

OUTREACH NOTICE

Ecologist GS-408-12



REGION 4 - MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST

DUTY STATION:
PRICE, UTAH

POSITION:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest, Supervisor's Office will soon be filling a Permanent Full-Time Ecologist GS-408-12 position with a duty station in Price, Utah. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity.

OUTREACH DEADLINE:	June 1,, 2012
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The position will be advertised through USA Jobs as an Ecologist GS-408-12. This position will be advertised Government wide. Applications must be made through the Avue Digital Services website: [Find Federal Employment | Avue Central](#)

The vacancy announcement number for this position has yet to be established. The vacancy announcement will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. Individuals that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS.gov website by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official upon closing of the vacancy announcement. All applicants found to be qualified, and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Once on USAJOBS.gov applicants will be directed to the AVUE Digital Services website to apply. Interested applicants can set up a profile at <http://www.avuedigitalservices.com> before the announcement is posted that will enable them to receive an e-mail when the announcement is posted. Applicants can also set up an alert on USAJOBS.gov citing the Series/Location and grade that will also notify them when the announcement is posted.

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND PLACEMENT LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP ELIGIBLES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

Individuals desiring further information should contact the person listed below. Please send all outreach response forms to mmeccariello@fs.fed.us by **June 1, 2012**.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position serves as the Ecologist for the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The selected individual will be primarily responsible for the continued development and implementation of the ecological monitoring program to collect, analyze, and interpret data to help guide Forest Service activities through an adaptive management framework. Primary duties include:

- Provides ecological expertise and technical assistance for Forest Service projects and planning efforts.
- Provides technical assistance with NEPA planning and implementation including participation on interdisciplinary teams and writing Biological Assessments and Evaluations.
- Conducts inventories to locate and monitor rare plant communities.
- Assesses the impacts of global change, including climate change, invasive species, and increasing human populations, on forests and ecosystems.
- Evaluates the effects of forest management practices including grazing, prescribed burning, and silvicultural treatments on a diverse range of ecosystems.
- Integrates information from separate disciplines such as botany, hydrology, geology, soils, and wildlife, including historic and legacy data, for use in assessing current conditions, detecting trends, developing

- reference conditions, and developing desired future conditions for use in planning and implementing forest projects.
- Conducts classification and mapping of vegetation types.
 - Coordinates with district, forest, and regional staff to conduct integrated ecological monitoring and reporting programs. Develops training, GIS products, and other materials to facilitate the transfer of ecological knowledge. Where appropriate, publishes findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals or research station publications.

FOR MORE INFORMATION.....

For more information about the position, please contact Mat Meccariello, Ecosystems Staff Officer, at 435-636-3509.

Please send all outreach response forms to mmeccariello@fs.fed.us by June 1, 2012.

Outreach Response Form

Responding Employee:

Name: _____

Current Agency/Region/Forest/District: _____

Current Position Title: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

**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 VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY**

_____ **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998**

_____ **FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER**

_____ **STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

_____ **OTHER** _____

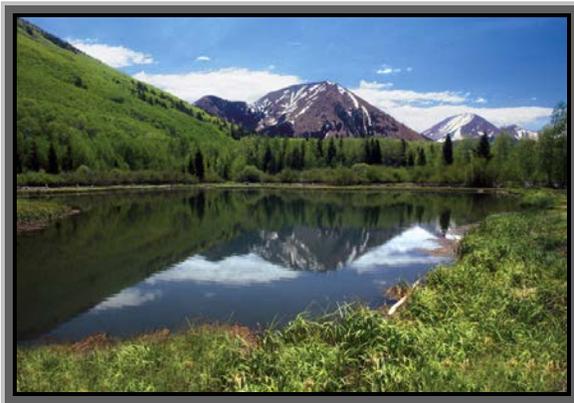
Thank you for your interest!

Brief statement of how you think your experience/education meets the duties and basic qualifications of the outreach position.

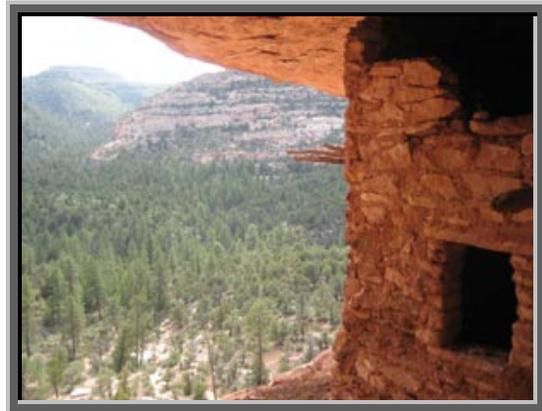
About the Manti La Sal National Forest and South Eastern Utah



Whatever your location on the [Manti-La Sal National Forest](#), you are at a starting point for adventure. Within a few minutes drive you can be in the forest or traveling picturesque sandstone deserts.



Warner Lake, Manti La Sal NF



Dark Canyon Wilderness

The Manti-La Sal National Forest's 1.4 million acres are scattered through some of the most wide-open spaces in Utah and parts of Colorado (about 17,000 square miles). It features high forested areas, with glacial bowls and alpine peaks, and lower desert elevations strewn with remnants of ancient cultures. The Moab/Monticello Ranger District contains over 530,000 acres of unique and diverse landscapes. It includes the [Dark Canyon Wilderness Area](#), Mount Peale, the 2nd highest peak in Utah and is bordered by [Arches National Park](#), [Canyonlands National Park](#), and the [San Rafael Swell](#). It is not far from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and [Lake Powell](#).

Rock climbers come from throughout the world to test their skills on the rock walls of Mill Creek Canyon in the La Sal Mountains in southeastern Utah. To the west, cyclists take to the trails of the beautiful [La Sal Mountains](#), which provide an island of cool green towering above the red rock deserts of Moab. American Indians revere many sacred sites in the [Abajo Mountains](#) found in the far reaches of southeastern Utah.

This area of Utah is rich in ancient artifacts. The area is littered with pieces of pottery, stone, fiber and bone that tell the story of people who lived a thousand years ago. Rock cliffs hide granaries and ancient dwellings. Rock faces are often galleries for pictographs and petroglyphs. Archeological surveys indicate there are more prehistoric artifacts on the Manti-La Sal National Forest than any other national forest.



Granary near Blanding, Utah



Puebloan Pots

The Forest is also renowned for coal production. Most of the coal mined in Utah comes from the Wasatch Plateau coal field, where the Forest is located. This amounted to 14,241,000 tons in 2007. The coal is primarily used to produce electricity in three local power plants which generate 2,621 megawatts of power.

Traditionally the Forest has provided forage for cattle and sheep grazing. Utah ranks seventh in the nation for sheep production and the Forest contributes significantly to the necessary forage. In addition, about 20,000 cattle graze on Forest lands.

The Manti-La Sal is the principal water source for surrounding communities. Because of the desert climate, the Forest watershed is vital to life and livelihoods in central and southeastern Utah. Riparian areas and wetlands are precious ecosystems in an otherwise arid landscape.

Diverse wildlife is found on the Forest. Rocky Mountain elk and mule deer range on all districts, offering quality big game hunting opportunities. The high peaks of the Abajos, La Sals and Wasatch Plateau provide habitat for the American pika. The Forest includes important habitat for the greater sage grouse, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, golden eagle, Abert's squirrel and black bear. The Mexican spotted owl, a federally listed species, can be found in several of the narrow canyons on the Monticello Ranger District.

Several streams, lakes and reservoirs located on the Manti-La Sal contain a variety of trout species including Colorado River cutthroat, Bonneville cutthroat trout, rainbow, brook, and brown trout.

[Moab, Utah](#)

If you're an outdoor adventurer, you know Moab, Utah. Whether you mountain bike, hike, raft, mountain climb, motorcycle ride, jeep, ATV or photograph spectacular scenery, you'll love this town. Set in a stunning red rock valley at the foot of the towering La Sal Mountains, there are few places so scenic in the West. Moab is the gateway to Arches National Park and only minutes from Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. Uranium mining was the primary driver of the economy during the 1950s, but tourist dollars fuel the economy today. The population of Moab is 4,845. There are three schools: Grand High School, Grand Middle School and Helen M. Kinght Elementary. Also, Utah State University has an Extension campus in Moab. The average home sales price is \$251,000. The new Moab Regional Hospital and various health care providers are available locally. To learn more see:

<http://www.moabhappenings.com/>,

<http://www.discovermoab.com/>,

<http://www.grandschools.org/>,

<http://www.grandcountyutah.net/>,

<http://www.moab-utah.com/>,

<http://distance.usu.edu/?campuses>

<http://www.moabchamber.com/>

http://www.utah.com/stateparks/dead_horse.htm

Monticello, Utah

Cowboys and Indians were the real thing in Monticello. Its early history is colored with conflict between cowboys, settlers and American Indians. Now it's a peaceful little community at the foot of the Abajo Mountains and at the crossroads of southeastern Utah. It is the southern gateway to Canyonlands National Park and is 60 minutes south of Arches National Park. Lake Powell is to the south. It is the highest of the communities where the Manti-La Sal has offices, with an elevation of 7,069 feet. Agriculture is important to the economy and culture, but most jobs are found in government, followed by the tourism industry. Monticello has a population of 1,958. Home sales prices range between \$87,000 and \$275,000. There is an elementary school and a high school, (grades 7-12). Medical services are provided by San Juan Hospital, a pharmacy and health professionals. For more information see:

<http://www.utahscanyoncountry.com/>
<http://www.monticelloutah.org/services.html>,
<http://www.sanjuanschools.org/default.aspx>
<http://www.southeastutah.org/>
<http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/edge-of-the-cedars>
<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/monticello.html>
<http://www.cityofcortez.com>

Price, Utah

The Supervisor's Office is located in Price Utah, at the foot of the Book Cliffs and southeast of Salt Lake City. Although founded by Mormon pioneers, the railroad and coal mining boom in the late 1800s brought an influx of immigrants, which gives Price a unique flavor among Utah towns. Their descendants create a vibrant community and diverse culture. Historically, coal was king in Price. Now, Price has become a destination community, providing government services, a regional hospital, health services, and shopping opportunities. Price has a population of about 8,500, two elementary schools, a junior high, high school, and community college. The average home sales price is \$143,825. For more information see:

<http://www.priceutah.net/>, www.carbon.k12.ut.us, <http://www.carbon.utah.gov>,
<http://www.ceu.edu/>