



News from NARRP

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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

Call for NARRP Board Nominations

NARRP is seeking nominations for five board positions, each a two-year term:

Vice President for Development
Secretary
Three "At Large" positions

You may nominate yourself or, with permission, a colleague. Only active NARRP members are eligible to be nominated.

For more information about what NARRP Board service entails, consult pages 14 and 28 in this document: http://www.narrp.org/clubportal/images/clubimages/1431/2009-12-09_NARRP_Policies-Procedures_Manual.pdf

Submit your nominations by March 5 to:

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2010 NARRP and RMS Symposium Update

The early bird registration deadline has been extended to March 31.

Auction Notice

The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners seeks to mentor new professionals and students considering entering the field. Annually, NARRP conducts fundraising at their annual conference by sponsoring a silent and live auction to support the student scholarship program.

We need your help in furthering the cause – made even more important in a time of declining public resources available for outdoor recreation and turn-over in the professional ranks. Support the legacy by donating quality items for the NARRP scholarship fund auction at the 2010 NARRP and RMS Symposium – "Bridging Conservation and Recreation" in Portland, Oregon, May 18-20.

The auction is in two parts; a silent auction conducted during the first two days of the conference, followed by a live auction at the banquet. We are seeking high quality items for the

live auction. Thematic or geographic “packages” of items are encouraged. Assemble collections which demonstrate the uniqueness of your agency, region, or state.

If you do not want to carry your item or if you cannot attend the conference but wish to donate, please mail your item to:

Denny Huffman
3819 NE 188th Street
Ridgefield, WA 98642
(360) 727-3410
rapids39@comcast.net

Please include a brief description of your item, value, and your name and address for each item you send.

National Scenic Byway Grants Open for Application

The Federal Highway Administration announced the opening of the current application window for National Scenic Byway Grants. Deadline for submittal to FHWA regional offices is April 16, 2010 but state programs will likely have earlier deadlines.

For more information: <http://www.bywayonline.org/grants/> for details.

New Webinar: Crisis for America’s State Parks- What You Can Do to Help

If your state, city, or park district is contemplating significant budget cuts to parks and recreation agencies you will not want to miss this FREE webinar offered by NRPA. States across the nation are facing unprecedented cuts to parks and recreation.

Arizona is in the process of closing more than half its state parks by June 30 of this year.

- California’s governor proposed closing 220 of California’s 280 state parks.
- Idaho’s governor recently proposed disbanding the state department of parks and recreation and laying off state park workers.
- The states of Louisiana, Iowa, Georgia, New York, and Pennsylvania are considering or have already begun the cuts for FY 2011.
- City, county, and regional park systems are facing similar cuts.

Hear from citizen advocates who are fighting to save their parks, and best of all, learn about the innovative solutions being proposed by foundations and advocacy groups to save their parks.

Presenters include the chairman of the board of the Arizona State Parks Foundation Bill Meek and board member Bill Roe; President of the California State Park Foundation Elizabeth Goldstein; Director of California State Parks Ruth Coleman; and North Carolina state park director Lewis Ledford. NRPA Chief of Public Policy Rich Dolesh will moderate. If you want to fight for your parks, don’t miss this webinar.

Attendance is limited to the first 150 registrants. We anticipate that this webinar will be popular and encourage agencies to call in as groups.

For more information: <http://www.nrpa.org/Content.aspx?id=2708>

American Trails National Symposium - Call for Presentations

Mark your calendar for the 20th American Trails National Symposium in Chattanooga, TN November 14-17, 2010. The theme for the 2010 Symposium is Trails: The Green Way for America. To help us develop an exciting and motivating program for the Symposium, we invite you to submit ideas for presentations in support of the Symposium's theme. We expect to offer 40 concurrent sessions, each lasting 75 minutes.

The Program Committee is particularly seeking presentations that introduce new ideas, convey useful strategies, identify lessons learned, and strengthen participants' existing skills and knowledge — in the spirit of the Symposium theme. Potential topics for presentations include, but are definitely not limited to, the general topic areas that you will find included in the Call.

Another opportunity, in a smaller scale format, to display information about your project or issue to a wide audience is creating a poster. Posters will be displayed in a common area throughout the Symposium. Individuals displaying posters will also have an opportunity to share their "story" and to meet with interested attendees at designated times during the Symposium.

Deadline for submitting proposals: April 9, 2010

Download the Call for Presentations Packet: <http://www.americantrails.org/2010/call.html>

For additional information:

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Close-to-home recreation rises to the top in Obama budget

Courtesy of the Outdoor Industry Association

President Obama made it clear in his State of the Union address that government agencies should expect flat or declining budgets in the years ahead.

True to his pledge when the budget came out last week, the Department of Interior budget reflected a slight decrease, except for the Land and Water Conservation Fund – a key area for the outdoor industry.

The Department of Interior in total would receive about \$12.04 billion in 2011 down from \$12.15 billion the department received in 2010. However, President Obama proposed an increase of \$106 million for LWCF, recommending \$619 million for the program next year as part of the administration's Treasured Landscape initiative. The budget includes \$50 million for state

matching grants which is the federal government's main funding program for parks and trails.

Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar made it clear that the Obama administration's budget priorities for public lands include boosting dollars for urban parks and trails and that adding the green space throughout the country means job creation as well.

A recent study by the University of Massachusetts found that a million dollar investment in parks had the side benefit of creating 20 jobs – through initial construction and infrastructure work, and permanent, sustainable employment in park ranger, maintenance and transportation positions. The study found that an investment in forest and parks initially created jobs through the infrastructure buildup but in the long term created sustainable jobs such as park rangers, park maintenance and park transportation workers.

“We must fully fund this great legacy” Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar said in announcing the department's budget. “President Obama's budget includes \$619 million for LWCF. This is a 27 percent increase over 2010. And the 2010 budget was a 38 percent increase over 2009. We are well on our way to achieving a fundamental goal for this department. We hope to reach – and will reach – the \$900 million dollar mark by 2014.”

Missouri State Parks Announces the Youth Corps Program

This summer, young Missourians will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience to prepare for tomorrow's careers, while enjoying the beauty and grandeur of Missouri's state parks. The Missouri State Parks Youth Corps will challenge participants to “Think Outside” by accomplishing interesting projects that help preserve and enhance Missouri's state park system. In addition to developing the critical leadership skills that will prepare them for success in future careers, the program will bolster an appreciation for the environment and “green” concepts that are an exciting part of Missouri's growing industries.

Who is eligible: Missouri youth that are 17-21 years of age

Program timeframe: May 1 – Sept. 30, 2010

Work locations: Missouri's 85 state parks and state historic sites and at the state park central and district offices.

Salary: Minimum wage \$7.25/hour

Length of employment: 240 hours

Types of positions: Trail worker, office assistant, concession aide, interpretive aide, park/site aide, maintenance/landscaping aide, web site/communications aide

How to apply: Fill out the simple on-line application on the State Parks Youth Corps Web site: www.thinkoutside.mo.gov (available by Feb. 15, 2010). Counselors from Missouri's 14 Local Workforce Investment regions will recruit and select applicants for positions.

Program funding: Funding for the State Park Youth Corps is made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Workforce Investment Act.

The Missouri State Park Youth Corps is a partnership between the Missouri Department of Economic Development's Division of Workforce Development and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks.

For more information: call (800)-592-6020.

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

GS-0189-06 Recreation Assistants

Salary Range: 15.34 - 19.94 USD /hour

Open Period: Monday, February 08, 2010 to Monday, February 22, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0189-06

Position Information: Full Time Temporary NTE 1039 hours

Duty Locations: Few vacancies - Anchorage, AK

Who May Be Considered: United States Citizens

Job Announcement Number: BLMAK-10-310212-JO

Key Requirements:

U.S. Citizenship required

Background and/or Security Investigation required

Transcripts must be submitted by the closing date as applicable

DD Form 214 must be submitted by the closing date as applicable

Valid drivers license

Duties

Participates in a variety of field inventories in support of the outdoor recreation program.

Collects field data to determine compliance with wilderness and recreation plans, wilderness suitability, resource damage, recreation potential, requested use permits, impact of proposed resource plans, and current recreation usage.

Researches literature, plans, and regulations to gather information on recreational issues.

Compiles and summarizes data for surveys.

Enters data into computer system and runs standard programs to check data from surveys.

Enters data into GIS system including GPS data and produces map products.

Conducts on-site surveillance of contractor or agency crews engaged in facilities and trail maintenance to determine compliance with contract or instructions.

Issues routine special use permits.

Requires the use of motor vehicles; in most cases this will be a four-wheel drive vehicle or ATV.

Provides detailed information to public on recreation opportunities.

Performs other required duties as assigned.

For questions regarding the duties of this position, please call Jorjena Daly at (907) 267-1317.

For more information:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=85472938&JobTitle=Recreation+Assistant&q=B LMAK-10-310212-JO&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=69&y=17&AVSDM=2010-02-08+00%3a03%3a00>

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

Salary Range: 47,448.00 - 74,628.00 USD /year

Open Period: Friday, February 05, 2010 to Friday, March 05, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0401-09/11

Position Information: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

Promotion Potential: 11

Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Dutch John, UT

Who May Be Considered: US citizens

Job Announcement Number: ADS10-R4ANF-FGRD-2774DP (PJ)

Job summary:

Applications for this position are being processed through an on-line applicant assessment system that has been specifically configured for USDA Forest Service applicants. Even if you have already developed a resume in USAJOBS, you will need to access this on-line system to complete the application process. To obtain information about this position and TO APPLY, please click on <http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?ref=NBWPI>.

Duties:

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

Participates in the preparation of organization budget proposals and planning.

Participates in, coordinates, and/or manages natural resources programs and projects.

Participates in the monitoring of natural resources programs and activities to ensure their quality and effectiveness.

For more information:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=86126032&aid=90127670-9210&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement – National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner

Salary Range: 61,612.00 - 96,001.00 USD /year

Open Period: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 to Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0023-11/12

Position Information: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

Promotion Potential: 12

Duty Locations: few vacancies - Lakewood, CO

Who May Be Considered: United States Citizens

Job Announcement Number: NPSWASO-CO-10-317227-BT-DEU

Job Summary:

This position is located in the Planning Division of the National Park Service (NPS) Denver Service Center (DSC). The Planning Division provides direct planning services to the parks and their partners, serves to innovate, test and refine best planning practices and helps build planning capability for the NPS planning program, and provides project and contract coordination and management services.

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. Become a part of your mission to unite our past, our cultures and our special places, to establish important connections to the present and build a rich and lasting legacy for future generations.

Duties:

Responsible for performing a variety of duties including, but not limited to the following:

- Helping park staff, in collaboration with the public, to develop long-term, defensible strategies for managing visitor use and user capacity in parks.- Applying the knowledge of applicable research related to visitor demographics, motivations, preferences, impacts, and benefits to help address complex visitor use management issues.
- Participating in all phases of the planning process for a variety of park projects.
- Serving as a visitor use project specialist on interdisciplinary project teams.
- Assembling and analyzing technical information related to the visitor use management discipline to support planning and compliance processes.
- Preparing recommendations regarding goals, objectives, and alternatives for planning and compliance projects.
- Assessing potential impacts on visitor opportunities and visitor experiences as a result of proposed management actions.
- Writing sections of planning and compliance documents
- Representing the NPS in a variety of settings and to diverse audiences.
- Facilitating internal, public, and stakeholder meetings and workshops.
- Maintaining professional contacts and relationships within the field of visitor use management.
- Defining scopes of services and overseeing contracts for planning and scientific services.

For more information:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=86017253&aid=90127670-9210&WT.mc_n=125