



## ***OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT***

***USDA Forest Service  
Ashley National Forest  
Supervisors Office***



The Ashley National Forest, Supervisors Office, will soon be filling a Safety Officer position, GS-0018-11 (PFT), with a Duty Station located in Vernal, Utah. If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity please completed the attached form and return to John Erickson [jerickson@fs.fed.us](mailto:jerickson@fs.fed.us). This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming vacancy:

### **Safety and Occupational Health Manager GS-0018-11 Permanent Full-Time**

#### **Position Description:**

This position is located on a National Forest. Incumbent is responsible for administering a safety and occupational health program on a National Forest, Supervisor's Office. The incumbent advises principal staff members of safety and occupational health requirements, standards, and procedures. Establishes guides and encourages supervisor-employee safety committees to identify and eliminate hazardous equipment operations and unsafe working conditions.

#### **Major Duties:**

Incumbent has primary responsibility for planning, managing, organizing, budgeting, and directing the Forest safety and occupational health program. Implements policies and work practices that will assure safe, healthful, and efficient operations for permanent and seasonal employees, volunteers, contractors, and the visiting public.

Conducts strategic planning related to development of annual action plans and budget development. Annual action plans address reduction of hazards identified during inspections and evaluations, to reduce accident trends, and to implement various initiatives.

Interprets and applies rules and regulations established by the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor, National Fire Protection Association, and other regulatory and standardizing agencies. Determines and interprets required new measures to control and eliminate hazards to employees, equipment, and materials. Examines new OSHA standards and agency directives and adapts them for implementation. Identifies the need for supplemental policies and works with the Regional Safety Manager to provide them.

Participates as a safety management team member to develop and implement procedures for accident prevention and hazard control.

Evaluates unusual and complicated operations such as work with hazardous materials, fire, forestry, recreation, transportation of materials and equipment, road

maintenance, fluid and solid minerals. Provides technical expertise to managers with regard to risk factors, OSHA requirements, proper selection and use of personal protective equipment, and safe work practices. Recommends changes as appropriate.

Analyzes unsafe conditions and operations in response to employee complaints and supervisory requests. Provides recommendations for abatements to the supervisor and management team.

Examines pertinent contract, manual supplements, and unit policy clauses, terms, and specifications to determine employee and visitor compliance while conducting local inspections and reviews.

Interviews witnesses, performs accident investigations and participates as part of an accident investigation team to determine cause and corrective actions to reduce loss to the Government. Sketches accident scenes, interviews witnesses, analyzes hazards identified as casual factors, and makes recommendations related to the causal factors. Recommends appropriate changes and prepares appropriate reports.

Develops, directs, and/or conducts safety training programs for managers, supervisors, and employees that include the following areas: safety orientation, employee safety rights and responsibilities, accident prevention, First responder Awareness, Motor Vehicle Safety, equipment operation, Employee Right-to-Know, Blood borne Pathogens, and risk management.

Manages and utilizes agency safety management automated databases. Incumbent inputs and retrieves safety data and analyzes and develops incident trends from the data. Provides management with recommendations for corrections and changes.

**About the vacancy:**

The permanent position, Safety and Occupational Health Manager GS-0018-11, will be advertised in USAJOBS, <http://www.USAJobs.com>. The announcement numbers will be **13-0401-0002-4016G-LD (Merit)** and **13-0401-0002-4016DP-LD (Demo)**. Those individuals who respond either by email, US postal mail or fax will be contacted when the vacancy announcement is available in USAJOBS. An account, profile, and resume may be completed prior to the vacancy announcement. When applying for this job, be sure to indicate **Vernal, Utah** in your choice of location on your application.

**The Region:**

The Intermountain Region (R4), with offices located in Ogden Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests and one National Grassland in [Utah](#), [Nevada](#), eastern [California](#) western [Wyoming](#), and southern and central [Idaho](#) and covers 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest Systems. There are approximately 2200 permanent employees in Region 4.

**The Forest:**

Ashley National Forest – <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>.

Ashley National Forest has its headquarters in [Vernal](#), Utah; it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of [Utah](#) and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people.

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. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to insure a continuing supply and a quality environment. 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, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Forest landscape ranges from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak.

Topographical diversity and intensive land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

**About Vernal, Utah:** Vernal has a population of approximately 8,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2000 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years. Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernible on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT. The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin including fishing, hiking,

mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. Vernal city has recreation leagues for sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and other activities like yoga and table tennis. For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

**If you are interested in this position, please fill out the Outreach Response form and mail, or email, along with a Resume, to Forest Supervisor - John Erickson at [jerickson@fs.fed.us](mailto:jerickson@fs.fed.us).**

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Yes, I am interested in the following position:

<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Briefly explain why you would be a quality candidate for this position:</b>	
<b>Current title/series/grade:</b>	
<b>Current Agency and location:</b>	
Type of appointment you are currently under:	Career <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Conditional <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted-ANILCA <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted VRA <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you currently a Federal employee:	

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
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