OUTREACH NOTICE:

Recreation Special Uses Permit Administrator
GS-0401-7/9 (may be more than 1 position)
Duty Location: Prather, California

Please respond by November 11, 2013

About the Position:

Series/Grade: GS-0401-07/09
Title: Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)
Duty Station: Prather, CA
Tour of Duty: Permanent Full Time
Housing: Government quarters not available

The High Sierra Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest will soon advertise for one (possibly two) GS-0401-07/09 Recreation Special Uses Permit Administrator(s). The position is located in Prather, California in the High Sierra Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest.

Duties of this position include: The Recreation Special Uses Permit Administrator, stationed in Prather, CA reports to the District Special Uses and Lands Manager. The incumbent has responsibility to administer a variety of recreation special uses which includes one of the larger recreation residence programs in the country. Additional duties include: the review of proposals and applications, the issuance of permits, entry of data into the SUDS database, monitoring of permit activities and billing, providing technical assistance and advice on outdoor recreation and recreation resource areas, and assisting in the planning and management of the recreation special uses programs.

This is a busy place with a broad variety of special use permits. The ability to multi-task and stay organized are skills needed for this position. Good communication skills, both written and verbal, are also critical for the success of this position. Responding to emails and walk-in traffic will often consume much of the day and the ability to successfully balance those duties and still produce can be a challenge. Interested candidates need to be energetic, flexible, organized and good stewards that enjoy representing the USFS in all settings with the public.

Interested Employees: If you are interested in this position please respond with the questionnaire to Annette Lambert, Asst. District Lands Officer, at: alambert@fs.fed.us by November 11, 2013. Contact Annette Lambert at 559-855-5355 ext. 3338.
THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST

The Sierra National Forest lies in Central California, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. This 1.3 million acre National Forest is bounded on the south by the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park and on the north by Yosemite National Park.

The Sierra National Forest has two districts: Bass Lake Ranger District located in North Fork, and High Sierra Ranger District, located in Prather. Visitor centers are located throughout the forest including the Dinkey Creek and High Sierra Visitor Centers.

The High Sierra Ranger District: The District office is located in the town of Prather. Auberry/Prather are both rural communities located at about the 1700 feet elevation. They are about a 1/2-hour drive to recreation opportunities, and about a 30-minute drive to Fresno on very good roads. Housing in this area is reasonable and many of the employees live in the area. They also receive very little snow during the winter months, and are out of the valley fog most of the winter. Five wilderness areas enhance the District: John Muir, Kaiser, Dinkey Lakes, Monarch and the Ansel Adams. In addition, there are six major lakes: Shaver, Huntington, Edison, Wishon, Courtwright and Florence.

The Kings River, a Wild and Scenic River, and the Kings River Special Management Area define the southern boundary of the Forest. The recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, hunting, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, sailing, water skiing, white water rafting, snowmobiling, mountain biking and tour cycling, 4-wheel drive routes, golfing, horseback riding, rock climbing and many more activities can be experienced in the surrounding area.

COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREA

Prather: The population of PRATHER and the surrounding Auberry and Tollhouse area is approximately 10,000 people. Prather is located approximately 25 miles northeast of the FRESNO/CLOVIS area at an elevation of 1700 feet. Temperatures are typical of the San Joaquin Valley but generally out of the winter fog. Average precipitation is 24 inches. Local community services include: 2 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The price range for a single family, 3+ bedroom – 1.5+bath home in the Prather, Auberry, Tollhouse area goes from about $150,000 to over $1,000,000 with most listings under $400,000. There is a bank, approximately 10 churches of various denominations, 2 grocery stores, a drug store, hardware stores, and several dining establishments.

Clovis: The Supervisor’s Office is located in at the base of the foothills of the Sierra National Forest in Clovis, at 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. The population of Clovis is approximately 95,000. It is midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles tucked inside the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley. It is easy to find located adjacent to Fresno. There are about 40 churches in Clovis of various denominations. The Clovis Unified School District, one of the highest rated school districts in the State, offers 34 elementary schools, six intermediate schools, and eight high schools. The average cost of a home is $230,000. Apartments can be rented from $575 to $1800 per month. We have 195 sunshine days, 71 partly cloudy, and 99 cloudy. Temperatures in the winter usually range from 36 low to 54 high, though few nights can get down below freezing. In the summer temperatures range from 64 to 97, with several days over 100 degrees.

Fresno is adjacent to Clovis. Its population is approximately 480,000 with a variety of amenities. The average cost of a home is $180,000. Rental rates range from $500 to $1800 a month for 3-bedroom homes and from $475 to $1700 for 2-bedroom apartments. Its symphony, local theatre companies, music and dance productions distinguish Fresno as a city with access to a wide variety of cultural events. Fresno Unified School District is the fifth largest district in California which includes Fresno City
College, 61 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, and eight high schools. California State University Fresno is located on Shaw and Cedar, approximately 5 miles from Clovis.

For more information about the Sierra National Forest, and the Prather, Clovis and Fresno areas, check these websites:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/
http://www.visitclovis.com/index.html
Please fill out this Outreach Response Form if you are interested in this opportunity. Return this form to Annette Lambert (alambert@fs.fed.us) no later than **4:00 PM**, on or before **November 11, 2013**, and you will be notified when the position is advertised. For further information, please contact: Annette Lambert at **(559) 855-5355 ext. 3338** or email: alambert@fs.fed.us.

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If you are not a current permanent (career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

- ☐ Person with Disabilities
- ☐ Veterans’ Recruitment
- ☐ Disabled Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability or enrolled in VA training
- ☐ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ☐ Former Peace Corp Volunteer
- ☐ Pathways—student, recent graduate, President Management Fellow
- ☐ Other (Specify):   
How did you learn of this Vacancy?

Submission of this form is voluntary

Thank you for your interest and response!

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