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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

Grant Manager Position – Washington Recreation & Conservation Office

Are you a hard working individual dedicated to parks and recreation? Do you want to work for an organization that facilitates healthy ecosystems, open spaces, and outdoor recreation facilities to improve the quality of life now and for future generations?

The Recreation and Conservation Office may have the job for you. Check it out at:

Location: Olympia, WA
Salary: $53,148 - $69,756 annually DOQ

Park Manager Position - North Dakota Parks & Recreation Dept.

Agency: North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department
Class Title: Park Manager I
Location of Position: Lewis & Clark State Park
Position #: 00006707
Status: 100 % FTE
Salary Range: $3082-$3300 per month
Recruitment: Internal & External

Closing Date: January 31, 2009

Minimum Qualifications: Requires a bachelor’s degree in parks and recreation or a related field and three years of work experience that included staff supervision in a park system and successful completion of ND Peace Officer licensing and department basic fire fighting requirements.

Following skills preferred:
1. Ability to work effectively with others. Develop, interact with and maintain local support group.
2. Ability to prepare, monitor and expend park budget within appropriated limits.
3. Must have good oral and written communication skills and be able to concisely and clearly communicate technical information to park staff, other resource specialist and non-specialists.
4. Ability to oversee maintenance of state park buildings, roads, trails, grounds, marina facilities and equipment.
5. Ability to implement park natural resource plan to include historical, natural and cultural resources.
6. Ability to develop and implement interpretive and safety programs for park visitors.
7. Ability to enforce all ND State parks rules and regulations.

**Summary of Work:** Responsible for management and operation of Lewis & Clark State Park and Crow Flies High Historic Site. Work duties include personnel management, overall development and maintenance of state park facilities, fiscal/budgetary management, resource management, visitor services, interpretive services, and enforcement and emergency services.

**Application Procedures:** To apply, submit a resume, letter of application and SFN #10950 to: Dorothy Streyle, N.D. Parks and Recreation Department, 1600 E Century Ave, Suite 3, Bismarck, ND 58503-0649

Application forms can be obtained over the Internet at [www.state.nd.us/cpers/](http://www.state.nd.us/cpers/). Applications may be faxed (701-328-5363) or e-mailed to dstreyle@nd.gov but **must** be followed with a signed hard copy.

**Comments:** Required to work outdoors in all types of weather. Must have valid ND driver's license.

For more information about the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department please visit our website: [http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/)

For more formation about state employment benefits click here: [http://www.nd.gov/hrms/jobs/benefits.html](http://www.nd.gov/hrms/jobs/benefits.html)

**National Forest Scenic Byways Success Stories**

We are pleased to share this important documentation of the power of the Title 23 Section 204 funds and work with Americas Byway Section 162 program that USFS has been able to leverage for many enhanced environmental and social/economic benefits around its byways corridors and rural gateway communities.

We are now moving beyond these and starting to look for strong links with other transportation programs such as Title 49 funds in FTA for conservation of open space and links to engage urban America using the Paul Sarbanes Transit in Parks and as well as other Federal Lands Programs.

Please see link for copy of the Report; National Forest Scenic Byways Program; Partnership Success Stories.

Much credit to our friends in Scenic Byways, Federal Lands Highways and the skills of our Enterprise Team; "Grant Strategists" headed by Elizabeth Carroll.

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2009 Geospatial Conference
Call For Presentations, Posters, or Maps

USDA Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management invite you to participate in the 2009 Geospatial conference by submitting presentations, posters, or maps for the conference program. The theme of this conference is:

“Healthy Forests – Healthy Lands – Healthy Earth”

The program team is lead by Eric Schmeckpeper (USFS) and Jerry Sempek (BLM). Track leads are being identified to organize the content for each track. Contact information for the program team is available on the Geospatial 09 website.

Seven presentation tracks have been identified to include a broad range of topics within each:

- Coordination and Partnerships
  - Track leads – Kathie Jewell (BLM) and Bart Matthews (FS)
  - Includes topics such as: Service First GIS, partnerships, the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), includes full scope of the NSDI – state and local government, federal government, tribal government, industry, academia, etc.; National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), and FGDC activities

- Data
  - Track leads – Tom Chatfield (BLM) and Mike Martischang (FS)
  - Includes topics such as: metadata, data distribution, data management, data stewardship and maintenance, data integration and sharing, standards, and archiving, national hydrology data, etc.

- Natural Resource Management and Analysis
  - Track leads – Duane Dippon (BLM) and Sean Triplett (FS)
  - Includes topics such as: fire/fuels, ecosystem management, natural resource disciplines (timber, range, hydrology, wildlife, etc.), lands and energy, NEPA analysis and planning, emerging issues, e.g. climate change, etc.

- Policy, Governance, Futuring
  - Track leads – Beth Wenstrom (BLM) and Michelle Huffman (FS)
  - Includes topics such as: managing geospatial organizations and architectures, legal issues, management skills and leadership, strategic planning, DOI/USDA Department level geospatial activities, Geospatial Line of Business

- Techniques and Methods
  - Track leads – Jeff Nighbert (BLM) and Andrew Wilson (FS)
Includes topics such as: managing the persistence of data, geodatabase implementation, cartography, remote sensing, geodatabase modeling, advanced geoprocessing

Technology and Tools
- Track leads – Bob Milton (BLM) and Joel Harrison (FS)
- Includes topics such as: Enterprise GIS, Applications (including agency national/regional applications), Mobile GIS/GPS, emerging technologies, geospatial tools, agency training opportunities

User Community and Networking
- Track leads – George Heine (BLM) and Terry Austin (FS)
- Includes opportunities for user group meetings including: FS Regional GIS Coordinators, Forest/Unit GIS Coordinators, and BLM State User groups.

Poster/Map Categories

The poster and map team is lead by Joe Calderwood (USFS) and Brian Holmes (BLM). Contact information and more detailed requirements for poster or map submissions are listed on the Geospatial 09 website.

- Analysis
  - An illustrative presentation of analysis or research that may include an abstract, introduction, methods, results, and discussion, with maps or graphics.
- Data integration
  - Data from different sources combined in an interesting, unified way to meet stated project objectives.
- Cartographic Design
  - A presentation of spatial data in a meaningful, artistic way where the cartography itself is the main focus. Includes GIS maps and maps designed for publication.

Submission Guidelines

- Proposals for presentations, posters, or maps must be submitted by February 13, 2009
- Submissions must be made online through the Geospatial 09 website at: http://fsgeodata.fs.fed.us/geoconference/
- Proceedings will be published from the conference

IU Executive Development Program for Parks & Recreation Professionals

April 5-8, 2009
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

This program is the original executive development program aimed at helping parks and recreation professionals at all levels build and strengthen the fundamental skills needed to manage and lead in a public and non-profit setting.
Enjoy: Learning and networking with fellow professionals in a fun and relaxed environment.
Learn: New ways to solve old problems.
Experience: A campus that embodies everything Parks & Recreation.
Energize: Yourself and your skills through dynamic speakers who challenge and motivate.
Share: Knowledge, ideas, techniques and information that you can apply when you get back to the office.
Network: Out-of-session activities offer great opportunities to connect with other professionals from around the country.
Discuss: Issues and ideas that are 'hot topics' in our field and critical to success in your agency.
Earn: 2.0 CEUs for attending all of the sessions.

For more information: http://www.iuedp.org/IUEDP2009.pdf

Accessibility Management for Parks and Recreation
March 31 – April 3, 2009
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

A comprehensive accessibility management program is the key to success for park and recreation agencies. This NCA training course is designed to give Accessibility Coordinators in parks and recreation the foundation for implementing an accessibility management program. This course is ideal for professionals with newly appointed responsibilities and for those looking to brush up on the latest information for accessibility compliance. Sessions will include discussions of the characteristics and needs of people with disabilities, legislative mandates and litigation, accessibility standards and common errors, the application of Universal Design to park and recreation environments, Program Access, considerations for conducting accessibility assessments, visitor use and marketing, and comprehensive planning. Examples and best practices in accessibility management will be presented throughout the sessions. A field exercise will give participants an opportunity to practice conducting an accessibility assessment along with discussing considerations for prioritization of physical and programmatic barrier removal. The training program will be conducted at the Indiana Memorial Union on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington.

For course details and registration information, visit www.ncaonline.org

The Land and Water Conservation Fund: 2008 Report Now Online

Outdoor recreation isn't just something to do inside National Parks--it is part of our everyday lives. That's the philosophy behind the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), a federal program established over 40 years ago to enable states and communities across the country to acquire parklands and enhance outdoor recreation facilities.

In 2008 alone, the Fund provided $37.7 million in federal grant money to more than 315 park sites in 47 states. These LWCF federal dollars go a long way: over and above the required 50% sponsor match, they helped leverage more than $61.3 million in additional dollars for conservation and recreation.
Part of the appeal is the diversity of projects LWCF money can fund: depending on a community's needs, it can be put toward sports fields, conservation areas, bike trails, skate parks, picnic areas, and more.

You can learn more by reading the LWCF 2008 Annual Report.