THE POSITION: The Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest is currently seeking a highly motivated rangeland management specialist or botanist to be the Invasive Species Coordinator in Choteau or Great Falls, MT. The position will report to the Range Program Leader for the Forest. This is a complex program with an emphasis on developing and maintaining partnerships and leveraging internal and external funds with other federal, state, and local agencies as well as private and non-profit organizations.

Duties will include: grant writing, budget management and reporting, administering contracts and agreements, grazing permit administration, overseeing inventory and treatment accomplishment reporting into the NRIS and FACTS databases, supervision of crews, treating noxious weeds, support to other resource areas project planning and interdisciplinary team involvement to accomplish invasive species management over the entire Helena-Lewis & Clark NF. This position may supervise permanent and seasonal employees while working closely with Range Program Leader, District Rangers and other Resource Staffs. The program has an emphasis on working with partners making competent internal and external communication skills essential. Partnerships involve multi-states, multi-counties, multi-agencies and private parties. The position is anticipated to be advertised by the end of June 2016. The position may be advertised under a variety of series based on outreach response. Tour of duty will be permanent full time. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at: http://www.usajobs.com/

Qualifications:
**Location** - The Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest lies in central and north central Montana within the upper Missouri River system.

**Forest Information:** The two Forests have recently consolidated into one unit with two Administrative offices. The Lewis and Clark portion lies in central Montana within the upper Missouri River system and is composed of 1.8 million acres. Elevations range from about 3,700 feet to over 9,100 feet. The Forest stretches from Glacier National Park, south to just above the Yellowstone River. The Lewis & Clark Administrative Office is located in Great Falls, Montana, with ranger stations in Choteau, Stanford, Harlowtown, White Sulphur Springs and Neihart. Additional Forest information can be found at: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lcnf). The Helena National portion is located in West-Central Montana and contains 975,088 acres. It straddles the Continental Divide and encompasses headwaters of both the Missouri and Columbia River systems. Elevations range from about 3,500 feet to over 9,000 feet. Vegetative cover varies from rolling grassland interspersed with timber patches at the lower elevations, solid timber on the steeper middle and upper slopes, to subalpine types or bare ridges in the high country. The Helena Administrative Office is located in Helena, Montana, with ranger stations in Helena, Lincoln and Townsend. Additional Forest information can be found at: [www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena).

**Duty Station Information:** The position may be stationed at either Choteau, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Ranger District or Great Falls, Montana in the Forest Administrative office.

**Housing:** The standard cost of living in the Choteau area is moderate. An average 2 to 3 bedroom house will range from $100,000 to $190,000. Rentals are not easy to come by and will cost anywhere from $500 to $750 and higher per month. Average homes in the Great Falls area range from $145,000 - 240,000. A nice rental unit can be found for about $900-1,300 per month. Government housing is not available in either location.

**Climate** - Residents of north central Montana area enjoy all four seasons. The summer temperatures range from the high 75’s to mid 90’s with some warmer days. The winters are fairly mild, by Montana standards, with temperatures ranging in the high teens to thirties intermixed with some slightly cooler days.

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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Position Identification

Position: GS-0454-11 (Rangeland Management Specialist) or GS-0430-11 (Botanist)

Location: Choteau, MT or Great Falls, MT

Applicant Information

E-Mail Address: ________________________________

Current Title, Series, Grade: ________________________________

Current Organization/Location: ________________________________

Current Appointment: □ Permanent □ Temporary □ Term □ Not Current Employee

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

□ Reinstatement □ Person With Disabilities □ Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability □ Former Peace Corps Volunteer □ Veteran’s Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 □ Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) □ Other

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

□ Series currently identified and classified

□ Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

□ Target grade level currently identified.

□ Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified

□ Choteau, MT □ Great Falls, MT