



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



## **USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4**

Fishlake National Forest  
Beaver Ranger District  
Phone (435) 438-2436

### **Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation) – Response requested by September 20, 2013**

#### The Position

The purpose of this outreach notice is to gauge interest in the position and to alert interested individuals of this upcoming employment opportunity. **Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation) GS-0401-07/09/11 -** The position is permanent full-time and the duty station is **Beaver, Utah**. (The position is expected to be advertised on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) in October 2013.)

Responsible for management, oversight, and participation in a variety of district programs including but not limited to:

- Developed and Dispersed recreation
- Trails and Travel Management (including roads)
- Special Use Permits (recreation, concessionaire, outfitter-guide, lands, recreation residence, etc.)
- Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination
- Interpretation and Environmental Education
- Facilities, Fleet, and Safety
- NEPA and Interdisciplinary Team participation
- Forest Protection Officer duties
- Administrative duties associated with managing the various programs

This position requires a unique combination of skills, education, and experience. To be successful, candidates should:

- Be energetic, resourceful, self-motivated, organized, and able to think outside the box
- Exhibit excellent communication skills
- Enjoy and embrace work in a team atmosphere, and have an ability to work independently
- Take pride in being a steward of public lands and enjoy working with a diverse public
- Represent the Forest Service in a professional manner and be responsible, honest, and accountable
- Have a broad understanding and working knowledge of forest recreation/trails management

NOTE: Work may be required on holidays and/or weekends including Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer

Day July 24<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, and during various hunting seasons. Wearing a uniform may be required when interacting with the public or representing the agency in an official capacity. The position may serve as Acting District Ranger on a rotational basis as assigned.

### The District

The Beaver Ranger District has 14 permanent employees and employs up to 25 seasonal employees during the summer months.

The near 300,000 acre District hosts a diverse program of work including a large range program, a 2 MMBF (zoned with the Fillmore R.D.) timber program, 2,500-4,200 acres of fuels treatment using mechanical treatments and prescribed fire, 11 developed recreation sites, 2 historical interpretive sites, 600+ miles of trails, complex special uses, a wildlife program that includes habitat improvement and monitoring projects relating to big game as well as small mammals and birds. Hard rock mining on a small scale continues on many mineral claims across the District.

The District has a great number of summer visitors from the Las Vegas and Southern California area that come to escape the desert heat and recreate on the District. OHV use is very popular, and part of the Paiute ATV trail crosses the District. Additional information about the forest and the district:

[www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/about/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/about/index.shtml)

### The Community

Beaver is the birthplace of Butch Cassidy, the western outlaw, and Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of the television. Beaver, Utah is located equidistant (about 230 miles) from Salt Lake City and Las Vegas, Nevada on I-15. We provide lofty vistas from an elevation of nearly 6,000 feet above sea level in town, rising to its highest peak, Delano Peak, at 12,173 feet. Our Tushar Mountain Range is the third highest in the state of Utah, yet nearly all of the vistas are available to visitors.

By most standards, our town, Beaver, is small, with 2,600 full-time residents (6,000 in Beaver County). The full-service community includes several restaurants and motels, a local hospital, sheriff's office, golf course, ball fields, parks, an indoor pool, grocery store, and auto care stations. Surrounding our town, are miles (and miles) of Bureau of Land Management, National Forest Service, National Parks, and state run lands – all for your enjoyment!

### Climate and Weather

With an arid climate, eleven inches of rain per year, but 300 inches of snow on the mountain, one would ask about water. Beaver has won an award for the best Water Quality and Taste Test in the U.S. and the World. The growing season with irrigation is relatively short, but intense.

### Housing and Cost of Living

Real estate is still relatively affordable, but you may want to move quickly as metropolitan Las Vegas and Salt Lake City are finding Beaver with regularity. Although Beaver has ownership in hydro-electric power generation dams, some are finding interest in Beaver's cutting-edge position with wind farms and geothermal energy development. Leases are already in position on Forest Service and BLM lands.

Employment for other family members is varied. Many people find themselves doing work outside of their familiarity, but they never experience boredom as part of their lives. With the cost of living modest, incomes from various lines of work seem to support people nicely.

We still enjoy reasonable rental fees and home ownership costs with some homes as low as \$150,000.

### Shopping and Business

Shopping facilities includes a variety of businesses and merchants to meet most needs, including a grocery store, a lumber and hardware store, ATV store, tire and auto repair shops, convenience stores, a variety of restaurants/cafes, motels, gas stations, banks, and other small shops and services. Beaver is well known for its cheese curds which can be purchased at the Dairy Farmers of America Cheese Factory. A Super Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Sears, and other chain stores are located about 45 minutes away in Cedar City and an hour away in Richfield.

### Education

Schools include an elementary school and a high school. Southern Utah University is about 45 minutes away in Cedar City and the southern campus of Snow College is in Richfield, an hour away, and both offer a variety of classes.

### Health Care

Community care is provided by a variety of specialists and doctors can be found nearby and serve the community. Beaver has one hospital.

### Churches

A variety of churches serve the local area including the Jehovah Witnesses, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Catholic church, a nondenominational church, and the First Baptist church.

### Civic and Service Organizations

Civic and service organizations include the American Legion, Lion's Club, Masonic Lodge, 4-H, Beaver Professional Women's Betterment Club, ATV Club, Chamber of Commerce, Utah State Extension Services, Search and Rescue and a Volunteer Fire Department.

### Social and Cultural Events

Beaver hosts local events throughout the year, including Pioneer Days (a large July 24<sup>th</sup> Celebration), Butch Cassidy Days, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and the Friends of Bill W., horse races, and a Cal Ripkin Baseball Tournament.

### Recreation

Diverse recreational opportunities greet old and young, fit and not-so-fit. Although 60% of the Beaver Ranger District is roadless, its road access reaches indescribable natural beauty. For those mobile of foot, BRD offers hunting (trophy goat and elk, with bountiful deer and turkey – not to mention mountain lion, bear, rabbits, bobcats, grouse, chukars, coyote, and red fox), horseback riding, fishing (including rainbow, bonnevillie, brook, tiger, brown and cutthroat trout, and oh, yes, nowhere else in southern Utah can you test your angling skills with grayling), camping, ATV access (visit especially the Paiute ATV Trail), panning for minerals, wildlife viewing galore, flowers beyond imagination, and views that would make a real estate agent cry (because it's not for sale). Lakes, ponds, reservoirs and streams? Yes, we have those too, and rather large beaver ponds. In fact Beaver is named for the rather abundant aquatic mammal found in many locations around the District.

Bird watching lures avid birders from afar, especially those who admire birds of prey. If you are particularly attentive, you may see Peregrine Falcons, Bald and Golden Eagles, as well as various forest hawks like the Northern Goshawk. For color, look to find bluebirds, various jays, and tanagers (and everything in between).

As you explore the region, you will find interpretive sites, explaining the history, both natural and man-created, of our area. There are natural research areas with plant and vegetative communities. If it's vistas that beckon you, don't miss the Skyline National Trail, the American Discovery Trail, or the scenic rivers and falls like Fish Creek and Bullion Falls.

If you came a bit unprepared for the great outdoors, Beaver has a number of reputable outfitters for fishing, rafting, and hunting. Although summer is the high season, winter's a wonderland, too. Snowshoeing, backcountry skiing, and snowmobiling provide unique pristine experiences in the remote areas of the District in winter. Additional information on the Fishlake National Forest can be found at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/). In addition, Beaver is in close proximity to many National Parks. A ski resort, Eagle Point, is located approximately 18 miles from Beaver ([www.skieaglepoint.com](http://www.skieaglepoint.com)).

#### *Additional Information*

For more information about the area, visit: [www.beaverutah.net](http://www.beaverutah.net). Statistics about the community and surrounding area can be found on the webpage: [www.city-data.com/city/Beaver-Utah.html](http://www.city-data.com/city/Beaver-Utah.html)

For additional information about the position or to express interest, please submit the attached outreach response form or contact **Amy C. Barker, Beaver District Ranger, at (435) 896-1031 or [abarker@fs.fed.us](mailto:abarker@fs.fed.us)**.

*Thanks for your interest!*

