



2014 Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) Seasonal Positions



USDA Forest Service, R-4 (Intermountain Region)
Ashley National Forest, UT

The Ashley National Forest will be advertising and filling Seasonal Biological Science Tech (Wildlife) positions in Vernal and Duchesne, UT.

If you are interested in the positions listed below please contact the associated contact person to receive further information. It is anticipated that the following position announcements will be posted on USAjobs.gov in early February 2014. Please remember to attach ALL transcripts and certifications to your application.

Title: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-04

Vacancy Announcement #: 14-TEMP110401-009847JG-DT

Duty Location: Vernal, UT (2-positions)

Job Duration: May 19, 2014 - August 8, 2014

Work Schedule: 40hrs/wk., Monday-Friday

Pay Rate: \$13.55/hr.

For More Information Contact: Jean Ann Dalton at 208-879-4118 or jdalton@fs.fed.us

Position Description: The Ashley National Forest is seeking two Biological Technicians for the 2014 summer field season for Northern Goshawk Monitoring and Inventory Surveys. The Northern Goshawk is a management indicator species for the Ashley NF and is monitored yearly to assess the effects of forest management activities. Field work for this study will encompass monitoring Northern Goshawk territories in forest stands using an established monitoring protocol. This position involves performing nest checks, chick counts, and fledgling counts to known goshawk nests; goshawk inventory surveys using broadcast calling techniques; and conducting Three-toed Woodpecker and Flammulated Owl surveys to determine presence/absence of the species. Other activities involve nest searching, orienteering, raptor and songbird identification, and plant identification. A compass, GPS units, and maps will be used in the field for navigation to nest sites and calling stations.

These positions are field-based with little to no office work. Field work will be conducted in remote areas, on uneven and rugged terrain, occasionally at night, and will require the safe operation of a 4X4 vehicle. Field work will be conducted in crews of two however situations may arise where work will have to be performed independently. Daily supervision and guidance will be provided by the supervising biologist.

Field work for these positions is extensive and applicants must possess the physical fitness to hike several miles a day with a 30 lb. backpack in remote mountainous country and have the willingness and ability to learn off-trail navigation with a map, compass, and GPS unit. Applicants must be capable of working independently and with others. During the field season the incumbent spends considerable time outdoors where he/she will encounter variable weather conditions and exposure to insects. Applicants must also be willing to work long (and sometimes inconsistent) hours in the field, have a strong work ethic and enthusiasm, be able to tolerate harsh field conditions, and have the ability to collect precise and accurate data. Applicants must hold a valid state driver's license.

Housing: Seasonal government housing is available and will consist of a camp trailer set up in an RV park in town with amenities. Housing costs range from approximately \$8.00 to \$12.00 per day.

Title: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-05

Vacancy Announcement #: 14-TEMP110401-009856JG-DT

Duty Location: Duchesne, UT (1-position)

Job Duration: May 19, 2014 - Mid September 2014

Work Schedule: 40hrs/wk., Monday-Friday

Pay Rate: \$15.15/hr.

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Position Description: This position will entail conducting wildlife species and habitat surveys. Species surveyed for include sage-grouse, migratory birds, northern goshawk, woodpecker, snowshoe hare, owls, and white-tailed ptarmigan. Surveys will require hiking/working outdoors independently and/or accompanied by the District Wildlife Biologist. Access to survey locations will be by four-wheel drive truck and backpacking. Two trips of 4-5 days into the High Uintas Wilderness to access high elevation basins for surveys will require backpacking. Must possess a valid state driver's license and be able to backpack up to 12 miles per day carrying a 30-40 lb. backpack. The anticipated start date is May 19, 2014 with an expected end of season date of mid September 2014.

Housing: Seasonal government housing is available and will consist of a 2 bedroom/1 bath bunkhouse. Housing costs range from approximately \$2.60 to \$4.00 per day.

About the Forest

Ashley National Forest has its headquarters in [Vernal](#), Utah; it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of [Utah](#) and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people.

The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to insure a continuing supply and a quality environment. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Forest landscape ranges from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak.

Topographical diversity and intensive land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

About Vernal, Utah

Vernal has a population of approximately 8,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2000 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years. Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernable on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT. The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. Vernal city has recreation leagues for sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and other activities like yoga and table tennis. For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

About Duchesne, Utah

Duchesne is the gateway to the Uintah Basin. It is a fast growing community with a high quality of life. Duchesne is located about two and half hours East of Salt Lake City, Utah. Duchesne is shadowed by the beautiful Uintah Mountains. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just outside of the city limits. Duchesne is the county seat and there is a new Justice Center, which houses the Sheriff's Department and Court personnel. Other county agencies operate out of Duchesne. The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was recently renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery.

HOW TO APPLY

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements will be posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/.

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. **CREATE AN ACCOUNT** - Enter your profile information and create or upload a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. **SEARCH JOBS** – Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page. Or you can use the advanced search function which allows you to search by vacancy announcement number or series and grade. Review the job opportunity announcements and note those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. GS-3 positions are entry level positions. As the grades get higher (GS-4, GS-5, etc.), they require more specialized experience or qualifications.
3. **APPLY FOR JOBS** – Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes in your profile. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. **You must identify a duty location of Vernal, UT or Duchesne, UT to be considered for the above positions.** If you do not choose the location you want, your name will not appear on the list of applicants we receive.
4. **MANAGE YOUR CAREER** – Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. You may also contact agency personnel regarding the position. However, please note that we do not see your application until the vacancy announcement has closed and we have requested a list of candidates. Only those applicants that are qualified for the position will be referred to the hiring official.