



## 2014 Recreation/Wilderness/Trails Seasonal Positions



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

The Ashley National Forest is Seasonal positions for the Vernal, Duchesne, Dutch John, and Manila, UT offices.

The Ashley National Forest is currently advertising temporary (three to six month) employment opportunities for the 2014 field season for a variety of positions.

*If you are interested in any of the position listed below please contact the associated contact persons to receive further information on how to apply on [USAjobs.gov](http://USAjobs.gov).*

### **Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-0462-03/04) Recreation;**

**GS-0462-03 Forestry Aid (General) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006133JG-DT (Approximately 6 positions)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

**GS-0462-04 Forestry Tech (Rec) - Announcement # 14-TEMP110401-006160JG-DT (3 positions)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

These are SEASONAL Temporary Recreation Positions

Recreation positions are field positions responsible for cleaning and maintaining recreation sites and restrooms, collecting data, contacting visitors, conducting developed recreation site inspections, conducting concessionaire compliance inspections, and providing other support to the forest's summer work. Positions will be located in Duchesne, Dutch John, Manila, and Vernal Utah.

A river ranger Forestry Technician (Recreation) will also be hired to assist in managing the high level of use on the Green River and maintain river camps along the nonmotorized section of the river. Knowledge and skill in water safety and rowing would be desired. The position is stationed in Dutch John.

Some duties of all positions will require hiking and travel across rough uneven terrain and navigating in unknown territory. Other specific skills are needed for each type of job; it is advisable to contact the recreation, trails, or wilderness staffs listed below to further clarify what will be expected for each position. A driver's license is required.

**Duty Locations:** Positions available in Dutch John, Vernal, Duchesne, and Manila UT.

**Contacts:** Molly Ryan, 435-781-5282, [mollymryan@fs.fed.us](mailto:mollymryan@fs.fed.us), or Kristy Groves, 435-781-5203, [kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us).

## **Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-0462-03/04/05) Trails:**

**GS-0462-03 Forestry Aid (General) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006133JG-DT (4 positions)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

**GS-0462-04 Forestry Tech (Trails) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006164JG-DT (2 position)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

**GS-0462-05 Forestry Tech (Trails) - Announcement #14-TEMP110404-006165JG-DT (2 position)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

These are SEASONAL Temporary Trail Crew positions.

**Vernal Duty Station Positions** - Trail crew members are expected to work as a close-knit team to perform a full range of trail construction and maintenance activities. Trail crew members work in remote settings so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Individuals working on the trail crew can expect to perform daily arduous manual labor in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow at elevations ranging from 6000 to 11000 ft. Some gear such as tents, stoves, and water filters will be provided but crew members must have their own high quality outdoor gear such as hiking boots, rain gear, etc. *Positions in Vernal will require 3-4 day overnight stays in the field.*

Tasks will include using various tools and equipment to maintain and construct trails, clear down trees from trails by chainsaw or crosscut saw, install water-bars, build rock walls, and move or transport personnel and equipment to project areas. Individuals may perform independently or as a crew member in maintenance or reconstruction of trail improvement projects. Crew members will patrol trails to ensure they are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with forest standards. They will monitor and report on trail conditions. May be called upon to explain and enforce Forest rules and regulations. Other duties may be assigned as they occur. Crew members will use tools such as chain saws, crosscut saws, adze, axes, and hand tools, and may operate ATV's, UTV's, 4X4 trucks and trailers.

The anticipated start date is late May 2014 with an expected end of season date of September 2014.

**Duchesne Duty Station Positions** - Trail crew members are expected to work as a close-knit team to perform a full range of trail construction and maintenance activities. Tasks will include using various tools and equipment such as chain saws, crosscut saws, adze, axes, rock bars and pulaski's to maintain and construct trails and trail structures. Trail crew members work in remote settings so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Individuals working on the trail crew can expect to perform daily arduous manual labor in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow at elevations ranging from 9000 to 13000 ft. Some gear such as tents, stoves, and water filters will be provided but crew members must have their own high quality outdoor gear such as hiking boots, rain gear, etc.

The selected individuals will serve as crewmembers on a four person wilderness trail crew. *The trail crew works in the backcountry for eight consecutive days followed by 6 days off.* Travel is usually on foot carrying a backpack that contains personal as well as work supplies and tools. Sixty to 70 pound loads plus tools would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Some work may involve working with the District animal packer and stock (horses and mules) so familiarity with the use of riding and pack stock is beneficial. Most of the work will be in the High Uintas Wilderness, but may occur in non-Wilderness backcountry settings.

The anticipated start date is late May 2014 with an expected end of season date of late September 2014.

**Duty Location:** Positions available in Vernal, UT and Duchesne, UT.

**Contact:** Ryan Buerkle, 435-781-5114, [rjbuerkle@fs.fed.us](mailto:rjbuerkle@fs.fed.us), or Kristy Groves, 435-781-5203, [kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us).

### **Forestry Aid/Technician (Wilderness) (GS-0462-03/04/05) Wilderness Ranger**

**GS-0462-03 Forestry Aid (General) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006133JG-DT (1 position)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

**GS-0462-04 Forestry Tech (Wilderness) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006168JG-DT (1 position)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

**GS-0462-05 Forestry Tech (Wilderness) - Announcement #14-TEMP110401-006169JG-DT (1 position)**

**Opens 02/12/2014 and Closes 02/21/2014**

These are SEASONAL Temporary Wilderness Ranger positions.

The anticipated start date is early June 2014 with an expected end of season date of September 2014.

*Wilderness Rangers work in the backcountry for eight consecutive days followed by six days off.* Travel is usually on foot carrying a backpack that contains personal as well as work supplies and tools. Sixty to 70 pound loads would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent. Most of the work will be in the High Uintas Wilderness, but may occur in non-Wilderness backcountry settings.

Duties include visitor information and education, enforcement of wilderness rules and regulations, trash collection, natural resource restoration and monitoring, and trail maintenance. Wilderness Rangers need to have good communication and interpersonal skills. Selected individuals may be required to attend a 40 hr Forest Protection Officer training in order to effectively enforce wilderness regulations. This would include issuing violation notices.

Wilderness Rangers need the skills and confidence to work alone in a Wilderness environment on multi-day assignments. Work will be in remote settings so a focus on personal as well as co-worker safety is essential. Individuals working as wilderness rangers can expect to perform daily arduous manual labor in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow at elevations ranging from 9000 to 13000 ft. Some gear such as tents, stoves, and water filters will be provided but crew members must have their own high quality outdoor gear such as hiking boots, rain gear, etc.

**Duty Locations:** Duchesne UT

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**Housing:** Seasonal government housing facilities are available in Vernal, Manila, Dutch John, Altonah (Duchesne RD). Housing is limited at all these locations and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact hiring managers associated with the position you are interested in for further information on housing availability.

## **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 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.

## **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 Manila, and Dutch John, Utah**

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 75,000. 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.

### **HOW TO APPLY**

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements/OCR's are posted on USAJOBS at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/).

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

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create 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 the advanced search function. 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. **You must identify Vernal, Manila, Duchesne, or Dutch John, UT as locations specific to the above listed positions.**
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
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. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.