Outreach
Permanent Position
Lincoln National Forest

INTERDISCIPLINARY: Social Scientist/Natural Resource Specialist
Recreation, Lands, and Minerals Program Manager
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The Lincoln National Forest will soon be filling a permanent fulltime position in its Recreation, Lands, and Minerals Program. This position is located at the Supervisor’s Office in Alamogordo, New Mexico. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. The Lincoln National Forest is looking for a dynamic motivated individual to join their team and help manage these important resources while working in the majestic grandeur of southern New Mexico. Interested applicants should contact Rafael Castanon at rafaelcastanon@fs.fed.us or (575)434-7373.

INTRODUCTION. Incumbent provides overall lands, recreation, and minerals program management for the Lincoln National Forest. The Lincoln National Forest does not have a Public Services Staff Officer therefore this position reports directly to the Forest Supervisor.
MAJOR DUTIES

- Provides strategic guidance and leadership to the lands, recreation, and minerals programs and associated program areas such as special uses, wilderness, caves, and trails management.
- Provides advice on all aspects of acquisition, adjustments, disposals, and land rights.
- Provides direction and support of non-recreation and recreation special uses.
- Provides technical support and facilitates an interdisciplinary approach to the development of long-range resource management action plans and short-range operations for lands, recreation, and minerals management.
- Analyzes and recommends priorities and adjustments based on changing direction from the Region, rate of progress toward goals and objectives, resource capabilities, and changing economics.
- Provides support in the areas listed above to Forest Plan Revision.
- Budget Program Management for all of Recreation, Trails, Wilderness, Caves, Lands, Special Uses, and Mineral Programs.
- Works closely with engineering and heritage.
- Develops and maintains strong working relationships with public, partners, cooperators, and volunteers.
- Serves as a Forest Leadership Team member.
- Serves as Acting Forest Supervisor on a rotational basis.

Supervision of 1 new permanent employee; a Recreation/Lands/Minerals Assistant (GS-7/9).

OUTREACH

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form. All responses or requests for further information should be sent to Rafael Castanon at rafaelcastanon@fs.fed.us or (575)434-7373.

** LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST **

The Lincoln National Forest is known as the birthplace of the world-famous Smokey Bear, the symbol of the campaign to prevent forest fires. The original Smokey Bear is buried in Capitan, New Mexico. The Lincoln covers approximately 1.1 million acres and consists of three Ranger Districts - Smokey Bear (D1), Sacramento (D2), and Guadalupe (D3). There are three major mountain ranges that cover 1,103,441 acres in southeastern New Mexico - Sacramento, Guadalupe, and Capitan. Elevations of 4,000 to 11,500 feet pass through five different life zones from Chihuauhan desert to subalpine forest. Vegetation ranges from rare cacti in the lower elevations to Englemann spruce in the higher elevations. More people enjoy the Lincoln National Forest and the surrounding areas for recreation use than for all other uses combined. In the summer climatic relief provided by the mountains draws people from surrounding deserts and plains. However the Forest offers the user a variety of recreational opportunities any season of the year. The Lincoln National Forest can provide the recreational experience you are seeking, whether you enjoy sight-seeing, wildlife watching, picnicking, camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, snowmobiling, alpine or cross country skiing, or caving.
**SUPERVISOR’S OFFICE**

Located in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the Supervisor’s Office moved to a new, leased facility in September 2008. The 19,900 square foot building houses approximately 80 employees from four Agencies under the Department of Agriculture:

- Lincoln National Forest, Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and Otero Soil and Water Conservation District

It is the most energy efficient USDA “Green” building to date in southern New Mexico. The “Green” construction will save the taxpayer money through water efficiency; energy and atmosphere; materials and resources; and indoor environmental quality. The building is expected to save 50-70 percent energy cost as compared to a typical building.

**SMOKEY BEAR RANGER DISTRICT**

Headquarters for the Smokey Bear Ranger District is in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The District manages approximately 375,000 acres and ranges in elevation from 5,400 to 11,580 feet. Ski Apache Resort, one of the largest ski areas in the Southwest, is located on the District.

There are two wilderness areas on the District, totaling approximately 86,000 acres. One can find a variety of trails winding through the White Mountain Wilderness offering unique recreational opportunities and views for the equestrians and hikers. The Capitan Mountain Wilderness is best known as the place where Smokey Bear was found in 1950. The Capitan Mountains represent a geologic anomaly in the western hemisphere in that it is one of the few ranges that run east and west. Most of the area is steep and rocky, except for open meadows along the main ridge top. The east end of the range has many outcroppings and is very rough terrain.

A combination of high elevation and abundant moisture results in a beautiful array of color from flowering plants during the summer months. Perhaps the most beautiful time of year is in the fall, when oaks, maples, and aspens wrap the mountain slopes in breathtaking colors. Deer, turkey, elk and black bear are just a few of the wildlife roaming the District.

The towns of Lincoln, where one of the famous shoot-outs of Billy the Kid took place, and Capitan, the burial site of Smokey Bear, are conveniently located near the District.
** SACRAMENTO RANGER DISTRICT **

The Sacramento Ranger District is headquartered in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and manages over 450,000 acres in elevations ranging from 4,600 to 9,695 feet.

Between Cloudcroft and Alamogordo on U.S. 82 is the only highway tunnel in southern New Mexico. A parking area just west of the tunnel affords a spectacular view of Fresnal Canyon, White Sands, and the Tularosa Basin. Near Cloudcroft is another developed interpretive site where visitors can look back in time at the old railroad trestle spanning the Mexican Canyon.

The Sacramento District invites the hikers to the rails to trails and Railroad Depot visitors' area to learn the history of the "Cloud Climbing Railroad" that facilitated timber harvest at the turn of the century. Travelers will find spectacular views of sunsets across the desert as well as breathtaking views of the Tularosa Basin and White Sands National Monument from the Sunspot Scenic Byway. The Byway leads to the Sunspot Solar Observatory at Sacramento Peak and the Apache Point Lunar Observatory. These are unique, educational attractions for visitors. The Forest is a partner in the education/visitors center at Sunspot.

Higher elevations offer mountain meadows, mixtures of pine, fir, aspen, oak, and other vibrant greens which are broken by the brilliance of wildflowers, blossoming plants, and trees that change with the season.

Wildlife is abundant on the District. Deer, elk, turkey, quail, bear, and many types of birds (including the threatened Mexican spotted owl) and small animals live on the Forest.

** GUADALUPE RANGER DISTRICT **

The Guadalupe Ranger District office is located in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Guadalupe Mountains range in elevation from 3,500 to 7,500 feet. The District contains more than 150 world-class caves and deep, rough canyons. Caving is a very popular activity in the Guadalupe Mountains. The southernmost tip of the District includes approximately 35 square miles of rugged mountains and canyons, which is a massive exposure of the ancient Capitan Barrier reef. The reef, a limestone formation, was created from lime secreted by algae when this area was covered by a shallow sea. The sea dissipated and the reef uplifted, resulting in extensive cavern systems formed within the reef, with magnificent and curious formations.

Wildlife and plant life are diverse and abundant. Turkey, deer, elk, and a variety of bird life are present along with coyotes, mountain lions, raccoons, squirrels, bobcats, skunks, badgers, and porcupines. Fishing is non-existent in the District but is available in the Pecos River near Carlsbad.

Pinyon and juniper are the predominate trees with grasses, brush, and cacti. The southern portion consists of deep canyons and sheer cliffs. Vegetation is pinyon, juniper, oak, pine, fir, and Texas Madrone trees with ground cover of grasses and cacti.
Sitting Bull Falls is another natural wonder that brings an oasis into the high desert's dry climate.

** ALAMOGORDO, NM **

Alamogordo is a comfortable, stable community nestled in a sunny high desert basin. The city was founded in 1898 as a terminal for the local railroad and the basic beginnings are still in place. Since that time, Alamogordo has become the county seat of Otero County and is the metropolitan center of the Tularosa Basin. The city offers an abundance of natural scenery and outdoor activities with the White Sands National Monument, Lincoln National Forest, and International Space Hall of Fame being major attractions.

Population Est.: 41,000 year-round residents.

Elevation: 4,336 feet above sea level.

Climate: Alamogordo averages 350 days of sunshine per year

Average annual temperature ~ 61 degrees F

January avg. temp. ~ 43 degrees F  July avg. temp. ~ 80 degrees F

Average rain fall ~ 11 inches  Average snowfall ~ 4 inches

Average relative humidity ~ 43.6 percent

Economics:

The major non-government industry in Alamogordo's economy is tourism with contributions from light manufacturing. Neighboring White Sands Missile Range and Holloman Air Force Base are also major contributors to Alamogordo's economic strength. $38,000 is the average household income with most of the workforce in the services and retail trades.

Housing:

Alamogordo offers a wide range of housing options, including: Town houses, Apartment Rentals, Single Family Home Rentals and Purchases with the residential property tax at 6.08%.

Utilities:

In Alamogordo Electrical power is provided by Texas-New Mexico Power Company. The local natural gas company is PNM Natural Gas; and trash pickup, water, and sewer are provided by the City of Alamogordo. Cable and satellite TV is readily available as is cell phone service and internet service providers.

Education:

Alamogordo offers 5 secondary public schools, 11 elementary public schools, 2 private schools, 3 vocational/technical schools, the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the New Mexico State University, Alamogordo Branch.
Medical:

Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center has recently completed its brand new medical facility, housing 95 patient beds. In addition to the main hospital, there are 65 independent health practitioners, 9 dentists, 4 nursing care facilities, 6 physical therapy/exercise centers, 15 veterinarians, and several alternative health practitioners available in the community.

Shopping:

The largest shopping center in Alamogordo is the White Sands Mall featuring JC Penney, Bealls, and Big K-Mart. Grocery stores include Super Wal-Mart, Albertson’s, Lowe’s Grocery store, and a Walmart Neighborhood Market. In addition to the shopping mall, many independently owned shops and franchises are located throughout the city, such as Home Depot and Lowes Home Improvement Center which provide a great shopping experience for the surrounding area.

Social:

Alamogordo, Otero County, and the local communities have social events such as Holiday parades, festivals, fiestas, and special events, which are found on the community calendar every month. Social gathering places are also available. Among these are a civic center, senior citizens center, family recreation center, parks, and a library.

Recreation and Culture:

Outdoor recreation opportunities are countless and include hiking, camping, picnicking, mountain biking, wildlife watching, ATV riding, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, inner tubing, and many others. Major attractions for outdoor recreation include the Lincoln National Forest, White Sands National Monument, Oliver Lee State Park, Three Rivers Petroglyphs, and Valley of the Fires State Park. Within the Alamogordo city limits, places that offer a variety of recreational and cultural experiences include Desert Lakes Municipal Golf Course, Toy Train Depot, Tularosa Basin Historical Museum, Founders Park, Old Town Alamogordo, Kids Kingdom, International Museum of Space History, planetarium and Imax Theater, 10-screen movie theater, Alameda Park Zoo, and the Flickinger Center of Performing Arts, just to name a few.

Transportation:

Alamogordo offers convenient travel due to its location on U.S. Highways 54 and 70. Major highways I-25 and I-10 are only 70 miles away. Transportation provided in Alamogordo also includes one major bus line company, a public city bus line, and two taxicab service providers. The closest airport that offers large airline service is El Paso International Airport, which is approx. 85 miles from Alamogordo. An airport service shuttle is available.

Religion:

Over 65 churches offer services for various denominations.
Nearby Cities:
Las Cruces, NM, 66 miles (est. population 99,700)
El Paso, TX, 88 miles (est. population 665,670)
Albuquerque, NM, 208 miles (population 552,000)
Santa Fe, NM, 225 miles (population 70,000)

For More Information on Alamogordo, please visit:

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Name____________________________________

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Phone Number: ________________________ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit_______________________ Other ______________

Location: __________________________________________________________________

Tour: Permanent _____ Temporary_____ Student/Intern____ Contractor_____ Other_____

Current Position Title: __________________________

Series/grade if Federal Employee: __________________________

How did you hear about this position? _____________________________

Agency Contact____________________ Other_____________

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)
_____ Veterans Recruitment Act
_____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
_____ Student Intern Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
_____ Other __________________________