The Parks Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland will soon be advertising for a Recreation Management Specialist. This is a permanent full time position, located on the Parks Ranger District in Walden, CO. Government housing is not available.

The vacancy announcement number for this position is . This outreach is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to identify the level of interest in the position.

**THE POSITION**

As the Parks District Recreation Management Specialist, the incumbent’s job duties include: Participates in the development and administration of annual work plans for wilderness, trails, special uses and recreation resources in compliance with agency guidelines and direction; develops plans for use of wilderness areas, construction and maintenance of trails, parking areas, trailhead facilities, campgrounds, and other developed recreation sites in consultation with other resource personnel; recommends changes based on management objectives; analyzes and interprets data to formulate recommendations that achieve management objectives and policies and suggests alternative methods for achieving objectives; provides program input into a variety of natural resources management planning processes, including NEPA; coordinates with other natural resource disciplines to ensure program requirements are included in the project planning and execution; Participates in the preparation and tracking of the annual program budget. Implements wilderness, recreation, special uses and trail plan objectives. Inspects the full range of wilderness and recreation special uses, administers special use authorizations for outfitter and guides, recreation events, as well as other recreation and lands special uses. May lead crews involved in wilderness patrol, inventory and monitoring work, and trail, bridge, developed site, or recreation facility maintenance and construction; participates in recruitment and management of volunteer groups and other partnerships including establishing agreements, terms of service, and reimbursement of expenses when applicable; processes special use applications including on-the-ground investigations of site suitability, screening levels, and preparation of associated NEPA reports; prepares special use permits, prepares and tracks bills for collection, and performs evaluations.; performs annual inspections of permittees and prepares reports; assists with preparing minimum tool analysis for other resources working in wilderness; communicates program information to the public regarding agency management practices, rules, and regulations relating to wilderness, trails, special uses and recreation; participates in development and delivery of wilderness and other education programs in local communities, at Forest Service facilities, and other locations.

This is a supervisory position with two permanent employees in the program.
About the Forests & Grassland

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Medicine Bow contains 1,096,885 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It consists of three Ranger districts: Brush Creek/Hayden District at Saratoga, Laramie District at Laramie, and the Douglas District at Douglas.

The Routt National Forest is located in northern Colorado. It was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 as the Park Range Forest Reserve, and then the name changed to the Routt National Forest in honor of Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial and the first State Governor of Colorado. The Routt includes 1,125,428 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It now consists of three Ranger Districts: Hahn’s Peak-Bears Ears at Steamboat Springs, Parks at Walden, and Yampa at Yampa. The former Middle Park District at Kremmling is part of the Arapaho National Forest but is administered as part of the Routt, and as a part of the Parks and Yampa Districts.

The Thunder Basin National Grassland is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. The Grassland contains 547,499 acres of National Forest System lands and is part of the Douglas Ranger District.

Elevations on the Forests and Grasslands range from about 3,600 feet to over 12,000 feet. Vegetation varies from sage brush-grasslands at the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce, fir and aspen in the upper elevations. Wildlife is abundant, with antelope, elk, moose, mule deer, and white-tailed deer being the most common larger species. Additional information about the Forests and Grassland can be found on our website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/.

Walden, Colorado Community Information

The Town of Walden is located in north central Colorado approximately one hour from both Laramie, WY and Steamboat Springs, CO. Denver is approximately 2 ½ hours away. The town is a small ranching community located in what is commonly referred to as North Park. Walden sits at 8,100 ft. in elevation and has a population of approximately 600, while Jackson County has an estimated 1,400 residents. Walden offers a range of services and is a tight knit community.

In addition to National Forest Lands, the area is rich with other public lands managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado State Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, and National Wildlife Refuge system. There are numerous recreation opportunities including fishing many of the local lakes and streams, hunting, hiking and backpacking in one of five nearby Wilderness areas, rock climbing, mountain biking and white water sports to name a few. Wildlife and wildflowers abound in this mountain park setting! Additional information can be found through the following links:

North Park School District - http://npsd.schoolfusion.us/
Jackson County - http://www.jacksoncountyco.com/
State Forest/State Park - http://www.parks.state.co.us/Parks/StateForest/Pages/StateForestStateParkHome.aspx

Contact Information

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Medicine Bow-Routt NFs and Thunder Basin NG
Parks Ranger District, Walden CO

Recreation Management Specialist GS-301/401-9

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POSITION TITLE

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Thanks for your interest.

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Email this completed form and resume to jeremiahzamora@fs.fed.us