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**USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**

Carson Ranger District

**Fuels Specialist
GS-0462-8/9**

About the Position

Fuels Specialist: The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Carson Ranger District will be filling one GS-0462-8/9 Fuels Specialist. The duty station will be the Carson Ranger Station in Carson City Nevada located approximately 15 miles east of Lake Tahoe. This notification is being circulated to inform interested individuals of this current opportunity. A referral list will be pulled March 14, 2014. Applicants can apply through USAJOBS at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>. The announcement number to apply to is OCR14-0462-DFUEL-8/9DP. This position is being concurrently announced under Merit Promotion Announcement Number OCR14-462-DFUEL-8/9G. Current or former Federal employees may apply to both announcements, but should be sure to apply to the Merit Promotion Announcement in order to avoid losing consideration since different referral criteria apply to each type of announcement.

The applicant will develop fuels treatment alternatives to support management decisions while adhering to applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Evaluates individual fuels treatments as well as the effectiveness of the overall program and makes recommendations for improvement. Supervises a seasonal crew of two to four seasonal's a year. The applicant will report to the District Staff Fuels Specialist.

The position is being offered as full time. The employee will work under a full time schedule. This position is eligible for benefits under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) and Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) programs.

Applicants must meet the minimum Office of Personnel Management (OPM) qualification requirements for a **GS-8/9 0462 series**. Implementation of FS-FPM Standard occurred on October 1, 2008 and incumbents must attain full Minimum Qualification Standards by October 1, 2013, the link for the FS-FPM crosswalk is <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

In addition the applicant will be responsible for the smoke management program to ensure compliance with state air quality standards. Coordinates with federal, state, and local government air quality officials in their development of operational procedures and reporting requirements. Serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing land management plans, compliance documents, and agreements. Provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management. Provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans. Provides information on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems. Participates in the development, review, and modification of the fire management plan. Develops, reviews and monitors fuels management plans. Works closely with other resource specialists to integrate vegetation management project

designs in fuels program direction. Reviews environmental documents, prescribed fire plans, and wildland fire use plans of other agencies and stakeholders which will affect the unit.

The Duty Location

The Carson Ranger District manages approximately 400,000 acres of public land across eight counties in the states of Nevada and California. Portions of the Carson-Iceberg and Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Mt. Rose Wilderness occupy about 125,000 acres. The Carson Ranger District is located in the third fastest growing region in the nation per-capita with key challenges and opportunities in recreation, wildlife, fire suppression and fuels reduction. There are approximately 70 permanent personnel. During the field season, approximately 80 seasonal employees are hired. Duty stations on the Carson District include a range of areas; from the urban area of Reno, NV, to the picturesque and rural duty station of Markleeville, CA plus Minden and Carson City (capital of NV).

The District boasts a varied and spectacular landscape; ranging from the high alpine topography to the wide-open spaces of sagebrush and high desert views. Much of the Carson range consists of Jeffrey and Ponderosa pine, with a mix of higher elevations species such as lodgepole pine, white/red fir, incense cedar and sugar/western white/white bark pine. The district is rich in Comstock era archaeology associated with Virginia City mining. The district also has an active wildlife, fisheries and native plant program. Mt. Rose ski area is also located on the district and is a recreation getaway for the residents along the front, as well as those from Sacramento and the San Francisco bay area. The district also boasts active partnerships with local governments and local recreation based volunteer and non-profit groups. The Carson Ranger District also has one of the most extensive and complex fire suppression programs in the region.

Community

The Carson Front consists primarily of the communities of Reno/Spark, Carson City, Minden/Gardnerville. The Ranger Station is headquartered in Carson City, the State Capital of Nevada with approximately 55,000 residents. It is located 30 miles south of Reno (population 350,000) and 25 miles east of Lake Tahoe at the foot of the Eastern Sierra escarpment. The elevation of Carson City is approximately 4600 feet. The climate is semi-desert with an average of over 265 days of sunshine per year. During the summer months, high temperatures average around 90 F; during the winter, around 45 F. Average annual rainfall is approximately 11 inches, and average annual snowfall is 22 inches.

There are many fine and varied restaurants to choose from in Carson City and the surrounding area. The community has several annual events, like the Mountain man Rendezvous, Ghost Walk, and Nevada Day that attract both locals and visitors. Golf courses abound in the general area. Softball, for youth and adult, is a popular summer pastime. Alpine and Nordic skiing are favorite winter sports. World-class ski resorts like Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Mt. Rose, Diamond Peak and Kirkwood are only 30 minutes to one hour away. Hunting, fishing, biking, hiking and golfing are popular summer time activities. For additional information about Carson City, Reno/Sparks, Minden/Gardnerville and Markleeville, CA please visits the following websites at:

Carson City, NV	www.carson-city.nv.us
Reno, NV	www.cityofreno.com
Sparks, NV	www.ci.sparks.nv.us/
Markleeville, CA	www.co.alpine.ca.us/
Minden and Gardnerville, NV	www.co.douglas.nv.us/

Outreach Response

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Steve Howell at 775-884-8114 or email at srhowell@fs.fed.us. We would like to hear from as many interested people as possible. If you know of a great applicant please forward this notice to them. Thank You.