



ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST



USDA FOREST SERVICE
Region 4 - Intermountain
Ashley National Forest

Duchesne/Roosevelt, Vernal, and Flaming Gorge Ranger Districts

Permanent Fire Position Outreach GS-03 through GS-09

To express interest in any of the vacant positions listed click this [link](#)

The Ashley National Forest is looking for a committed, hardworking, highly skilled workforce to manage wildfires and work in fuels management. Work in the fire and fuels management program is rewarding and requires talented and skilled people working safely as part of a team in a variety of specialized positions, including engine crews, wildland fire modules, fuels management, and fire prevention.

For questions related to vacant positions, please reach out to the supervisory contacts listed in this document. Please don't hesitate to call or email for additional information. Mike Bertagnolli (Forest AFMO) is also available to help with any questions related to vacant positions. He can be reached at **435-299-8164** or via email at Michael.bertagnolli@usda.gov.

Applications must be submitted in USAJOBS between the application period of 08/22/2025-09/23/2025 to be eligible. Deadline to apply to vacancy announcement numbers is 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time on the day of application period close. Do not wait until the last minute to apply.

Included in this outreach are known vacancy announcement numbers for career permanent full-time and permanent seasonal fire positions. Apply to vacant announcements via the "USAJOBS" webpage. ([USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site](#)) This site will also provide you information regarding the **Position Description (PD) and job summary which defines specific work duties.**



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*Known vacancies are in *Red*.

| Job Title | Announcement # | Tour | Location / Duty Station(s) | Current Vacancies |
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| Forestry Technician (Fuels DZAFMO) GW-0456-08/9 | 26-FIRE-P1R146-DFUEL-89DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT Duchesne, UT | Vernal/ Duchesne |
| Supervisory Forestry Technician (DZAFMO) GW-0456-8/9 | 26-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH | 26/0 | Duchesne, UT Dutch John, UT | Duchesne |
| Handcrew Supervisor Type 2 Wildland Fire Module GW-0456-7/8 | 26-FIRE-P1VA-SHDCRW-78DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT | |
| Handcrew Supervisor Type 1 Wildland Fire Module GW-0456-8/9 | 26-FIRE-P1VA-WFMSUP-89DH | 26/0 | Duchesne, UT | |
| Handcrew Assistant Type 2 Wildland Fire Module GW-0456-6/7 | 25-FIRE-P1VA-HCREWT2-67DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT | Vernal |
| Handcrew Assistant Type 1 Wildland Fire Module GW-0456-7/8 | 26-FIRE-P1VA-HCREWT1-78DH | 26/0 | Duchesne, UT | |
| Handcrew Lead Wildland Fire Module GW-0462-5/6 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-HCREW-56DH | 18/8 | Duchesne, UT Vernal, UT | Vernal |
| Handcrew Senior Wildland Fire Module GW-0456-4/5 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-IHCRW-45DH | 18/8 | Duchesne, UT Vernal, UT | Vernal |
| Supervisory Forestry Technician (SFEO) GW-0456-07/08 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-SFEOH-78DH | 26/0 | Duchesne, UT Vernal, UT Dutch John, UT | Vernal, Dutch John |
| Fire Engine Operator (FEO) GW-0456-06/07 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-FEOH-67DH | 18/8 | Duchesne, UT Dutch John, UT Vernal, UT | Vernal, Dutch John, Duchesne |
| Lead Forestry Technician (AFEO) GW-0462-05/6 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-AFEO-56DH | 18/8 | Duchesne, UT Dutch John, UT Vernal, UT | Dutch John, |

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| Forestry Technician (Senior Firefighter) Engine GW-0456-4/5 | 26-FIRE-P1R146-ENG5FF-45DH | 18/8 | Duchesne, UT Dutch John, UT Vernal, UT | |
| Forestry Technician (General Firefighter) GW-0456-03/4/5 | 26-FIRE-P1R14-FFTR-34DH | 18/8 | Vernal, UT, Duchesne, UT | |
| Forestry Technician (Wildfire Apprentice) GW-0456-03/4/5 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-WFAP-345DH | 18/8 | Vernal, UT Duchesne, UT | |
| Forestry Technician (Senior Fuels Technician) GW-0462-08 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-FFUELS-8DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT, Duchesne, UT | |
| Forestry Technician (RX Fire/Fuels Technician) GW-0456-06/7 | 26-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-67DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT Duchesne, UT | Duchesne |
| Forestry Technician (Prevention) GW-0456-06/07 | 26-FIRE-P1VA-PREV2-67DH | 26/0 | Vernal, UT Duchesne, UT | Duchesne |

Supervisor Contacts:

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| Kristy Groves | District Ranger | 435-781-5101 | Kristy.groves@usda.gov | Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District |
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| Ron Brunson | District Ranger | 435-781-5282 | Ronald.brunson@usda.gov | Vernal Ranger District |

The Forest:

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to 13,528 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinyon and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, fir,

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and spruce. Grasses, forbs, and stunted, twisted conifers called Krumholtz are found above timberline. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include black bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Wasatch-Cache-Uinta National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The Ashley has abundant year-round recreation opportunities including four major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uinta's Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, is comprised of nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache-Uinta and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest mountain in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs west to east, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes. The mountains below timberline are covered by coniferous forest, and meadows have streams and lush vegetation. The Wilderness is accessible from June through October, via numerous trails.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous blue-ribbon trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex. Rafting this section of the Green River is a favorite pastime of visitors. Flaming Gorge Dam and Red Canyon Visitor Centers have exhibits to acquaint visitors with the area. At Ute Lookout Tower, the only lookout tower in the State of Utah, visitors can enjoy a spectacular view and learn about the life of early Forest Service lookouts. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road.

The Communities:

The Ashley National Forest's duty stations are in Manila, Dutch John, Vernal, and Duchesne. Information regarding these communities can be found at:

- <http://www.duchesne.utah.gov/>
- [Vernal, Utah | Things to Do, Family Activities and Hotels | Visit Utah](#)
- [Town of Manila, Utah – Home of the Flaming Gorge \(manilautah.com\)](#)
- [Town of Dutch John](#)

The Region:

The Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests located in [Utah](#), [Nevada](#), eastern California, western Wyoming, southern and central Idaho. The region covers 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest Systems. There are approximately 2200 permanent employees in Region 4.