



Temporary Positions



USDA Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region (R2)
Black Hills National Forest, WY
Bearlodge Ranger District

The Bearlodge Ranger District may be advertising and filling several Temporary positions for the Sundance, WY offices.

Archeological Aid/Technician (GS102-3/4); contact David Porter or Cher Burgess at 307-283-1361 or Marissa Karchut 605-642-4622

Primary duties include archaeological survey, site documentation, and site monitoring. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 40 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, and may be asked to drive UTV's, 4X4 trucks with a standard transmission.

Forestry Technician (GS-5) Recreation; contact Jeanette Timm at 307-283-1361

Work Schedule expected to include weekends; Thursday thru Monday. Contacts visitors and checks visitor use of recreation facilities. Monitors compliance with recreation area rules and regulations of parking, campfires, sanitation, trails (motorized and non-motorized), reports violations to Law Enforcement Officers. May be expected to write violation notices or warning notices. Picks up garbage along roadways and trailheads, mows entrance signs, paints wooden information signs, constructs and/or maintains hiking and/or motorized trails, maintains signage on closure gates. Answers routine questions on recreation opportunities and activities. May be a crew member or leader for other temporary employees in support of recreation and trail maintenance activities and travel management programs.

Office Assistant (GS-3/4); contact Jeanette Timm at 307-283-1361

This is a visitor services position. Employee must demonstrate ability to communicate with the public to disseminate information about National Forest programs. Position greets customers, answers the phone, sells National Forest products, and assists office personnel as needed with computer tasks and filing.

Hydrologic Technician (GS-1316-4/5); contact Melissa Dempsey at 605-642-4622)

The primary duties associated with these positions include the inventory of road-stream crossings, conducting soil disturbance surveys, spring and wetland identification, and conducting mass movement surveys. The types of tools to complete these tasks include: map, GPS units, cameras, and shovels. Individuals would receive training in the different types of survey methods. Spearfish, SD is the duty station for these positions with work performed across both the Bearlodge (WY) and Northern Hills (SD) Ranger Districts.

Forestry Aid/Forestry Technician (GS-0462-3/4); contact Kara Dunlap or Wes Bice at 307-283-1361

Collects and/or records basic measurements such as compass readings, distance measurements, tree heights, tree diameters, tree growth, and determines common species. Receives training on marking trees for harvest tools such as Spiegel Relaskop, clinometer, compass, chain, diameter tape, increment borer, electronic field data recorder, etc. Selects and marks individual trees for harvest by interpreting well defined marking guidelines, silviculture prescriptions, and specific instructions. Assists with estimates of individual tree volumes and defect using established cruising methods. Traverse harvest boundaries with GPS units. At higher grade level, may provide leadership and direction to a crew performing a variety of field measurements, collection and monitoring tasks.

Forestry Technician (Hotshot Crew) GS-4/5; contact Chris Huhnerkoch or Trevor Papenfuss at 307-283-1361

A minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required prior to applying for the GS-5 level. This position serves as a skilled crewmember on a handcrew assigned to performing fire suppression duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain on the full range of complexity of fires. Utilizes a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and techniques while actively suppressing wildfires, such as a pulaski, shovel, McLeod, ax and chainsaw to control the spread of wildfire. Performs basic fireline activities such as line construction, lopping and scattering of fuels using hand tools and holding, patrolling, monitoring, and mop-up operations. Moves dirt, chops brush, small trees, etc. to construct fire line. During prescribed burns, monitors and controls the fire, and collects data on fire weather and fire behavior. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-3/4/5) Fire-Engine or Handcrew; contact Chris Huhnerkoch or Trevor Papenfuss at 307-283-1361

These positions are part of a wildland fire crew, performing firefighting work on an engine or hand crew. Assignments include developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays, hand tools, chainsaws, working around aircraft, and patrolling fireline to locate and extinguish hotspots that may be a threat. Cleans and maintains fire tools and equipment. During prescribed burns, monitors and controls the fire, and collects data on fire weather and fire behavior. There may be frequent travel associated with these positions.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for **Wildland Firefighters**. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

How to Apply

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements will be posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/ in the near future.

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. **Create an account** - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online.
2. **Search jobs** - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note of those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. You must identify Sundance, WY as locations specific to the above listed positions.
3. **Apply for jobs** - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
4. **Manage Your Career** - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.

If you are interested in working as part of the Bearlodge Ranger District and would like more information, call 307-283-1361

*** BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST ***

The Black Hills National Forest is 1.2 million acres of forested hills and mountains. It is 110 miles long and 70 miles wide, approximately 87 percent of which are in South Dakota and 13 percent in Wyoming. The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota Sioux words, Paha Sapa - "hills are black". Some unique features in the area include Devils Tower National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Mountain, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Badlands National Park and Custer State Park.

BEARLODGE RANGER DISTRICT

The Bearlodge District totals about 200,000 acres in the northern part of the Black Hills within the State of Wyoming. Timber harvest and related silvicultural activity is the largest resource program on the district. Average annual timber offer is about 15 million board feet. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include white-tailed and mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey and Ruffed grouse.

SUNDANCE COMMUNITY

The Bearlodge Ranger District has an office on the eastern edge of Sundance, Wyoming, which has a population of approximately 1,200.

Sundance is located 30 miles west of Spearfish, SD, 74 miles northwest of Rapid City, SD, 365 miles north of Denver, Colorado, 542 miles west of Minneapolis and 200 miles northeast of Casper, Wyoming. The elevation of Sundance is 4,753 feet above sea level.

The town of Sundance is a scenic community with moderate temperatures. The average annual mean temperature is 43.6 degrees with the average January temperature 19.1 degrees and July's average of 69.8 degrees. The annual average rainfall is 9.0 inches and annual snowfall is 77 inches. Prevailing winds are from the northwest.