

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA FOREST SERVICE
FLAMING GORGE RANGER DISTRICT
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST



The Flaming Gorge Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest is advertising for a Natural Resources Specialist, Recreation position. This position offers opportunity and exciting challenges in a spectacular setting.

POSITION: Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation) GS-0401-09

LOCATION: Ashley National Forest, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, located in Wyoming and Utah.

DUTY STATION: Manila, Utah or Dutch John, UT

DEADLINE: October 4th, 2013

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This position is an integral part of the Ashley National Forest special use permits administration program, and recreation management on the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. The position will participate with land management planning processes, lands, recreation, trails and NEPA associated activities. Emphasis is on administration of special use permits for lodges, marinas, campgrounds, outfitters, and guides (lake, river, and high country). Permit administration involves review and processing of critical documents, interaction with permittees, and field visits and inspections.

This position requires strong writing skills, knowledge of NEPA, attention to detail, good interpersonal skills and the ability to work in an interdisciplinary team environment.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING NOTIFIED WHEN THIS POSITION IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS:

Contact Rowdy Muir, District Ranger 435-781-5258

The Region:

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

The Forest:

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

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to over 13,500 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinion and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of lodgepole pine, fir and spruce. Grasses, forbs, and stunted, twisted conifers called krumholtz are found above timberline. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The Ashley has three major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes. The mountains below timberline are covered by coniferous forest, and meadows have streams and lush vegetation. The Wilderness is accessible from July through September, via numerous trails. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is 91 miles long, and offers outstanding fishing and boating

opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex. Rafting this section of the Green River is a favorite pastime of visitors. Flaming Gorge Dam and Red Canyon Visitor Centers have exhibits to acquaint visitors with the area. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round. Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road.

The District: http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/recreation/flaming_gorge/index

About Manila Utah: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Manila-Utah>

Location: Daggett County has two towns, Manila and Dutch John, each with a year-round population of about 200. On busy summer holiday weekends the population can swell to several thousand. Manila is a popular summer home area and is becoming increasingly popular as a summer retirement destination. Essential services are available; such as, groceries, fuel, lodging dining, ambulance, preventive healthcare, and law enforcement. A wider variety of services are available within 50 miles.

Daggett County: <http://www.daggettcountry.org>.

Daggett county is a very scenic county, from the red rock cliffs of Sheep Creek bay to the splendor of the Uinta Mountains. Cutting through the eastern Uinta mountains is the Green River. In the late 1950's and early 1960's the United States Government constructed the Flaming Gorge Dam, which created a lake 91 miles long with varying widths.

Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, including the section of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam, is administered by the Ashley National Forest. This rugged wild land stretches from Wyoming high deserts, where herds of antelope play along the lake shore, to the forested slopes of Utah's Uinta Mountains. A diverse land of scenic beauty, Flaming Gorge lends itself to many memorable outdoor adventures.

Services: Accommodations, Camping, Restaurants and Snack Bars, Groceries, Gifts and Souvenirs, Fishing tackle and Licenses, Horseback Riding, Mountain Bike Rentals, Raft Rental, Scenic Float and Boat Trips, Fishing Guides, Boat Rentals, Marinas, Auto/Boat Fuel Services, and Great Hiking Trails are just some of the many services available in Dutch John.

About Daggett School District and Daggett County:

Daggett School District is located in Daggett County Utah, nestled against southern Wyoming and western Colorado. About 80% of the land is administered by the US Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management. Daggett County has the smallest

population (<900) in Utah, and our district, with approximately 150 students, is likewise the smallest in the state. Like other rural Utah counties, we are experiencing a declining population. Nevertheless, Daggett County is a wonderful place to raise a family. Our three schools include Manila Elementary, Flaming Gorge Elementary and Manila Jr.-Sr. High School. Our schools also serve students from McKinnon and Washam Wyoming, areas which lie just north of the state line.

HEALTH CARE: A doctor (fulltime) and dentist (intermittent) are in Manila to see patients. Dentists, doctors and medical centers, are available in Rock Springs, Green River, and Vernal. Hospitals are located in Rock Springs and Vernal. Manila and Dutch John are served by volunteer EMT's, ambulance, and emergency 911. A volunteer fire department serves the area and law enforcement is handled through the Daggett County Sheriff's Department.

CULTURAL EVENTS: Presentations are organized by local groups, such as high school and drama clubs. The 4th of July features fireworks celebration in Dutch John and the annual Daggett Daze celebration fills the Labor Day weekend with a variety of activities.

CHURCHES: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is available in Manila and Dutch John, along with a Baptist church in Manila. Many other denominations are available in Rock Springs, Green River and Vernal.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES: Boating and fishing are major recreational activities available in the area. In addition to world-class lake trout (mackinaw), Flaming Gorge Reservoir provides excellent fishing for rainbow and cutthroat trout, kokanee salmon, small-mouth bass, and catfish. The Green River below the Dam is recognized as one of the finest trout streams in the world. Hiking and rafting are also popular on the river. The north slope of the Uinta Mountains provides numerous trout streams and lakes for those who like a more remote experience.

There are three marinas on the Reservoir and two lodges in the high country providing a variety of services. Community sports such as basketball, baseball, and volleyball are popular in the county. Wildlife species in the area include elk, bighorn sheep, deer, antelope, bear, mountain lion, moose, three species of grouse, chukar, osprey, both bald and golden eagle, and river otter. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, as well as mountain biking and hiking are enjoyed in the Flaming Gorge area.

CLIMATE: Elevation - 6300 Ft.

Length of growing season - 90 to 100 days (Approx. June 1 - Aug. 30)

Average summer temperature - 80 to 85 degrees

Average winter temperature - 20 degrees

How hot can it get - few days above 90 degrees (usually July/ August)

How cold can it get – minus 20 degrees (rare) (usually Dec./Jan.)

Annual precipitation - 8 to 10 inches

Does the wind blow a lot - yes (usually from passing cold fronts)

Humid or dry – dry

ECONOMIC BASE: Agriculture, including farming, cattle, and sheep, is the economic base. A new jail to house state prisoners was recently constructed and will provide some job opportunities. Many residents travel distances of 60 to 80 miles daily to the Trona mines located near Green River and Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Businesses in Manila include a grocery store, one deli-convenience market, two service stations, three restaurants, three motels, and a KOA park. Dutch John has two gas station / fast food / convenience stores, and there are two lodges with restaurants located approximately 6 miles away in the Greendale area of Utah.

HOUSING: Government housing may be available. There are few homes for sale in Manila and Dutch John. For current realty information contact local real estate agencies.