work experience and education that provided equivalent knowledge or training as above.

HOW TO APPLY:

The vacancy announcements for these positions are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Search for the vacancy announcement and then select 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 the desired position and **select "Vernal, UT"** as a preferred location. Be sure to attach a digital copy of your most recent college transcript.

The Vacancy Announcement for the GS-7 Archaeological Technician is **OCRT-102-7-ARCH-DT**.
The Vacancy Announcement for the GS-5 Archaeological Technician is **OCRT-102-5-ARCH-DT**.
The Vacancy Announcement for the GS-3 Archaeological Technician is **OCRT-102-4-ARCH-DT**.

Those that wish to be considered for these positions should apply to the vacancy announcement by **Monday, March 26, 2012**. You may apply for one or more of the positions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Applicants desiring further information may contact the Forest Archaeologist, Jeffrey Rust, for information about the positions. 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 landscape ranges from high desert country (6,000 ft. elevation) to high mountain areas (13,000 ft. elevation). 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. 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.

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 influenced by oil and gas extraction in the area.

Vernal amenities include two theaters, an entertainment club, over 20 restaurants, three grocery stores, a community recreation center and swimming pool, a bowling alley, the Utah Field House of Natural History, numerous retail stores, and four bars. Medical facilities include a full service hospital, an urgent care center, and numerous doctors, dentists, chiropractors, and medical specialists. Educational facilities include Utah State University – Uintah Basin Campus, a high school, a junior high, a middle school, and 5 elementary schools.