



FIRE OUTREACH NOTICE

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
SPRING MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (SMNRA)**

**Outreach Notice Valid Starting
January 15th, 2014**

The SMNRA will look to generate a referral list on or after February 20th, 2014

**District Assistant Fire Management Officer
GS-0462-8/9
Permanent Full Time
Duty Location: Las Vegas, NV**

Vacancy Announcement

As of October 1, there are **new Open and Continuous Rosters** (OCR) on USAJOBS being generated for this position. The standard High Complexity PD will be used for this position. **Current Federal employees** should apply to:

Merit Announcement Number: OCR14-0462-DZAFMO(H)-8/9G

All **other applicants** should apply to:

Demo Announcement Number: OCR14-0462-DZAFMO(H)-8/9DP

All applications must be submitted no later than February 19th, 2014 and designate Las Vegas as a preferred duty location.

Primary Contact: Ron Bollier, DFMO 702-515-5422, rbollier@fs.fed.us

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About the Position

The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA) will soon be filling a District Assistant Fire Management Officer with the duty station of Las Vegas, NV. The incumbent will be responsible for leading a progressive fire and fuels program on a highly complex land area with multiple jurisdictions. The individual selected for this position will be expected to work in an atmosphere where interagency cooperation and professionalism will be required. Perspective applicants should have a strong background in supervision and leadership, experience in fire and fuels, and an ability to develop partnerships with the many agencies in the area that provide wildfire protection, including the BLM, NPS, FWS, DoD, DoE, Nevada Division of Forestry, and County and municipal fire departments. This position directly supervises 4 Engines, 3 Prevention Units, and one Fire Operations Specialist.

The Spring Mountains NRA is located within 30 miles of 2 million people which makes working on the NRA both exciting and challenging. Managing the wildland urban interface (WUI) is a critical element of this position.

The Southern Nevada Interagency Fire Community

There are nearly 7 million acres of public land in Southern Nevada managed primarily by four different Federal land management agencies and the military. For the most part, Southern Nevada fires are managed through one dispatch center, the Las Vegas Interagency Communication Center (LVICC). Resources in Southern Nevada include:

- One helibase with a Type 3 interagency helicopter and a 10-12 person crew
- Nine stations (4 on the SMNRA), 9 - Type 4 engines (4 are USFS) and 1- Type 6 engine
- 3 - Prevention Technicians (USFS).



The Spring Mountains NRA

The Spring Mountains are a sky island surrounded by the hot and dry Mojave Desert; therefore the climate and fire behavior are remarkable as evidenced by a 28,000 acre wildfire this past summer. In the center of the Spring Mountains NRA, stands the limestone summit of Mount Charleston nearly 12,000 feet above sea level. Fuels range from cheatgrass and sagebrush to ponderosa and bristlecone pine with Joshua tree and pinion juniper in the middle.

The District office is located in the Northwest part of Las Vegas at 4701 N. Torrey Pines and is co-located with the BLM and USFWS offices. There are 5 fire stations on the NRA, staffed with engines and/or a Fire Prevention Technician.

- Indian Springs, staffed by Patrol 751, is located in the desert around 3000' of elevation in the Clark County Fire Station at Indian Springs, NV; adjacent to Creech Air Force Base.
- Cold Creek, staffed by E451, is located in the desert around 3000' of elevation at a Nevada Division of Forestry facility.
- Lee canyon, currently unstaffed, is located in ponderosa pines in the mountains around 8500' of elevation in a historic USFS facility adjacent to a Nevada Division of Forestry & Clark County Fire Department station.
- Kyle Canyon, staffed by E452, E453 and P753, is located in ponderosa pines at around 7000' of elevation in a historic USFS facility with plans to build a new USFS station in the works.
- Mountain Springs, staffed by E454 and P754, is located around 5000' of elevation in a Clark County Fire Station.

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The Spring Mountains NRA includes 316,000 acres of National Forest system land in Southern Nevada's Clark and Nye counties. The closest communities are Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, near the north and eastern NRA boundaries. Pahrump lies on the western side of the NRA about 10 miles from the border. The NRA receives about 1.2 million visitors annually. In the summer, visitors are seeking the cool green sky island above the desert with much cooler temperatures. In the winter, snow is on the mountain and the only downhill skiing and snowboarding area in Clark County attracts many visitors. The mountain is an awesome place to visit year around as it displays six life zones, many wildlife species, hiking trails, springs, extensive wilderness areas and an experience unlike anything the busy metropolitan Las Vegas valley offers.

The Las Vegas metropolitan area, home to two-million people, is among the fastest growing areas in the United States. Las Vegas receives 6,000 new residents each month. Las Vegas is surrounded by seven million acres of federal lands, managed primarily by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. These federal lands include 18 wilderness areas and 8 congressionally designated areas including the Spring Mountains NRA, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

The Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with one million acres of land in eastern California along the Eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas, the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Nevada portion extends from the Idaho/Oregon border south to Las Vegas, and from the California border east to the Utah border. The Forest administers 5.3 million acres in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties; and one million acres in 7 California counties.

The Region

The Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests and one National Grassland in Utah, Nevada, western Wyoming, and southern/central Idaho covering 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest Systems. There are approximately 2000 permanent employees in Region 4.

The Community

Las Vegas is called the entertainment capital of the world. An estimated 40 million tourists annually travel to and from the city by plane, automobile, and bus. The hotels continue growing, expanding, and changing. The city reinvents itself every few years.

This vibrant city offers surprisingly unique opportunities to those who choose to call it home. The Southwestern Metropolitan area is home to 2 million residents – a place with schools, parks, grocery stores, awesome libraries, and quiet neighborhoods populated by people from every state in the union.

Housing

Through the 1990s and now into the 21st century, the Las Vegas valley has been the fastest growing metropolitan area in the nation. Low unemployment, an expanding skilled labor force, an exceptional tax structure, a pro-business environment and a great climate merge to make Las Vegas the “total package”.

Currently Las Vegas is experiencing a housing buyers market, although the market is on an up swing. The median price for a house is about \$150,000 (a drop from the high of \$312,500 in December 2005). There are many houses on the market for sale.

Rental apartments can be found for \$800 per month and rental houses for \$1000 a month.

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There is very limited to no government housing available.

Educational Facilities

Thousands of new residents, hundreds of new homes, and dozens of new communities all add up to one thing: an ongoing need for schools and teachers. Today, the Clark County School District ranks as the sixth-largest school district in the United States. To keep pace, the district's building program provided approximately \$3.5 billion to construct 88 new schools through 2008, while improving every area school already in existence. These numbers are indicative of the commitment made to education by Southern Nevada politicians, voters, educators, and the private sector. In addition, there are a number of excellent and nationally ranked private schools.

Clark County School District

To learn more about Clark County School District facilities and programs contact:

Clark County School District
2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89191
(702)799-5304

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

The University is a premier urban university with more than 40 years of community service. UNLV is in the midst of a 10-year campus-wide planning effort. New buildings include a five-story \$55 million library. The student body is now over 20,000 with over 4,000 graduate students. UNLV provides 48 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs in eight colleges. UNLV is nationally recognized for its hotel management, criminal justice and social work programs. Other programs of note are the university's business, real estate, computer science, arts, recreation, architecture, and construction management disciplines.

The Bottom Line

Nevada is truly one of America's least discovered treasures. It is also the most mountainous state in the lower 48. Combine that fact with the setting sun and you get some of the best sunsets anywhere in the United States. Living anywhere in Nevada, the first thing you're most likely to see when looking out the door is sagebrush and plenty of it. Move up in elevation though and you'll find plenty of aspen, mountain mahogany, pinion pine, Utah juniper, ponderosa pine, limber pine, bristlecone pine and many deciduous shrubs and flowers.

Outreach Response

Interested applicants should complete the attached outreach form and return it to Ron Bollier, DFMO rbollier@fs.fed.us by **February 1st, 2014**.

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**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
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If interested, please complete and return this form no later than **February 1st, 2014**.

- Send via email to rbollier@fs.fed.us
or
- Mail to: District FMO – SMNRA
Ron Bollier
4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89130
or
- Fax: 702-515-5447; Attn: Ron Bollier; Reference: DAFMO Vacancy

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Current title/series/grade:

Current Red Card Qualifications:

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES ___ NO ___

- IF YES: Current Agency and location:
Type of Appointment: ___ Permanent ___ Term ___ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

- _____ Person with Disabilities
- _____ Veterans Readjustment
- _____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Student Career Experience Program
- _____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Other

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.