

OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4

Public Affairs Specialist GS-1035-9/11 TERM/Detail Opportunity

Dixie National Forest
Supervisors Office
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A vacancy announcement to fill a GS-1035-9/11 Public Affairs Specialist **temporary not to exceed 3 year/detail** position on the Dixie National Forest will be posted on the USAJOBS web site, <http://www.usajobs.gov> in the near future. This is a temporary promotion opportunity not to exceed one year, with the possibility of extension of up to two additional years depending on funding and availability of work. **At the end of the temporary promotion, the incumbent would be returned to their former position.**

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity. You may also obtain a copy of the announcement after the position has been advertised by contacting Julie Whicker – Administrative Support Assistant at (435) 865-3716 or e-mail jwhicker@fs.fed.us.

If you wish to be considered please respond no later than close of business May 13, 2013

Description of duties...

At the GS 9 level; Performs a variety of public affairs activities. Identifies areas that need to be addressed, characteristics and needs of the target audience, and communication techniques most appropriate, develops recommended approaches and drafts material for supervisor's approval.

Develops written materials such as feature stories, news releases, and magazine articles that transmit information concerning the nature and purpose of Forest Service programs. Materials are prepared for the general public, and for internal dissemination.

At the GS11 level; Plans, directs, and implements a comprehensive public affairs program. Responsible for informing interested publics, including other agencies, organizations, and other individuals, of Forest Service activities and programs.

Organizes and conducts public meetings, workshops, field trips, or other forums designed to foster public participation.

Maintains contacts with local congressional offices. Responds to inquiries from their offices and keeps them informed of issues, especially important program or policy changes which may generate interest among their constituents.

Location...

The duty station for this position will be at the Supervisors Office, located in Cedar City, Utah.

The position...

The tour of duty will be full time not to exceed 3 years (40 hours a week).

This position will be reviewed at the end of each year and may be extended for up to 2 additional years depending on funding and availability of work.

Approximate salary...

The grade level GS-9 salary starts at \$47,448 per annum.

The grade level GS-11 salary starts at \$57,408 per annum.

For more information...

For information about the application process, you may contact Julie Whicker, Administrative Asst. at 435-865-3716, or by email at jwhicker@fs.fed.us

Interested...

Interested candidates, or those desiring further information about the position, should contact Angie Bullets, Forest Supervisor at 435-865-3700 or by email at asbullets@fs.fed.us

To receive a copy of the vacancy announcement, please complete and submit the Outreach Notice Form, attached to the end of this document, and mail to Dixie National Forest, ATTN: Julie Whicker, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721 or by email to jwhicker@fs.fed.us. The vacancy announcement advertising this position will be released over the next several weeks and will be available on the USA Jobs website at <http://www.usajobs.gov> (the U.S. Governments official website for jobs and employment information) and at the Dixie National Forest Homepage at <http://www.fs.fed.us/dxnf/hr/jobs>.

About The Dixie National Forest. . .

The Dixie National Forest occupies almost two million acres and stretches about 170 miles across southern Utah. The Forest straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. Elevations vary between 2,800 feet near St. George to 11,322 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. Comprising the southern rim of the Great Basin above the Colorado River, the Dixie is loved for its spectacular scenery, from high mountain meadows and lakes to multicolored cliffs and steep-walled gorges. Vegetation on the Dixie changes from sparse, desert plants at the lower elevations to stands of low-growing pinion pine and juniper dominating the mid-elevations. At higher elevations, aspen and conifers such as pine, spruce and fir predominate.

The headquarters of the Dixie National Forest is the Supervisor's Office in Cedar City. The Forest has five Ranger Districts; they are located in St. George, Cedar City, Panguitch, Escalante, and Fremont River (managed by the Fishlake National Forest). The Dixie employs about 125 permanent employees and between 100 and 150 seasonal employees.

Camping facilities are available across the Forest, and in three National Parks and two National Monuments adjacent to the Forest. The scenic beauty for which the national parks were established prevails over much of the Dixie. The Dixie has three designated wilderness areas.

About Cedar City, Utah . . .

A large number of single-family homes, condominiums, and apartments are available. Most housing sells in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range.

Health Care:

Acute care health service is available at Valley View Medical Center, a 48-bed, full service, primary-care facility with some secondary medical care services. There is also an Instacare facility.

Population and Elevation:

Population is about 32,000. Elevation is 5,800 feet.

Housing, Churches, Schools and Childcare Facilities:

Area churches represent a variety of denominations: Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Community Presbyterian Church, Baptist, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Valley Bible Church, etc. Public schools are administered by the Iron County School District and consist of seven elementary schools K through the 5th grade, two middle schools (6th and 8th grades), and two high schools (9th through 12th grades). There are also several private schools in the area. Southern Utah University is a four-year institution with master's programs in accounting and in elementary education. Associate degrees and vocational education are also available. Cedar City has several day care facilities.

The Arts, Entertainment, and Sports:

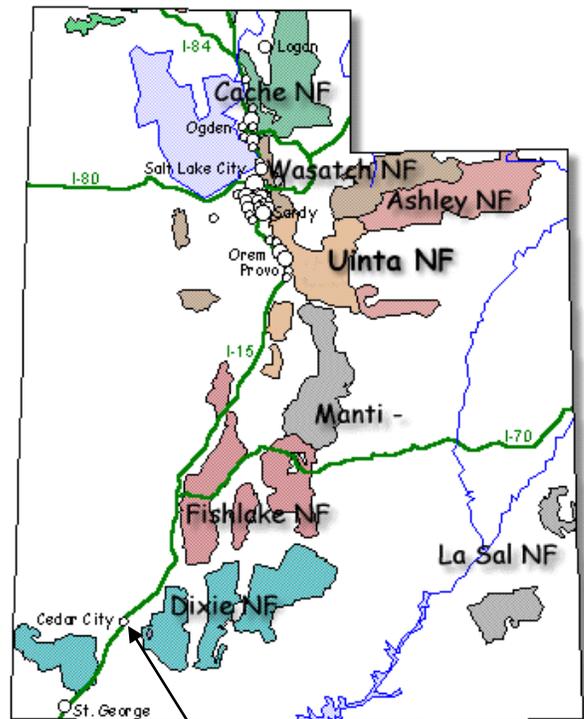
Southern Utah University (SUU) hosts the nationally acclaimed Utah Shakespearean Festival. It attracts thousands of visitors to Cedar City annually during summer and early fall. Cedar City community takes pride in being known as the "Festival City."

Cedar City is also home to the Utah Summer Games, which previews athletes for Olympic competition. SUU has a strong sports program offering football, basketball, baseball, track and field, swimming, golf, etc. Iron County boasts four museums, three libraries, the professional Shakespearean theater, three amateur theaters, and two art galleries. There is plenty of recreation in Iron County with two movie theaters, seven parks, 12 ball fields, three rodeo grounds, an 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools, fitness centers, 10 tennis courts, and bowling.

Local Climate:

The average "annual" temperature in Cedar City is 50.4 degrees; in January 41.5 degrees and 89.9 in July. The average annual precipitation is 10.6 inches with a light average snowfall of 45.4 inches. Most snowfall will come and go, with a small amount of snow pack over the winter. The sun shines often in winter.

If interested, please fill out the following form.



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NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: ____ USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ____ PERMANENT ____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM

____ VRA ____ PWD ____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

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
- _____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!