Rocky Mountain Region

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland

SULPHUR RANGER DISTRICT, GRANBY, COLORADO

Assistant Statewide Motorized Trail Crew Leader

GS-0462-5/6

The Sulphur Ranger District will be filling one GS-5/6 permanent part time **13/13** Assistant Statewide Crew leader position

Outreach notice valid through March 15, 2013. This is an outreach notice and the position will be advertised on the USAJOBS website at www.usajobs.gov. Vacancy announcement numbers will be e-mailed to interested candidates when that information becomes available. It is anticipated that the Referral List will be generated within two weeks of the announcement closing date. You must select Grand Lake, Colorado as the preferred location.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Sulphur Ranger District is currently seeking qualified applicants with motorized trails experience for the Assistant Statewide Motorized Trail Crew Leader position. The **Assistant Statewide Motorized Trail Crew Leader** serves as an assistant to the Crew Supervisor and performs technical duties primarily concerned with administration and maintenance of OHV trail systems on National Forests, BLM, and State owned lands throughout Colorado. The primary duties of the position include: supervising temporary Forestry Technicians in trail maintenance work on public lands throughout Colorado. This includes: oversight and leadership of subordinates during assigned

work, planning and coordinating for crew travel, training and certification of subordinates, preparing and submitting crew time and attendance reports, and preparing and submitting crew travel vouchers. Additionally, the incumbent is responsible for assisting the crew supervisor in reviewing and ranking program requests, and coordinating a schedule for the annual program of work. The incumbent will also supervise volunteers on trail related projects as required. Collateral duties for the position include: making public contacts to provide information, assistance, education, and for enforcement of Forest Service regulations. Knowledge of the Code of Federal Regulations, as well as, good oral communication skills will be necessary to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the position. Other collateral duties for the position also include assisting the District OHV Program Manager in the preparation and submission of OHV grant proposals and with compilation of closeout documentation (both financial and for accomplishments) for grant funded programs. The incumbent is also responsible for assisting in the implementation of the District Trails Program including: calculating and procuring materials and supplies, planning and procuring equipment and fleet, and assisting in the maintenance and upkeep of district trails, trail facilities, and trail tools and equipment. This position requires extensive travel and the incumbent remains in travel status away from the assigned duty station during much of the operational season (May through October). The crew works a back to back 4 ten hour day schedule with 6 days off after each 80 hour venue. Most if not all trail work is performed utilizing off-road motorcycles modified for transport of chainsaws and trail tools. Work is performed on variable trails, in variable terrain, and in variable weather conditions. Due to the nature and condition of many of the trails being maintained, as well as the variable terrain and weather conditions in which the work is performed, advanced off-road motorcycle riding skills are essential to the success of this position. Additionally, the incumbent must possess strong trails maintenance and chainsaw operations skills in order to be successful. The incumbent is responsible for operation and maintenance of motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, chainsaws, GPS equipment, trail maintenance tools and other related equipment and facilities.
The District is fully equipped with the IBM windows system and the incumbent must be proficient in the use of the Microsoft Windows Office Software to be successful in this position.

GRAND COUNTY, A COLORADO ADVENTURE CAPITAL

Only 67 miles from Denver, Colorado, Grand County is the ideal combination of authentic western adventure and unrivaled natural beauty. And if you are looking for the essence of Colorado outdoor activity, Grand County is for you. There is world-class skiing, horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking, rafting, sledding, fishing, boating, snowshoeing and a host of other unique Colorado activities.

Grand County and its communities including Kremmling, Granby, Winter Park/Fraser, Grand Lake, and Hot Sulphur Springs are bordered by snow-capped mountains. They are also located in a stunning mountain valley that offers classic Colorado vistas and stunning skies. The communities are full of history, friendly inhabitants and an unhurried lifestyle.

The Sulphur Ranger District, located in Granby, Colorado is situated along the upper Colorado and Fraser Rivers on the west side of the Continental Divide. It is home to a major downhill ski area that includes Winter Park and Mary Jane Ski Resorts and is the mountain-biking capital of Colorado. Grand Lake, the epitome of a Colorado mountain settlement, serves as the western gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park and boasts the highest elevation yacht club in the United States. The towns of Kremmling, Granby and Hot Sulphur Springs each reflect their ties to Colorado's outdoor lifestyle in a unique way and provide family-friendly communities and the associated services, settings and opportunities.

ARAPAHO NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The Arapaho National Recreation Area (ANRA), otherwise known as the "Great Lakes of Colorado" is located on the district and located between the towns of Granby and Grand Lake. The five lakes within the ANRA are a destination spot for boaters of all kinds, and features outstanding kokanee and lake trout fishing, water skiing, and spectacular camping opportunities.

SNOW SPORT AND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Winter Park Resort is a world class downhill ski resort with over one million skier visits annually. In addition to fantastic backcountry skiing, we also have Devils Thumb Ranch Resort and Snow Mountain Ranch – YMCA of the Rockies which rank as two of the best Nordic ski centers in the country. The Grand Lake Trail System provides over 100 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in the winter and is a destination OHV system in the summer.

FRASER EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

The 23,000 acre Fraser Experimental Forest was established in 1937 as a representative site for conducting studies in the alpine/subalpine environment of the central Rockies. Most early research was oriented toward timber or water production resulting from forest management. Research on forest/wildlife interactions began in the 1950's. Biogeochemical studies began in the 1960's, were restarted in the 70's, and have been continuous since 1982. Much of this work is done in cooperation with the National Park Service. Today, most of the new research addresses questions that deal with stand and landscape diversity or specific plant allocation and water processes that better define ecosystem function. Studies are being conducted by researchers all over the world.

THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

The Continental Divide separates Grand County from metropolitan Denver. With access via US Highway 40 and Trail Ridge Road (US 34), or via the railroad through Moffat Tunnel, the towns of Winter Park, Fraser, Tabernash, Granby and Grand Lake, as well as surrounding federally administered lands, are within one and a half hours by car or rail from front range communities.

FOUR WILDERNESS AREAS

Byers Peak Wilderness

The Byers Peak Wilderness encompasses more than 8,000 pristine acres with a variety of habitats from low-lying lodgepole pine forest and riparian drainages to alpine tundra fields over 12,000 feet in elevation.

Indian Peaks Wilderness

The 76,586-acre Indian Peaks Wilderness is located adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park's southern boundary. The Indian Peaks Wilderness Area is one of the most visited wilderness areas in the United States.

Never Summer Wilderness

The Never Summer Wilderness shares its eastern boundary with Rocky Mountain National Park. This 21,000-acre wilderness includes landscapes from forested ridges to steep tundra ranging in elevation from 8,900 to 12,520 feet.

Vasquez Peak Wilderness

This 12,300-acre high country wilderness sits entirely above 10,000 feet with more than half its area above timberline. There are over 15 miles of trail across the alpine tundra and only one trail climbs through a spruce/fir forest.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

The snow-mantled peaks, verdant valleys, twisting rivers, and glistening lakes of this area became our nation's tenth national park in 1915. From its valleys to its mountaintops, Rocky Mountain National Park encompasses many worlds with marked differences in wildlife and vegetation. Covering 350,000 acres, the park is completely surrounded by the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. Over 3 million visitors a year visit the park from the east, through Estes Park, Colorado and from the west, through Grand County.

CLIMATE

We have fabulous Colorado weather featuring clear blue skies and occasional short duration storms that bring fresh dry powder in the winter and refreshing thunderstorms in the summer. Winter can extend from late October into early May. Summer high temperatures range from 60 to 85 degrees, with cool nights. Winter daily highs range from the teens to 30 degrees with night time temperatures often falling to below zero. The average annual rainfall is approximately 12 inches, while annual snowfall averages 128 inches. Humidity is low year round.

POPULATION, COST OF LIVING AND SERVICES

The current, year-round population of Grand County is about 8,700 residents and growing due to the area's exceptional recreation opportunities, and its proximity to Denver. Seasonal residents typically increase the local population by two thousand in winter and summer.

The district office is located in Granby, Colorado which is in the eastern part of Grand County. The Town of Granby is home to approximately twenty percent of the county's population of year-round residents and it sits at an elevation of 7,900 feet.

Grand Lake, Granby, Fraser and Winter Park are well developed communities and offer a full range of services and amenities, including outstanding dining. The elementary schools are located in Granby, Grand Lake, Kremmling, and Fraser, with the middle and high schools located in Granby and Kremmling. Medical facilities are located in Kremmling, Granby and Winter Park.

Housing is more expensive on the east end of the county near Winter Park Resort, with homes averaging $340,000. Homes in Granby, Hot Sulphur Springs and Kremmling average $250,000. Rent for private housing ranges from $600 to $1,200 per month. Government housing may be available 3 miles south of Grand Lake and the driving distance from government housing to Granby is about 14 miles on U.S. Highway 34 which is maintained year around. With the current change in economic conditions prices may have dropped, so it is important that applicants check real estate websites for listings in the various communities listed above. The District office is easy to access on well-maintained roads from each of the communities.

Additional Information about the Sulphur Ranger District and the Forests and Grassland can be found at http://www.fs.usda.gov/arp.

POSITION INFORMATION CONTACTS:

Direct questions related to this position to Monte Lutterman, Statewide OHV Program Manager at (970)531-1648 or mlutterman@fs.fed.us Please fill out and send the Outreach Response form electronically to Monte Lutterman by 5:00 pm March 15th, 2013.

For complete information related to the local communities please use these local chamber of commerce websites; www.granbychamber, www.winterparkchamber, www.grandlakechamber.org, and hsschamber.com.

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