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*Vacancy Announcement*

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**Ashley National Forest**

*Forest FMO*  
**OCR14-301-FFMO(m)-11/12G - Merit**  
**OCR14-301-FFMO(M)-11/12DP –Demo**  
*Supervisory Status*  
**January 24, 2014**

The Ashley National Forest is looking to fill the Forest Fire Management Officer position located at the Supervisor’s office in Vernal, UT. The selected employee will be placed in the GS-0301-12 series. **Applications for this position must be in prior to February 24, 2014 and have selected Vernal, Utah as a duty station.**

**Duties:** Provides short and long-range fire management planning, program direction and coordination for a moderate complexity fire program. Develops and implements an integrated fire management program to achieve resource objectives. Provides professional knowledge in the administration of fire suppression, long duration events, use of fire in ecological restoration, detection and prevention programs; dispatching services; fuels/vegetation and aviation management. Has involvement in project planning with other resources such watershed, range, recreation and ecosystem management. Provide leadership in the interagency environment involving Department of Interior, State of Utah, and local cooperators. Share guidance in mentoring employees. Maintain communication with Regional Office and Forest Supervisor regarding wildfire incidents, prescribed burning, and other critical issues. Foster a training program that develops skills and maintains a safe and efficient workforce.

**Requirements:** This position is categorized as a Moderate Complexity Forest Fire Management Officer that is subject to the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Standard and Guide, as designated by the WO Fire and Aviation Management. Refer to the Forest Service IFPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk.

<b>Primary Selective Factor</b>	<b>Secondary Selective Factor</b>	<b>Additional Required Training</b>
TFLD (Currency Not Required)	ICT3 or RXB2 (Currency Not Required)	M-581 (Required)

**About the vacancy:** The permanent position, Forest Fire Management Officer GS-0301-12, will be advertised in USAJOBS, <http://www.USAjobs.com> . 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.

### ***About Vernal, Utah***

Vernal is situated in northeast Utah south of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and west of Dinosaur National Monument, and is the county seat of Uintah County. Vernal has a population of approximately 9,000 people. When combined with the residents of surrounding communities, the population of the Ashley Valley is approximately 15,000. Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver.

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

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Vernal-Utah.html>

### ***Climate***

Vernal sits at approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Vernal enjoys four beautiful temperate seasons; the climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Annual precipitation averages 15-20", mostly in the form of winter snow and spring/fall rain. Winter temperatures usually hover in the 20s-30s during the day, but will occasionally drop to sub-zero. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, but generally average in the low-mid 90s, dipping into the 50s at night.

### ***Schools***

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high, one high school, and a private Christian school. The Uintah District Learning Center provides education opportunities for children with special needs. Child day-care centers and preschools are also available.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (with branch campuses in Vernal and Roosevelt) employs about 25 resident faculty and offers 2 Associates Degrees, 23 Bachelor's Degrees, 12 Masters Degrees, and 1 doctorate degree. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical entry-level work.

### ***Health Care***

The Ashley Valley Regional Medical Center is a 39-bed acute care facility with an emergency room and trauma care facility with 34 affiliated physicians. Specialties include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, radiology, pathology, orthopedics, ENT, general surgery, urology, OB/GYN, podiatry, ophthalmology and physiatry. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services in the area. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo. The community also has several dentists, two optometrists, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community.

For extended medical care, Uintah Care Center is a 50-bed nursing home, with additional facilities to provide outpatient care on a daily basis.

Three veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

### ***Housing***

The average apartment rental is around \$750.00 to \$900.00 a month. Rental homes are not readily available. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from \$185,000 to \$290,000. Government housing is not available.

### ***Economic Base***

Oil and gas exploration and production, along with oil shale, tar sands, gilsonite, and phosphate, are the major components of the local economy. Tourism is also a growing industry. Several government offices are located in Vernal and include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and city, county, and state offices.

### ***Recreation Opportunities***

Vernal has parks, a bowling alley, movie theaters, a water slide, and an 18-hole golf course. Tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are also available. In addition, the Uintah Community Center offers an array of recreational opportunities for all ages including indoor lap pool, indoor leisure pool with slides and water toys, a climbing wall, two full-size gyms, indoor running track, cardio balcony, an aerobic dance area, a strength area, on-site child care, three party rooms, classrooms, a public meeting area, and conference rooms.

Basketball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Locally sponsored children's activities include Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and a swim team. The Uintah Recreation District also sponsors several "fun runs" and a triathlon (the Dino-Tri) each year.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities, and white-water raft trips are available through local guides. Mountain biking is a popular activity and there is a growing network of biking trails on public lands. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular winter sports.

Vernal has several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging, and tap. Gymnastic classes for children are also available.

### ***Civic and Service Organizations***

Active community and service clubs in Vernal include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, Toastmasters, Rotary, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Masonic Lodge, Search and Rescue, Cultural Arts, and American Legion, to name a few. The Utah Field House of Natural History is a state park facility located in downtown Vernal, and is a popular destination for tourists and area residents alike. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation, and dances for area senior citizens.

A new, 30,000 square foot county library was recently completed and features a children's library, teen library, community room, public use computers, two small group study rooms, library classroom, and a reading area with a fireplace, study tables, and comfortable chairs.

***Churches***

A wide range of religious services are available in the area.

***Cultural Events***

Several cultural events occur throughout the year, including the annual Outlaw Trail Festival, Festival of the Arts, Uintah County Fair, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Dinosaur Days, Dino-Soar Hot Air Balloon Festival, a fall story-telling festival, and the annual Christmas Fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical and other cultural events.

Vernal also hosts a small Farmer's Market every Saturday from July through September. In addition to fresh fruit and other produce, a variety of crafts, locally produced meats, and artwork is offered for sale.