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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

2010 NARRP & RMS Symposium Requests

Just a couple of reminders as we approach our joint symposium with the River Management Society this May in Portland, Oregon. First, please be sure to sign up for the conference by the end of March to take advantage of early registration discounts. Second, if you have a couple of items from your organization that you'd be willing to donate to the silent auction, which supports our student scholarships, please remember to bring those along to the symposium. Handmade items and items representing your region or favorite recreational activity are also welcome.

We are looking for a few room hosts. Their duties are simply to quiet everyone down as they come into a breakout session, briefly introduce the speaker then keep track of time so the session does not run over. Not exactly a resume builder, but it's an important function to keep the sessions on time. If you'd like to volunteer for a session or two, please contact rick.just@idpr.idaho.gov.

Arizona lawmaker blocks plan for public park vote

Courtesy of EastValleyTribune.com

By Howard Fischer

A single legislator is blocking a plan to ask voters to permanently fund the state parks system with a surcharge on vehicle license fees.

Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Fountain Hills, will not schedule a hearing on HCR2040 in the Appropriations Committee which he chairs. And Kavanagh said he will not consent to having the measure withdrawn from his committee.

That effectively keeps the plan from going to the full House where Rep. Russ Jones, R-Yuma, said he has the votes for approval.

The parks system actually is being hit with a double-whammy in its efforts to minimize closures.

HB2060 would provide a \$40 million loan over the next two years to the Parks Department. But that is hung up because a minority of legislators object to the plan and question its legality.

Majority rule does not apply because the cash would come from the Growing Smarter fund, approved by voters more than a decade ago to purchase or lease state trust land for open space. And any legislative change in the use of those dollars - even to borrow them - requires approval of 45 of 60 House members and 23 of 30 senators.

Rep. Tom Chabin, D-Flagstaff, said it's "tempting" to vote for the measure. But Chabin said it's unconstitutional. Even if it were, he said, it doesn't either guarantee long-term funding for parks or, on a larger scale, fund all the other services that have been cut.

"The problem is revenue," he said.

He supports HCR2040 - the measure Kavanagh has tied up in his committee.

One bill is moving: SB1349 would let the Parks Board seek offers to operate some facilities without going through the normal bidding process. That would expedite the process of seeing if private groups or local or tribal governments would use their own funds to keep nearby parks open.

That bill gained formal Senate approval this past week and awaits House action.

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Phoenix, said that's just a stop-gap proposal. But Kavanagh and some Republicans see farming out the parks - and their operating costs - as one solution to system's budget woes.

The parks system gets no taxpayer dollars. It operates on about \$8.5 million in entrance fees plus revenues from special sources, like a tax on boat registrations to improve state lakes.

But lawmakers, looking for operating cash for the state, raided those funds - including the entrance fees - leaving the system short of money. And the amount of future revenues from parks that make a profit is not enough to offset those that operate at a deficit.

That led to the decisions by the Parks Board to close 13 parks. Two - Homolovi Ruins and Lyman Lake - already are shut. Six others will close March 29, with five more set to lock their gates on June 3.

Jones' proposal would impose a \$12 surcharge on registration fee of every non-commercial vehicle, with 75 percent of the cash going to the Parks Board. The balance would go to the Department of Transportation to administer the system and, with what is left over, reopen 13 rest areas along state roads that were closed earlier this year because of that agency's budget crunch.

"It's a tax increase, which isn't consistent with the Republican program," Kavanagh said. And he said there is no link between registering a vehicle and funding the parks system.

He also pointed out that HCR2040 is contingent on voter approval in November. Under the terms of the Arizona Constitution, that would place the proceeds off limits to legislators, even if the levy generates more than was needed.

But it's exactly that limit that makes it more attractive to supporters: It would prevent the raids that got the park system into financial problems in the first place.

That same constitutional provision figures in the effort to corral votes for HB 2060.

It bars lawmakers from altering anything approved by voters unless the change "further the purpose of such measure." Even then, it requires a three-fourths vote of each chamber.

Chabin said diverting dollars meant to purchase open space to operate the parks system does not fit within that exception. Rep. Warde Nichols, R-Gilbert, disagreed, saying that keeping parks open provides open space.

But the legal question is, for the moment, moot because Nichols has been unable to line up the necessary 45 votes.

Job Announcement: National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner

Salary Range: 62,467.00 - 81,204.00 USD /year

Open Period: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 to Monday, March 15, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0023-11

Position Information: Full Time Term NTE 13 months, n

Promotion Potential: 12

Duty Locations: few vacancies - Annapolis Metro area, MD

Who May Be Considered: United States Citizens

Job Announcement Number: GETT-10-38DEU

Job Summary:

The position being advertised is located at the Chesapeake Bay Program Office. For more information about the program, please visit www.nps.gov/CBPO.

Applications will be accepted from United States citizens and nationals. You do not have to be a current or former government employee to be considered for this position. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, or 16 years old and graduated high school.

This is a TERM appointment not-to-exceed 13 months. It may be extended in increments of one year up to a total of 4 years. This position may be terminated at any time due to lack of work or lack of funds. Term appointments do not confer competitive status, and do not lead to a permanent appointment.

This position is being filled at the GS-11 level. It has promotion potential to the GS-12. Incumbent may be non-competitively promoted to the GS-12 level once all regulatory criteria have been met. But the position will be at the GS-11 position for one year.

Later selections may be made from this vacancy announcement as the need arises.

Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid. Any travel, transportation, and relocation expenses associated with reporting for duty in this position will be the responsibility of the selected employee.

Government housing is not available.

Major Duties:

This position will be located in the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office. Information about programs managed by this office can be found at <http://baygateways.net> . This office

represents the NPS in the state/federal Chesapeake Bay Program partnership, coordinated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in Annapolis, MD. Information about the Chesapeake Bay Program may be found at <http://www.baygateways.net/>.

Incumbent serves as an Outdoor Recreation Planner for the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office. The office is primarily focused on managing the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (CAJO), and the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail (STSP). Major duties include but are not limited to:

- * Assists in the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Management Plans for CAJO and STSP, including public outreach, planning workshops, development of implementation plans, and implementation of early action projects;
- * Advises non-profit, local and state governments and citizen groups with regional, community, and site-focused planning and implementation efforts to enhance interpretation, public-access and conservation;
- * Assists designated Chesapeake Bay Gateways in implementing projects focusing on interpretation, public access and conservation and restoration initiatives.
- * Coordinates implementation of various CAJO, STSP and Gateways initiatives and projects, including training sessions, development of thematic linkages between multiple sites, and creation of plans and strategies for public access and conservation.

For more information:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=86583081&aid=90127670-9310&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement: USDA Forest Service

Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

Salary Range: 57,408.00 - 74,628.00 USD /year

Open Period: Thursday, March 04, 2010 to Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0401-11/11

Position Information: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

Promotion Potential: 11

Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Tijeras, NM

Who May Be Considered: US citizens

Job Announcement Number: ADS10-R3CIB-2190DP (P-CL)

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, click on <http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?ref=DJHAB>.

Duties:

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

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

Performs the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. Plans, schedules, and assigns work to subordinates. Establishes guidelines and performance expectations for staff members; provides feedback and periodically evaluates employee performance. Provides advice, counsel, and/or instruction to staff members. Recommends or approves appointments, selections, or reassignments to positions appropriate to the selection authority delegated. Effects disciplinary measures as appropriate to the authority delegated in this area. Carries out Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies and program activities.

Provides assistance in the implementation and evaluation of programs and projects.

For more information:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=86614871&aid=90127670-9310&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement: USDA Forest Service

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

Salary Range: 68,809.00 - 89,450.00 USD /year

Open Period: Thursday, March 04, 2010 to Thursday, April 01, 2010

Series & Grade: GS-0401-12/12

Position Information: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

Promotion Potential: 12

Duty Locations: 1 vacancy - Monte Vista, CO

Who May Be Considered: US citizens

Job Announcement Number: ADS10-RGNF-2041DP-PMS

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, click on <http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?ref=MACKX>.

Duties:

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

Provides technical assistance and advice on outdoor recreation and recreation resource areas, including policy, programs, plans, studies, funding, and permits.

Manages or assists in the management of real property that is federally owned, owned by North American Indian tribes or tribal members, leased or held, or acquired through default of federally insured loans or through other federal programs. Grants easements, or issues leases, licenses, and permits for a variety of uses, both public and private, for rural property, undeveloped land, forest, or timberland, and associated mineral, timber, grazing, air, or water rights. Duties may include coordinating land use authorizations, such as federal mineral lease or special uses.

Identifies unauthorized use of federally controlled property. Conducts inventories, utilization surveys, and/or compliance inspections. Resolves problems, including referring disputes for court actions.

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

Participates in the preparation of organization budget proposals and planning.

Provides guidance on development and protection plans for natural resources, including land, water, mountains, forests, wildlife, and other outdoor elements that are useful for recreation purposes.

For more information:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=86661927&aid=90127670-9310&WT.mc_n=125