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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

Aw, Wilderness!

Courtesy of the New York Times

By Ted Stroll

One day in early 1970, a cross-country skier got lost along the 46-mile Kekekabic Trail, which winds through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota. Unable to make his way out, he died of exposure.

In response, the Forest Service installed markers along the trail. But when, years later, it became time to replace them, the agency refused, claiming that the 1964 Wilderness Act banned signage in the nation's wilderness areas.

Despite the millions of people who have visited the country's national parks, forests and wildernesses this summer, the Forest Service has become increasingly strict in its enforcement of the Wilderness Act. The result may be more pristine lands, but the agency's zealous enforcement has also heightened safety risks and limited access to America's wilderness areas.

Over the last 45 years Congress has designated as wilderness 40 percent of the land in our national parks and one-third of the land in our national forests — more than 170,000 square miles, an area nearly as large as California, Massachusetts and New Jersey combined. In March 2009, President Obama signed a law protecting 3,125 more square miles, the largest expansion in more than a generation.

Wilderness, according to the act, is space “where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.” Within those areas, the act forbids cars, roads, structures and anything else that could impair the “outstanding opportunities for solitude.”

At the same time, though, Congress wanted people to use the land for recreation, so it allowed access to wilderness areas for hunting, hiking, canoeing and climbing.

Over the decades an obvious contradiction has emerged between preservation and access. As the Forest Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management — each of which claims jurisdiction over different wilderness areas — adopted stricter interpretations of the act, they forbade signs, baby strollers, certain climbing tools and carts that hunters use to carry game.

As a result, the agencies have made these supposedly open recreational areas inaccessible and even dangerous, putting themselves in opposition to healthy and environmentally sound human-powered activities, the very thing Congress intended the Wilderness Act to promote.

Part of the problem is that many of today's common outdoor activities were unheard of in 1964, including trail cycling and wind-powered skiing. In forbidding them, the agencies invoke the Wilderness Act's ban on "mechanical transport." But the act's legislative history makes clear that Congress never intended to stop people from using their own power to travel or shepherd their children, or from using light mechanical assistance that leaves no lasting trace.

The agencies have even taken on Capitol Hill: in 1980 Congress authorized bicycling in Montana's Rattlesnake Wilderness, but the Forest Service refused to allow it.

The official resistance to wilderness signage, in particular, has become a safety issue. Every summer numerous backpackers, hikers and hunters get lost in the wilderness, with occasionally fatal results. In 2008, two experienced hikers along the Kekekabic Trail — the same Minnesota trail where the skier perished in 1970 — were lost for days and nearly ran out of food. The Forest Service listened to their complaints about the lack of signage but refused to act.

In response to the agencies' inflexibility, groups of outdoor enthusiasts have lined up against any expansion of wilderness areas — an unfortunate result, because these people should be the natural constituents of a wilderness protection program.

The Wilderness Act is a monumental achievement in national resource conservation. But unless federal agencies begin to interpret it more reasonably, it is an achievement that even fewer numbers of people will want, or even be able, to enjoy.

New Hampshire is latest to weigh state parks sponsorship

Courtesy of Stateline.org

By John Gramlich, Stateline Staff Writer

New Hampshire may soon join the list of states with corporate sponsorship for its state parks. The Associated Press reported this weekend that the state is exploring a deal with Eastern Mountain Sports, the New Hampshire-based outdoor clothing and apparel maker, that could result in state park employees wearing the firm's logo on their uniforms.

"The details are still being worked out in New Hampshire, but the intent is to have Eastern Mountain Sports promote state parks in its outdoor clothing and apparel stores in exchange for having state parks promote the company's products," the AP said. "That could mean park uniforms featuring the Mountain Sports logo, the company's name arranged in the shape of a mountain range."

The discussion in New Hampshire follows a recent agreement in Georgia under which Verizon Wireless is providing state parks with some much-needed funding and, in exchange, the state is promoting the firm in publicity materials and on its website, getting the Verizon name out to those who camp, fish and hike. As Stateline reported earlier this month, there may not be cell phone service at some of Georgia's state parks, but that isn't preventing Verizon from seeing the deal as advantageous.

It's part of a growing trend of commercialization at state parks -- which, like many other areas of state government, are suffering from a lack of money. While state parks have traditionally resisted commercialization, "a growing number of states are trying out or considering corporate sponsorship or exclusive distribution deals as a way to help close budget gaps," Stateline's Melissa Maynard reported.

Maine and Virginia are among the other states that have sought to prop up their state parks budget with the help of the private sector.

Will Utah Look at Privatizing State's Parks?

Courtesy of RVbusiness.com

The chairman of a Utah board looking at the potential for privatizing state government functions would like to see Utah privatize a handful of state parks to see if they can be run more efficiently than they are now, the Salt Lake Tribune reported.

The Utah Privatization Policy Board, an advisory panel to the Legislature, has been exploring privatization for several months. But Randy Simmons, chairman of the board, said he would like to see a pilot project to see how private companies can manage six to eight state parks.

The state currently manages 43 parks, reservoirs, museums and golf courses. A handful are profitable, but many, particularly the museums, are not, Mike Styler, director of the Department of Natural Resources, told the panel Wednesday.

Parks receive about \$31 million annually in operating funds from the state.

Simmons, former Providence mayor and head of the political science department at Utah State University, suggests putting money-makers and -losers together to find a balance.

The idea of park privatization was raised during this year's legislative session, but no action was taken.

State Parks Director Mary Tullius said Utah has a bad track record with contracting for management of its parks.

She said about 25 years ago, a private contractor ran a campground at Willard Bay and "they literally ran it into the ground." The managers built a water slide, but then let both that and the facilities deteriorate to the point that the state had to come in and invest millions of dollars to dismantle the slide and rebuild the campground.

Echo Reservoir is currently run by a private company and, she said, "they don't even allow people to camp there anymore because it's so run down." It is a public safety hazard with little law enforcement.

She said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has asked the state if it would run the park and the state declined unless the bureau would invest the money to fix the site.

"I guess I look at those different than she does," Simmons said. "To me that looks like a

complete failure on the parks side for not monitoring the contract. It's a serious potential problem if you don't design the contract right and then if you don't monitor it."

Utah County Commissioner Steve White, who is on the board, is generally a fan of privatization.

"I personally tried to get my colleagues to divest three parks" that Utah County owns, White said. "County government doesn't have any business doing overnight camping sites. The [U.S.] Forest Service does overnight camping and they contract out to private providers."

Simmons said he would like to hear from contractors and managers from other states that have experience with contracting to run parks.

"So far we've been talking about fairyland, and we need to talk seriously with [the experts]," he said. Among the companies Simmons hopes to hear from is Orem-based American Land & Leisure, which runs concessionary facilities on public lands in several states.

Camping report shows youth and minority participation increased in 2009

Courtesy of the Outdoor Industry Association

The 2010 Special Report on Camping released by The Outdoor Foundation and The Coleman Company included some encouraging news on both the youth participation and diversity fronts.

The study is based on 40,141 online interviews conducted in January and February with a nationwide sample of individuals and households from the U.S. Online Panel operated by Synovate. A total of 15,067 individual and 25,074 household surveys were completed. The surveys focused on participation in backyard and car camping, which is defined as camping taking place within a quarter mile of a vehicle or home. It also focused on participation in RV camping.

The report shows participation rates for backyard, car and RV camping among 6- to 12-year-olds rose to 25.2 percent in 2009 from 23.2 percent in 2008. That was the highest growth in participation rates shown for any age group. Participation for 13 to 17 year olds, by contrast, dipped to 20.1 percent from 20.4 percent. The rise in participation of younger children helped hold the median age for all participants at 33 after three consecutive years of back-to-back increases. Median age had crept from 29 in 2006 to 30 in 2007 and 33 in 2008.

The report said that 8.2 percent of respondents who participated in camping last year were doing so for the first time. The median age of this group was 25. The most encouraging statistic may be that 25.8 percent of new campers were "ethnically diverse" compared to just 14.1 percent for all campers. Because it is the first time the survey sought to identify first-time campers, it's not known whether or how any of these percentages changed in 2009. However, the higher level of participation of minorities is certainly encouraging given the industry's deep concerns over the lack of people of color in outdoor participation.

Among minority participants, Hispanics remained the largest segment at 5.7 percent, while Asian/Pacific Islanders accounted for 3.1 percent, African American/Blacks 2.9 percent and other 2.5 percent.

The study showed youth's perception of the outdoors waivers significantly as they age. Among kids ages 6 to 12, 16.7 percent agreed that "outdoor activities are difficult and/or scary." That percentage dropped to 9.1 percent for kids in the 13- to 17-year-old range before jumping back up to 17.3 percent for young adults aged 18 to 24.

While the study does not provide an ethnic breakdown of those attitudes, separate research released in May by the Children and Nature Network (C&NN) indicates that minorities rate nature experiences for their children at a lower level than Caucasian/White Americans. "African Americans were notably lower in their agreement about the value of nature experiences for supporting cognitive/emotional development and were also distinctly concerned with their children's safety," reads the report.

American Indian/First Nations peoples, by contrast, tend to support these concepts more strongly than all of the other ethnic groups. It appears, however, that fear of allowing children to play in the outdoors cuts across ethnic boundaries and even outdoor experience. Even among adults who played as children in wooded areas, near creeks and streams, or mountains and wild places, only 62 percent said they would allow their children the same opportunities today. Those living in urban areas were clearly more inclined to perceive dangers than those living in smaller towns and rural areas, perhaps reflecting a general concern over public safety in more urban environments.

Still, adults with children in their households were still significantly more likely to camp in 2009, according to The Outdoor Foundation report. The report found 18.4 percent of adults with children ages 1 to 17 in their households participated in camping compared to 11.7 percent of adults with no children in the household. Predictably, participation rates were highest among families with kids aged 6 to 12.

Regardless, it's clear that outdoor brands, their reps and dealers still have lots of work to do educating the public about the real risks and dangers posed by outdoor recreation.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center to Prevent Childhood Obesity

The RWJF Center has posted a variety of webinars on preventing childhood obesity.

CHECK IT OUT - <http://www.reversechildhoodobesity.org/webinars/>

Your feedback sought by The Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP)

STEP is the sole source of funding available at present for the National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC), see www.enhancements.org. If NTEC is important to you, you are invited to provide feedback. Please feel free to offer feedback under any categories for which you have good ideas.

WHERE TO COMMENT: Please see the information below. If you submit feedback, please make sure you provide your feedback under a relevant category, either "Overall STEP Comments" or one of the specific categories provided. At present, NTEC funding is coming through the Bicycles / Pedestrians category, but you may provide comments under any category where you have feedback, such as wetlands, historic preservation, livability, planning, etc.

There have not been any trail-related research proposals through STEP. Trail-related projects are eligible for STEP funds, provided they relate to surface transportation, but nothing has been proposed yet.

The Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (STEP) is a Federally administered research program authorized in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The general objective of the STEP is to improve understanding of the complex relationship between surface transportation, planning, and the environment. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) anticipates that the STEP (or a similar program to provide resources for national research on issues related to planning, environment and realty) will be included in future surface transportation legislation.

The FHWA's Office of Planning, Environment and Realty (HEP) uses STEP funding to conduct research and develop tools and technologies to advance both the state of the practice and art for national environment, planning and realty research initiatives. Stakeholder input is used to help identify and prioritize STEP research topics and to develop and implement the national research agenda.

The FHWA issued a Federal Register notice on July 2, 2010 soliciting suggested lines of research for the proposed FY2011 STEP. To provide your feedback, please visit the STEP Web site and review the draft FY 2011 STEP Implementation Strategy:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/HEP/STEP/strategy.htm>.

After reviewing the proposed strategy, please submit your feedback at:
<http://knowledge.fhwa.dot.gov/cops/step.nsf>.

The deadline for submitting feedback is September 30, 2010.

Byways Online Learning Opportunity: Click Into The Corridor Management Plan Webcast Series

America's Byways Resource Center invites you to use the power and convenience of the Internet for free, intensive training on corridor management plan development and implementation. Five modules, each running about an hour or up to two hours in length, were recorded from live, online workshops presented to the byway community in April and May of 2010. (See www.bywaysresourcecenter.org/topics/corridor-management/planning/tools/1562/.)

"The online format allows individuals from any of the byways to complete these sessions when it's convenient," said Chel Ethun, Training Manager at the Resource Center. "You could also gather a group of byway members together and share the learning experience. You'd just need a computer, Internet connection and a projection system."

Each webcast session features a facilitator from America's Byways Resource Center and guest speakers with expertise and experience in the topic area. In addition, each session provides a downloadable PDF or other documentation.

"Anyone drafting or revisiting a corridor management plan will find helpful information here," Chel said. "The recorded discussions and activities can serve as catalysts to create the same types of discussions and activities with your local byway community members, too."

Another webcast, "Corridor Management Planning for Byways," (available at: www.bywaysresourcecenter.org/topics/corridor-management/planning/tools/1490/), provides an excellent tutorial prior to viewing the modular series.

"Newer byway community members or those unfamiliar with the fundamentals of corridor management planning could also benefit from reviewing Byways 101 (see www.byways101.org/)," Chel added.

MODULAR OVERVIEW

MODULE I: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE, INTRINSIC QUALITIES AND INVENTORY

The introductory module helps byway leaders to understand the corridor management plan (CMP) as an umbrella for other types of plans, always connecting to the intrinsic qualities and their relationship to the 14 points of a CMP as defined in the National Scenic Byways Program Interim Policy (http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=1995_register&docid=fr18my95-105). It provides tools for leading your group through drafting a statement of significance or a foundation statement. You'll also learn different methods for conducting a resource inventory on a byway.

MODULE II: MAPPING

Mapping methods can include digitized displays, paper displays, GIS, and more. Cartography, especially with the involvement of partners, is critical for your CMP. It's also important to revisit your mapping throughout the life of your CMP as technologies, physical changes, outside influences and other factors can impact the results.

MODULE III: THE PHYSICAL CORRIDOR AND GENERAL PLANNING WITHIN THE PHYSICAL CORRIDOR

Byway groups work to promote, protect and preserve their unique intrinsic qualities. Careful planning and thoughtful management are your best tools for achieving your goal; rarely can you reach your objectives through legal action. National Scenic Byways Program legislation (www.bywaysonline.org/program/us_code.html) contains only one prohibition, which is designed to control outdoor advertising. Understand the outdoor advertising laws. Learn about road management authorities, land management entities, and safety and transportation guidelines to strengthen your plan.

MODULE IV: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

Public participation is critical to the CMP development process. Gain skills in encouraging dialogue and diffusing conflicts, including how to invite participants, ways to keep records, and steps to define outcomes. You'll also hear about various partnership models and ways to reach out to potential partners.

MODULE V: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AND USING THE CMP

Your completed CMP offers a framework for further planning and decision making. For example,

marketing and interpretation plans reflect the CMP's intention via specific actions. Every year, your strategic plan and action plan will guide your byway work-in accordance with the framework established within the CMP. Future projects and even your organization's meeting are an extension of the CMP.

By following the suggestions of experts and the best practices of your colleagues, you can improve the usefulness of your CMP now-and down the road.

Psst! The National Park Service is hiring

Courtesy of the Miami Herald

By E.B. Solomont

Here's a hot job tip for lovers of the great outdoors. In an otherwise stagnant job market, the U.S. National Park Service is hiring, reports CNNMoney.com.

If you've always wanted to be a park ranger, your chances of landing that coveted gig right now are pretty good: More than half the positions in the Northeast will be vacant in the next five years, said Chief Ranger Jill Hawk. In particular, urban parks - like the Statue of Liberty in New York, Bunker Hill Monument in Boston and Independence Hall in Philadelphia - are notoriously tough to staff. (They're not in the wilderness, so nature-lovers typically vie for boldface names like Glacier National Park in Montana or Olympic National Park in Washington.)

"The myth of the national park ranger is that they're at Yosemite," said Hawk. "What's not really well known is that there are park rangers in the inner city protecting the national heritage of the U.S."

Over the summer, the NPS recruited students at urban colleges for summer gigs that could lead to full-time work. Students at Temple University in Philadelphia and at San Antonio College in Texas spent 12 weeks earning up to \$16 an hour in the hopes of landing a \$50,000-a-year gig as one of 1,500 armed law enforcement rangers when they graduate. The main idea behind the summer internship is to "reach a younger audience and people who maybe never thought of the park service before," says NPS spokeswoman Kathy Kupper.

And the job likely will be there for them: Right now, Hawk said the NPS has 10 ranger slots open at Independence National Historical Park and 25 openings in the Northeast. Most park rangers spend several years working at different parks around the country before they land plum jobs in places like Yosemite National Park in California, or Acadia National Park in Maine.

This summer, the student interns worked in urban locations, such as Independence Hall. College administrators praised the recruitment drive, describing it as a unique kind of economic stimulus. "We want people to think broadly, particularly in this economy," said Rachel Brown, director of Temple's Career Center.

Job Announcement – US Fish and Wildlife Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner (Training)

SALARY RANGE: \$51,630.00 - \$81,204.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, August 23, 2010 to Tuesday, September 07, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-09/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 11

DUTY LOCATIONS: Few vacancies - Shepherdstown, WV

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Applications will be accepted from current and former federal employees eligible for reinstatement and persons eligible under special appointing authorities, and veterans eligible under VEOA.

KEY REQUIREMENTS: U.S. Citizenship Required

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: R9-10-378861-AR

JOB SUMMARY:

You too can make a difference in our world. The work of the US Fish and Wildlife Service is meaningful and varied. Want to know more about what it is like to work for us? Click here to watch a short podcast called Meet Your New Boss!

This position is located within the Branch of Conservation Land Management, Division of Training at the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) under the Assistant Director for External Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The purpose of the position is to serve as an Outdoor Recreation Planner (Training Specialist) to develop, coordinate, deliver, and evaluate training programs to meet Service-wide natural resource and conservation training needs.

DUTIES:

Assist in the development and delivery of training courses and programs including, but not limited to: evaluates proposals from potential vendors to deliver off-the-shelf training; develops course objectives, agendas, lesson plans, training aids, classroom exercises, and other instructional materials; evaluates the effectiveness of instructors and course content; and makes appropriate changes to instructional methods and course content based on training objectives.

Coordinate course logistics including the following: prepares specifications, evaluates proposals, and administers contracts for services and purchases; evaluates and selects off-site training locations and arranges for their use; assists in preparing course notebooks and other training materials; provides audio/visual support and obtains needed equipment; and arranges logistical and other training needs for course instructors.

Deliver course offerings or training modules for selected training courses under the guidance of a course leader or curriculum manager.

Respond to both external and internal customers and training providers regarding course dates and locations, availability, etc. Maintains accurate and up-to-date information in the DOI Learn learning management system (LMS). Works with various groups to plan, organize, and deliver training, meetings and/or workshops, and serves as a meeting or training facilitator. Supports the mission of NCTC and the Service through work on special projects and assignments, as requested.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90248960&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner+\(Training\)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=jt%3a\(recreation+\)%26recreation+planning&jbf5](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90248960&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner+(Training)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=jt%3a(recreation+)%26recreation+planning&jbf5)

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Job Announcement – US Fish and Wildlife Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner (Training)

SALARY RANGE: \$62,467.00 - \$97,333.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, August 23, 2010 to Tuesday, September 07, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-11/12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: Few vacancies - Shepherdstown, WV

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: This position is open to all current career or career-conditional Department of the Interior (DOI) employees and Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) eligibles.

KEY REQUIREMENTS: U.S. Citizenship Required

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: R9-10-378771-AR

JOB SUMMARY:

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The purpose of the position is to serve as an Outdoor Recreation Planner (Training Specialist) to develop, coordinate, deliver, and evaluate training programs to meet Service-wide natural resource and conservation training needs.

DUTIES:

Serves as a course leader or instructor for selected courses or course sessions related to communications, outreach, and visitor services. The incumbent plans, organizes, schedules, and coordinates the work of course instructors; recruits high quality instructors, provides assignments, specifies timelines, reviews training materials, evaluates instructor and course effectiveness, and recommends appropriate changes to instructional methods and course content based on training objectives.

Develops course objectives, including performance and instructional objectives; prepares and develops course content and format; develops assessments as needed for course and student evaluation; and makes short- and long-term updates and changes to courses as necessary to maintain technical accuracy and validity.

Coordinates course logistics including the following: evaluates and selects off-site training locations and arranges for their use; prepares specifications, evaluates proposals, and administers contracts for services and purchases; assists in preparing course notebooks, instructional materials, and providing audio/visual support; obtains needed equipment and arranges logistics and other training needs for course instructors; assists in conducting necessary close-out tasks after the completion of each training class. Supports the mission of the NCTC and the Service through work on special projects and assignments, as requested

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90244798&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner+\(Training\)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a\(recreation+\)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-23+09%3a30%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90244798&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner+(Training)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a(recreation+)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-23+09%3a30%3a00)

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)

SALARY RANGE: \$38,790.00 - \$61,678.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, August 20, 2010 to variable – see job announcement #s

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/09

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Cedar City, UT

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-0407-7751G-JG, Status Eligibles, Closes 9/17/10

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-0407-7751DP-JG, Demo, Closes 9/3/10

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=VFEDB>.

DUTIES:

The incumbent is responsible for performing oversight and management of the District's trails and off-highway vehicle (OHV) programs. Plans and administers recreation program activities. Plans and oversees construction of recreation trails, parking areas, trailhead facilities, and new access roads. Develops and administers recreation special-use programs related to trails management, including dispersed recreation, OHV's, snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, and other winter-related special uses in compliance with national guidelines and direction. Negotiates with private landowners to secure rights-of-way deeds or easements for the trail system. Coordinates OHV enforcement efforts with local agencies, ensuring compliance of OHV trail operations with Federal laws. Spends 10-15% of the time supervising temporary employees performing trail construction/reconstruction work and FPO duties.

Participates in the development of natural resource plans and policies for the organization. Provides input for the unit land management planning team. Provides input to or develops specific portions of annual program of work. Recommends, prepares, or reviews annual operating plans and budgets. Prepares scoping documents and environmental documentation for trail construction, reconstruction, and trailhead improvement projects.

Work involves the gathering and compiling of information and/or development of databases for use in natural resource management activities. Summarizes data, makes calculations, and presents preliminary statistical analysis to the appropriate specialist. Conducts trail condition surveys and studies of the existing trail system. Recommends trails and sites for additional recreational use.

Participates in, coordinates, and/or manages natural resources programs and projects. Gathers, compiles, and analyzes data to determine needs. Serves as project leader on approved unit natural resource improvement projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90207689&JobTitle=Natural+Resource+Specialist+\(Recreation\)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a\(recreation+\)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-20+12%3a32%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90207689&JobTitle=Natural+Resource+Specialist+(Recreation)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a(recreation+)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-20+12%3a32%3a00)

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

SALARY RANGE: \$38,790.00 - \$61,678.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 to variable – see job announcement #s

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/09

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Sedona, AZ

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-03040006-05478DP (PM) Demo, closes 9/14/10

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-03040006-5476G (PM) Status Candidates, closes 9/27/10

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=FMFMF>.

DUTIES:

Plans and administers recreation program activities. Assists the Recreation Staff Officer with day to day recreation operations and maintenance; serves as campground concessionaire permit administrator including operations plans and GT improvements; plans and coordinates the work of Forest Protection Officers and their patrol areas; manages recreation vehicle pool; plans and coordinates the work activities related to 5 Wilderness areas, 300 miles of non-motorized trails, and two Wild and Scenic Rivers; provides leadership for volunteer projects; and assists with materials and supplies purchasing and recreation budget planning and expenditure tracking.

Participates in the development of natural resource plans and policies for the organization. Specifically assists with planning of recreation sites and development of recreation management strategies for areas with high visitation.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90439352&JobTitle=Natural+Resources+Specialist+\(Recreation\)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=jt%3a\(recreation+\)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-31+16%3a00%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90439352&JobTitle=Natural+Resources+Specialist+(Recreation)&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=jt%3a(recreation+)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&jt=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-08-31+16%3a00%3a00)

Job Announcement – National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner, GS-0023-09/11

SALARY RANGE: \$47,448.00 - \$74,628.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, September 02, 2010 to Thursday, September 16, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-09/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 11

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Yellowstone National Park, WY

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: YL380840 (Demo)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: YL380838 (Status Candidates)

JOB SUMMARY:

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. Become a part of our 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. For more information about the National Park Service, click National Park Service Information.

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Open to all qualified persons. You do not have to be a current or former government employee to be considered for this position.

This announcement is being advertised under delegated examining procedures and is open to all citizens. The vacancy is concurrently advertised under merit promotion procedures under announcement number YL380838. Candidates who wish to be considered under both procedures MUST apply and submit complete application packages to both vacancies.

This announcement is expected to be used to fill one permanent, subject-to-furlough, Outdoor Recreation Planner position; however, management may use this announcement to fill other identical positions should work needs increase.

This position is expected to be furloughed 2 weeks per year, but this may vary from 2 to 26 weeks depending on funding availability and work needs.

MAJOR DUTIES:

This position is located in the Office of the Superintendent, Branch of Comprehensive Planning and Design. The incumbent will be part of a team that will deliver innovative, comprehensive planning that assures protection of park resources and provisions for enhanced visitor experiences. This position would work with the planning team as a project manager to develop components of large comprehensive plans for developed areas within the park such as Old Faithful, Lake, and Mammoth. The incumbent should have skills in writing, facilitation, coordination, and an understanding of park resources. The job entails mostly collaborative work with other CPD staff, interdisciplinary teams, other divisions, management, the public, and partners to create alternatives and planning components that guide development. Each plan includes environmental compliance and analysis to assess the impacts of each proposal. Work will include integrating the contributions of multiple authors and participants into a written plan and environmental assessment using the template developed for the Tower Roosevelt Comprehensive Plan. When planning challenges arise, the incumbent will facilitate solutions in a manner that is inclusive and workable.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90462632&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner%2c+GS-0023-09%2f11&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a\(recreation+\)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&it=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-09-02+00%3a03%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90462632&JobTitle=Outdoor+Recreation+Planner%2c+GS-0023-09%2f11&fn=4436%2c4326%2c4237&q=it%3a(recreation+)%26recreation+planning&jbf573=15511%2c15514%2c15515%2c15669%2c15523%2c15513%2c15510%2c15512%2c15516%2c29555%2c29556%2c45575%2c45576&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&salmin=&salmax=&jbf785=5%2c6%2c7%2c8%2c9%2c10%2c11%2c12%2c13&jbf571=&jbf574=&jbf565=&jbf13678=&jbf14568=&jbf13647=&tm=&jbf529=&jbf527=&jbf563=&where=&jbf522=&paygrademin=5&paygrademax=13&jbf17601=&brd=3876&it=2%2c1&ssname=ORP&ssid=90127670&AVSDM=2010-09-02+00%3a03%3a00)

Job Announcement – National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation Planner, GS-0023-12 PWRO

SALARY RANGE: \$68,809.00 - \$89,450.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, August 30, 2010 to Monday, September 13, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Clark Cty - Las Vegas & Nellis AFB, NV

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: PWRO-2010-87DE

JOB SUMMARY:

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. Become a part of our 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.

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Open to all qualified persons. You do not have to be a current or former government employee to be considered for this position.

Develops, supports, and manages NPS, RTCA projects in partnership with agencies and groups to conserve and enhance local river, trail, open space and natural resources. Provides technical assistance and advises local agencies and groups on participatory planning processes, and multi-objective river, trail and greenway planning. Collaborates with national park units on community projects.

This is a full-time, permanent position duty stationed in Las Vegas, Nevada.

This position requires overnight and occasional multi-day travel.

Government housing is not available.

NOTE: New federal employees with no prior paid federal civilian experience will start at the lowest step of the salary for the grade for which they qualify.

DUTIES

Serves as a staff member of the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA), Pacific West Region. Develops, supports, and manages RTCA projects in partnership with agencies and groups to conserve and enhance local river, trail, open space and natural resources. Provides technical assistance and advises local agencies and groups on participatory planning processes and multi-objective river, trail and greenway planning. Collaborates with national park units on community projects. Coordinates and/or leads interagency and multi-partner teams to evaluate issues, analyze resources and opportunities, and complete concept plans and master plans and supports federal partners. Plans, conducts and facilitates public meetings and participatory workshops. Advises local project partners on public involvement and engagement and partnership development tools and techniques, including applications of new technologies and organizational development strategies. Initiates and maintains working relationships with representatives of local, state and federal agencies and non-profit groups involved in river, trail, open space, and natural resources conservation and outdoor recreation planning.

Develops project work plans and working agreements with local project partners as needed. Works cooperatively with RTCA staff and National Park Service program managers at the local, regional and national levels in supporting effective program management. Participates as part of a staff team in program planning, outreach, project development and communications on behalf of the regional and national program. Responsible for all aspects of RTCA project management including budget, travel and related support needs and manages local field office. Represents the NPS, RTCA Program at occasional program-related meetings and conferences

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90256534&aid=90127670-31810&WT.mc_n=125