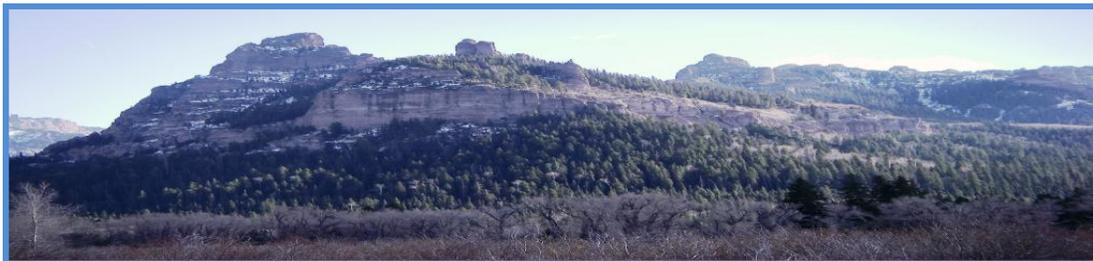


Outreach Notice



USDA Forest Service R2 Rocky Mountain Region
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF
DELTA, COLORADO



FISHERIES BIOLOGIST
GS / 0482 / 7-9
REPLY BY JANUARY 21, 2014

POSITION:

THE GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE AND GUNNISON (GMUG) NATIONAL FOREST (NF) LOCATED IN WESTERN COLORADO WILL BE HIRING A FISHERIES BIOLOGIST THROUGH THE FEDERAL *PATHWAYS*, RECENT GRADUATES PROGRAM. THIS PERMANENT IS LOCATED IN THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN DELTA, COLORADO. THIS OUTREACH NOTICE IS BEING CIRCULATED TO INFORM PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS OF THE UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY AND TO IDENTIFY THE LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THIS POSITION.

Major Duties: The Pathways Fisheries Biologist works closely with the Forest Fisheries Biologist on a variety of projects including native fish population inventory and monitoring, native fish restoration, stream temperature monitoring, and collection of instream flow data. The fisheries program works closely with the engineering and watershed programs on design and installation of road-stream crossings suitable for aquatic organism passage. The Fisheries Biologist will serve on interdisciplinary teams as part of the NEPA process and prepare Biological Assessment and Evaluations of projects proposed for the Forest. The Fisheries Biologist is responsible for maintaining equipment and vehicles used by the program. The fisheries program has an excellent working relationship with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and other partners and the Fisheries Biologist works frequently with their state counterparts, particularly on native fish restoration projects. As a participant in the Pathways Program the Fisheries Biologist will work with a mentor and be exposed to multiple program areas within the National Forest System during their first year of employment. Upon successful completion of their first year, the Fisheries Biologist will be converted to a permanent employee at the GS-9 level.

About the GMUG Forest: The GMUG National Forest encompasses 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: Grand Valley with offices in Collbran and Grand Junction, Paonia office is located in Paonia, Gunnison office is located in Gunnison, Ouray office is located in Montrose, and Norwood office is located in Norwood. The Supervisor's Office is located in Delta, Colorado.

The GMUG NFS contain 3,163,131 acres with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. The climate at lower elevations is warm and arid while the high country is cold in the winter and warm most of the summer months. The Forest is an ideal winter and summer recreation area. The Forest has three ski areas, 43 communities, and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a 250,000 population. Cost of living is one of the lowest in the country in lower elevations and among the highest in the country near the ski areas. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: <http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/> and external web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/GMUG>.

What we are looking for in a Candidate: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in Delta, Colorado is looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, outdoor-oriented people to join our team. The physical setting is stunning and the work is diverse and challenging. To apply under the Pathways Recent Graduates Program the applicant must have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree within two years of the application date. Applicants must have educational experience necessary to qualify as a fisheries biologist (federal employment series 0482) as well as experience in the collection of data describing fish and wildlife populations, stream and riparian habitat, and hydrological parameters. Educational and practical experience in hydrology and Geographic Information Systems are pluses. Applicants should be prepared to demonstrate strong written communication skills.

Community Information: The largest Community in Delta County is the city of Delta. It lies at the confluence of the Gunnison and Uncompahgre rivers. Delta is home to approximately 8,500 residents. Another 4,000 inhabitants can be found within a five-mile radius of Delta. The county has a population of approximately 26,700. Scenic Delta is situated just west of Black Canyon of the Gunnison, where the 2,900-foot gorges carved by the snaking Gunnison River will leave you breathless.

Delta is a great place to visit and a wonderful place to live. It is a small, rural agricultural community, but not so small that you have to go out of town to obtain the "necessities of life." Grand Junction is about 42 miles north of Delta on Hwy. 50; Montrose is 21 miles south on Hwy. 50. There are 15 elementary, middle and high schools, as well as a vocational-technical center within the county. Delta has an excellent modern general medical and surgical hospital with many doctors and dentists available. A regional hospital is available in Grand Junction.

The climate is exceptional with warm summer temperatures in the 90s, accompanied by a cool breeze. Autumn is crowned with beautiful colors that lead into our "Banana Belt" winter where daytime temperatures are normally in the high 20s to low 40s with the overnight lows rarely below 0. Snow is minimal, and it's usually melted by mid-morning. For additional information on Delta, visit the Chamber of Commerce website <http://www.deltacolorado.org/>.

Responding to Outreach: If you are interested in this position, complete the attached outreach form and please send to Matthew Dare at 2250 Highway 50, Delta, CO 81416, fax to 970-874-6698 or e-mail to mdare@fs.fed.us. You may contact for specific questions of the position.

* **Please note:** The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate method and area of consideration for the advertisements. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Fisheries Biologist, 0482, GS 7-9
Delta, CO, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

Please respond by January 15, 2014 to:

Matthew Dare; 2250 Highway 50, Delta, CO 81416; or fax 970-874-6698

(You may also contact Matthew Dare for specific questions about this position.)

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary ____ Student/Intern ____ Contractor ____ Other ____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- _____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)
- _____ Veterans Recruitment Act
- _____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
- _____ Other _____

Submission of this form is voluntary – Thank you for your interest