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## The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

### Call for Abstracts

I wanted to put the Healthy Homes conference on your radar – in particular the Healthy Communities Track of the conference. This is the first time that the conference, which drew around 3000 people in 2008, will offer a healthy communities track. The conference track chair, would like to see abstracts submitted about community design case studies, evaluations, research, policy solutions, and other issues. It would be great to have some sessions on parks, public spaces, and how to connect communities with nature. HUD (the major funder of this conference) seems to be looking for ways to implement livable communities; this could be an opportunity to show them how to do it.

All submissions are due by October 15, 2010.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.healthyhomesconference.org/call-for-abstracts.htm>

### City Park Facts

*Courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*

It's here! You can download the 2010 edition of City Park Facts, the go-to resource for planners, policy makers and journalists with a need to know all things park-related. This report from our Center for City Park Excellence is full of statistics for the curious-every wonder which cities have the most public swimming pools or off-leash dog parks? Find out how 20,000 individual parks in the 85 largest U.S. cities measure up.

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### Fight for a FAIR SHARE of the Land and Water Conservation Fund

*Courtesy of NRPA*

For the past 25 years, more than 84 percent of LWCF funds have gone to federal projects on federal lands. The original intent of Congress in passing this act was to share funds equally among the state and federal sides of the program.

The Administration recently blocked efforts to amend House-passed energy reform legislation that would have guaranteed an equal amount of LWCF funds for state and local projects as is

presently designated for federal projects.

The Administration has also indicated it wants to change the LWCF program so that there will be more federal control over how much funding would go to state and local projects and which projects would be funded.

Tell the Obama administration to stop fighting efforts to ensure a fair share of LWCF funding for state and local parks and recreation areas.

Here's how you can ensure a fair share for your communities:

Contact your Senators and urge them to introduce an amendment specifying a minimum of 40% of LWCF funds must go to the Stateside program- the same amount currently provided for the federal program-in the Senate Energy Reform Bill (S. 3663) or any new Senate Energy, Oil, or Gas Reform Legislation.

NRPA has a ready-to-send letter that can be emailed directly to your Senators from our advocacy center. Simply click here and "Take Action" on the featured alert. Or call the Capitol Switchboard at 202.225.3121 to contact your Senator by phone.

Have your mayor or county commissioner, and your governor tell your Senators how important it is for them to support this amendment.

Contact all of your locally elected officials and ask them to join in the fight for a FAIR SHARE for LWCF.

View a sample letter to assist your locally elected officials in contacting your Senators.  
View LWCF-funded projects in your community.

For more information on LWCF please visit NRPA's Advocacy Resource Center or contact Stacey Pine, NRPA Chief of Government Affairs.

## **Congress Returns**

*Courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*

Congress returned from a six-week recess on September 14, but the legislative calendar remains somewhat murky, particularly in the Senate. With crucial midterm elections looming, and many successful challenges to incumbents already in the record books, it is uncertain how long the House and Senate will stay in Washington, DC. They are currently scheduled to work until October 8, but rumors abound that timeline will be shortened as the days tick away.

### Appropriations

The major legislative activity on the docket is completion of the annual appropriations bills before the start of the next federal fiscal year on October 1. However, since Congress has not completed a single FY 11 appropriations bill yet nor even reported some bills out of committee, they will instead work over the next couple of weeks on a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will extend general funding levels for all federal agencies - but not allow spending on new projects. At the time of this posting, the end date for the CR was unknown, but likely will go to late November or December to allow Congress time to finalize the 12 appropriations bills and lump

them into an omnibus appropriations package.

The fate of the President's budget proposals for some important conservation programs hangs in the balance, awaiting final action on the FY 11 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies bill. In the House, the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee marked up a bill but never sent it to full committee for further consideration; therefore there is no publicly available copy of what the committee did. Based on the Committee's official press release, there are some indications of specific program funding levels proposed in the Subcommittee's mark.

According to the press release, land conservation programs received \$518 million in its mark. This includes the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Forest Legacy Program, and the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund. Some details have been published, but other numbers have not been made available. For example, the Forest Legacy Program received \$87 million, the stateside of LWCF received \$55 million, and the subcommittee released a list of federal LWCF projects funded in the bill totaling \$230 million. The subcommittee also announced that it was not funding a \$42 million acquisition proposal in the President's Budget for the wild horses and burros program.

In the Senate, markup of its version of the FY 11 Interior appropriations bill was announced for September 16th but the next day was pulled from the Committee's schedule. It remains to be seen whether any specific action on the bill will occur prior to the October break.

Activity on other environmental and legislative also remains uncertain:

#### FULL FUNDING OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

On July 30, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act by a vote of 209-193. Among its many provisions addressing the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and related issues, the bill provides full and dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Immediately after passing the CLEAR Act, the House went into summer recess. At the same time, however, the Senate took up similar legislation - S. 3663 - introduced by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid -- that also provides for dedicated funding for LWCF in addition to provisions related to energy efficiency and oil spill liability. However, a scheduled vote on this bill as well as a competing alternative offered by Republicans was canceled and shortly after that the Senate, too, went home for the summer.

At this point in the process, it is uncertain whether and when the Senate will take up S. 3663 or some other legislation that would include an LWCF full-funding provision, but TPL and many other organizations participating in the LWCF coalition continue to work towards that goal.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION MOVES TO AGENCIES, STATES

Now that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has formally announced that comprehensive energy and climate legislation will not be considered this Congress, the action is moving to federal agency implementation and state-level climate change efforts. The longer-term prospects for federal action on climate change will remain uncertain until after the November elections.

On the federal agency side, TPL is working closely with partners at the U.S. Forest Service and

other agencies to help revise existing programs and agency activities to better address climate change. This includes partnerships to develop science-based landscape conservation plans, like the Northwoods Climate Change Response Framework in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan that will guide land conservation efforts across 63 million acres of federal and non-federal lands. It also includes consultation to offer input as to how core federal grant programs, like LWCF, can be better utilized to support projects that clearly address climate change objectives.

Now that the federal government has indefinitely ceded the field on a cap and trade program, California and other states continue to move forward with state and regional level cap and trade climate programs that will limit greenhouse gas emissions from certain economic sectors. TPL is particularly focused on developing carbon offset projects that can generate offset credits for these markets, and will be increasingly engaging in these policy development efforts.

## **Study links walking, cycling and obesity**

### **People who bike or walk to do errands are healthier**

By LINDY WASHBURN  
The Record (Hackensack N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. — A Rutgers transportation expert says the United States could solve part of its obesity problem by making it easier for people to bike or walk where they need to go.

John Pucher analyzed data from 15 countries, 50 states and 47 of the nation's largest cities for a relationship between "active travel" — the kind that doesn't rely upon motorized vehicles — and health.

Not surprisingly, he found that communities where people cycle and walk more in daily life have less obesity and diabetes than those where people rely on cars to get around. That was true at all three geographic levels, he said in a study called "Walking and Cycling to Health: A Comparative Analysis of City, State and International Data."

The study focused on travel to work and to do errands, not recreational bike-riding or walking. In some European countries, such non-recreational trips are three to five times more common than they are in the United States, the study found.

In the Netherlands, Switzerland and Spain, for example, people bike, walk or use mass transit for nearly half of all their trips.

"Women and men, old and young, men in suits, they're all biking," said Pucher. "They even deliver the mail by bike."

They also have the lowest rates of obesity — just 8 percent in each of those three countries.

In the United States, on the other hand, Americans cycle, walk or use mass transit for 11 percent of trips, and in many states far less than that. (Mass-transit use is considered "active travel" because 95 percent of such trips involve walking or biking to or from the station.) And obesity rates in the U.S. average 26 percent, more than three times higher than in the European

countries studied.

Among the 50 states, Pucher said, "The very highest levels of obesity are found in exactly those states that have the lowest level of biking, walking and public-transit use." Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee lead the nation in obesity, at 31 percent to 33 percent, and lag in walking and cycling, at 1.4 percent to 2.3 percent of all trips.

And the single biggest trend in American travel behavior over the past decade, he notes, is the sharp decline in the number of children walking and biking to school, which has occurred at a time when obesity rates among children have skyrocketed.

Proving cause and effect is impossible, "but you have this interesting relationship," said Pucher, a professor at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.

Pucher lives his research: He doesn't own a car. A resident of Highland Park, he commutes across the Albany Street Bridge to the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick by bike five months of the year and on foot the rest of the time.

"Yes, even in Central Jersey it is possible to be car-free," he said. "But it's not easy!"

Public health experts increasingly are teaming up with transportation planners to examine the health implications of transit choices. Two of the four authors of the "Walking and Cycling" study are transportation planners, one is an obesity researcher and the other is a public-health specialist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is to be published in October in the American Journal of Public Health.

The key to promoting cycling and walking as a daily part of the routine is to make it safe, convenient and attractive, the study concluded.

The rate of pedestrian and cyclist death and injury in the United States is many times higher than it is in European countries, with 33.5 cyclists and 13.7 pedestrians injured per 100 million kilometers traveled in the United States, compared with 1.6 and 1.3 in the Netherlands.

In New Jersey, 157 pedestrians were killed in 2009, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year. Bergen County had 12 pedestrian deaths and Passaic County had five.

Women are especially concerned about safety, Pucher said, and their reluctance to bike to work reflects that. More than 85 percent of the bike commutes in New Jersey are by male bikers. Reducing car speeds and using street design to calm traffic, as well as additional restrictions on car use and parking, would encourage more active travel, the study said.

Portland, Ore., is the American city with the highest portion of trips made by bike, Pucher found. The city quadrupled the miles of public bikeways between 1990 and 2008, and saw a fivefold increase in bike trips, to 6.2 percent of the total. Using a bike to get around is trendy there, a sign of belonging to a certain culture.

Portland's transformation makes him optimistic, Pucher says: "Even in cities that are very car-oriented and have absolutely no history of biking, you can — through changes of public policy — produce a big increase in cycling. That is very hopeful for New Jersey."

## **Children and Nature Initiative Trains Health Care Professionals to Get Kids Outside**

WASHINGTON, D.C. —Pediatric health care providers from around the country will converge in West Virginia this month to become “nature champions” for children in a unique program aimed at confronting health problems associated with increasingly sedentary lifestyles.

The National Environmental Education Foundation’s (NEEF) Children and Nature Initiative is holding a series of workshops to prepare pediatric health care providers to serve as nature champions in their communities. Using NEEF’s highly successful “train-the-trainer” approach, each new champion will train 30 of their peers about prescribing outdoor activities for health. Overall, the program will educate more than 1,200 health care providers within two years. They, in turn, will reach hundreds of thousands of children and their families.

This program actively supports Let’s Move Outside, the outdoor recreation component to First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move campaign to end childhood obesity. By providing families with the tools they need to get moving outside, Let’s Move Outside fosters healthy habits and an appreciation for America’s great outdoors.

NEEF’s train-the-trainer workshop will be held at the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s (USFWS) National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W.V., in partnership with USFWS, National Audubon Society, US Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and US Department of the Interior’s Office of Youth in the Great Outdoors. Health care providers from California, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and the District of Columbia will take part. They will be paired with USFWS representatives who will connect them to National Wildlife Refuges, National Fish Hatcheries and Audubon Centers in their communities. Representatives from the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service and National Park Service will connect health care providers to National Forests and National Parks.

“This program addresses two important issues – preventing serious health conditions like obesity and diabetes and reconnecting children to nature. Unstructured outdoor activity may improve children’s health by increasing physical activity, reducing stress and serving as a support mechanism for attention disorders,” said Leyla Erk McCurdy, senior director of NEEF’s Health & Environment program. “By giving health care providers this training, and by working with our partners to refer families to safe and accessible outdoor areas, we have created a powerful partnership that has the potential to improve the lives of our nation’s children.”

The Children and Nature Initiative provides health care providers with the technical support, tools and resources they need to be effective in prescribing nature to patients. The Initiative and its tools and resources are all grounded in science. NEEF’s study, “Using Nature and Outdoor Activity to Improve Children’s Health” was published in *Current Problems in Pediatric and Adolescent Health Care* in May 2010. Online resources include prescription pads, patient brochures and pediatric environmental history forms in both English and Spanish, as well as a training presentation and a fact sheet highlighting key scientific studies.

The Children and Nature Initiative was recently featured in the listening session on President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors Initiative as an innovative way to increase physical activity to improve health and connect children with the outdoors.

To learn more about the Children and Nature Initiative, visit:  
[http://neefusa.org/health/children\\_nature.htm](http://neefusa.org/health/children_nature.htm).

To arrange an interview with one of NEEF's Nature Champions, please contact Dan Seligson,  
[dseligson@neefusa.org](mailto:dseligson@neefusa.org).

## **Corporate alliances help keep state parks afloat**

By William M. Welch, USA TODAY

CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK, Calif. — A visitor has to look closely to find it, but here, in a remote mountain forest of Southern California, is a sign of what's to come for state parks across the USA: Corporate logos.

From California to New York, states are turning to corporations for financial backing as recession and budget woes prompt cuts in public dollars to maintain parks.

"In tough times, you should never be complacent," says Ruth Coleman, California state parks director. "We have found corporations are very eager and willing to help."

California parks have received nearly \$6 million from corporate sponsorship programs over the past three years, she says. That's small compared with a \$300 million operating budget, but in a system where hours of operation have been cut and park workers put on three unpaid furlough days a month, every dollar is important.

"I wouldn't want to give the impression that this is the solution, but it's definitely a great way to make the parks better," she says.

Most states are still in the early stages, testing public reaction to the idea and seeking potential sponsors, says Philip McKnelly, executive director of the National Association of State Park Directors. He says "extremely harsh budget times" have made parks and recreation programs among the first to fall under the budget ax and left officials with few options to avoid closing parks.

"It's something that a lot of states are looking into now," McKnelly says. "If it's what it takes to keep parks open, I guess it would be a good thing."

The largest corporate sponsorship program in California parks is revealed here by a small set of corporate logos on an informational sign at this vast preserve in the Laguna Mountains 50 miles east of San Diego. It credits Coca-Cola and Stater Bros., a supermarket chain, for a program that Coleman says has provided \$650,000 to plant trees where forests were charred by wildfires.

Helping parks is good business, says Terence Fitch, vice president and general manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises' operations in Western states.

In a public campaign last year, Coke donated \$1 for every \$10 in product sold at participating retailers, and the supermarket chain solicited \$1 contributions from customers. Coke and the grocery chain have committed to an additional \$550,000 for state beaches this year, Coleman

says.

"We entered into this not knowing how consumers would react," Fitch says. "They've been very supportive."

## ARRANGING PARTNERSHIPS

Matching parks with appropriate corporate donors is a growing business, too. Government Solutions Group, a Pasadena, Calif., agency, brokered the partnership here and is doing so for other states, CEO Shari Boyer says.

It helped arrange a partnership in New York in which the Nestlé Juicy Juice brand promised to spend \$350,000 over two years building playgrounds at seven state parks. One opened in April at East River State Park in Brooklyn. The company's contribution is noted in playground signs.

"Because of budget crises, states are beginning to see they have some assets they probably can monetize," Boyer says.

Big states have attracted the most corporate help for parks, she says, but smaller states are also beginning to do so. Corporations are interested, she says, because state parks provide an audience through more than 700 million visits annually.

Georgia has hired an agency to help it find corporate sponsors for its parks, says Kim Hatcher, public affairs coordinator for Georgia state parks. She says it was a response to a legislative directive that the parks find ways to become more self-sustaining, and a 40% budget cut.

"We've been reassuring people we will not rename any parks," she says. "We might have a picnic shelter that has a small, tasteful sign that says brought to you by X company."

In Virginia, state parks have received an estimated \$5 million in corporate contributions over the past five years, says Joe Elton, state parks director. Among the big contributors has been the electric power company Dominion, which has sponsored touch-screen information kiosks at state parks, he says.

## EXPLORING IDEAS

In Washington state, parks spokeswoman Virginia Painter says officials are studying California's program but are moving cautiously because of concerns about potential public backlash.

"We've learned from our public they don't like naming natural areas after corporations," she says. "We've explored the possibilities of naming buildings within parks."

Coleman says California acknowledges contributions in "carefully designed and tasteful donor recognition" labels.

The companies are free to advertise their connection, but Coleman says there's no chance the state will rename a beach or park for a company or brand, even though sporting arenas and concert venues commonly raise money by selling their names. Most state parks don't get the TV coverage that makes stadium naming rights valuable advertising, she says, and companies could risk a public backlash by renaming a public park.



"I don't think you'll ever see a park named after a company," she says. "I don't think the value is there for them. ... Park names are kind of sacred."

## **Study: Parks a huge economic boon to state**

*Courtesy of GJSentinel.com*

By Dave Buchanan

Visitors to Colorado State Parks in 2008-09 spent about \$396 million statewide with businesses located within 50 miles of a park, according to a recent study released by Colorado State Parks.

The James M. Robb Colorado River State Park, which includes Island Acres, Corn Lake, Connected Lakes and Fruita sections, ranked fourth among the 42 state parks in average annual economic benefit at \$22,726,296.

Visitors to the Robb parks complex spent an average of \$312.12 per vehicle, the study said.

The market-assessment study, done by Corona Insights and funded through the Colorado Lottery, also found 97 percent of those surveyed gave Colorado State Parks a high approval rating, said Dean Winstanley, state parks director.

He said research found the 42 state parks comprise a major economic partner for communities, especially in rural and remote areas. That point is underlined by the economic impacts from Sweitzer Lake near Delta. Although the small park ranked 32nd in annual economic benefit (\$1.44 million), it rated first in average expenditures per vehicle at \$429.77.

"We knew that the parks brought business and customers to towns and cities," Winstanley said. "But Corona's research provided a valuable dollar analysis."

Lake Pueblo led the parks in annual economic benefit at \$67 million. Second was Arkansas Headwaters at \$44.6 million, followed by Steamboat Lake at \$38 million.

The study polled Colorado residents through focus groups in five cities, a phone survey of more than 1,900 households, 8,400 park-visitor surveys and a visitor-spending survey.

Winstanley said visitors to Colorado state parks often stop in nearby communities to buy food, gasoline, camping and fishing supplies, meals and other items.

Visitors to an area may extend their stay to see the state park and enjoy the outdoor recreational activities, generating additional business in the communities.

The study also found most park visitors were state residents, although that, too, varies according to location.

In most cases, parks closest to large population centers ranked higher in resident visitors than nonresident visitors, although isolated parks such as Vega and Sweitzer also saw high numbers of resident visitors.

Residents composed more than 95 percent of the visitors to some Front Range parks. Jackson

Lake (north of Wiggins), Lake Pueblo and Chatfield (an urban Denver park) have 96 percent resident visitors.

Meanwhile, 77 percent of the James M. Robb complex's visitors were residents, and 23 percent were nonresidents, something likely due to the Fruita section's proximity to Interstate 70 and its high tourist traffic.

Mancos State Park, between Durango and Mesa Verde, has 51 percent resident and 47 percent nonresident visitors (2 percent of those polled did not answer), a reflection of that park's tourist-friendly location.

Winstanley said the study will help the agency in developing future plans.

## **Yellowstone breaks record for summer visitors**

*Courtesy of the Associated Press*

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — This species in Yellowstone National Park is appearing in greater numbers than ever before — people.

More than 2.5 million of them visited the world's first national park over the June, July and August summer season. That's up by more than 200,000 compared with summer 2009, putting Yellowstone on track to set another attendance record. Nearly 3.3 million people visited during all of 2009, topping the previous record set in 2007 by nearly 5 percent.

Marketing by the state tourism offices in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho probably is boosting Yellowstone tourism, park spokesman Al Nash said.

The weak economy might also be helping by encouraging cheap vacations.

"Visiting your national parks is a good value," Nash said Wednesday. "And you can sort of adjust the length and the type of your trip to fit your schedule and your wallet more than you can other visitor destinations."

On the other hand, more people can mean longer lines at park entrance stations, restaurants and gift shop cash registers, Nash said, along with more traffic jams where people stop to gawk at roadside wildlife.

"If you came to the park and weren't in a wildlife jam at some point, your trip probably was unusual," Nash said. "And if you were in a wildlife jam, it probably lasted longer than you might have experienced in previous years."

Business has been brisk at the nine hotels and other restaurants and gift shops operated by Yellowstone's largest concessionaire, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, company sales and marketing director Rick Hoeninghausen said.

"It has been a very strong summer. I would say that this year our volumes, our business levels, have mirrored the strong visitation that we've experienced," Hoeninghausen said.

The most people in Yellowstone on any given summer day — 25,000 to 30,000 — far exceeds

population estimates for the park's other large mammals.

Video: Park rangers to tourists: Put gadgets away (on this page)

Yellowstone is home to about that many elk during the summer. About 15,000 to 22,000 elk stick around the park during the winter.

Yellowstone has approximately 3,000 bison, no more than 1,000 moose and close to 100 wolves, according to park figures.

July and August are Yellowstone's busiest months for tourism.

The park had almost 958,000 visitors in July, up 6.5 percent from July 2009, and nearly 855,000 in August, a more than 13 percent increase from a year earlier.

## **DOJ Adopts Revisions to ADA Title II and III, Issues 2010 Standards**

*Courtesy of the National Center on Accessibility*

Long awaited, the U.S. Department of Justice has adopted revisions to Title II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The amended regulations were published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. These final rules will take effect March 15, 2011. Compliance with the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design is permitted as of September 15, 2010, but not required until March 15, 2012. Changes to the ADA regulations include DOJ adoption of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The 2010 ADA Standards have been harmonized with the Architectural Barriers Act. They also include scoping and technical provisions for facilities not previously addressed including recreation facilities, sports courts, amusement rides, golf courses, playgrounds, swimming pools, spas, boating facilities, and fishing piers.

Revisions to the Title II and III regulations give more clear guidance on policy and procedural issues. Recreation land managers have struggled with policy modifications to permit the use of service animals in areas typically not opened to pets. The definition of "service animal" has been scrutinized over the last several years as more people look to the use of exotic animals for comfort and therapy. The rule defines "service animal" as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The rule states that other animals, whether wild or domestic, do not qualify as service animals. Dogs that are not trained to perform tasks that mitigate the effects of a disability, including dogs that are used purely for emotional support, are not service animals. The final rule also clarifies that individuals with mental disabilities who use service animals that are trained to perform a specific task are protected by the ADA. The rule permits the use of trained miniature horses as alternatives to dogs, subject to certain limitations. To allow flexibility in situations where using a horse would not be appropriate, the final rule does not include miniature horses in the definition of "service animal."

The definition and regulation to permit the use of mobility devices has been amended. The rule adopts a two-tiered approach to mobility devices, drawing distinctions between wheelchairs and "other power-driven mobility devices" such as the Segway. Wheelchairs (and other devices designed for use by people with mobility impairments) must be permitted in all areas open to pedestrian use. "Other power-driven mobility devices" must be permitted to be used unless the

covered entity can demonstrate that such use would fundamentally alter its programs, services, or activities, create a direct threat, or create a safety hazard. The rule also lists factors to consider in making this determination.

In 2002, NCA conducted a survey on ticketing policies at performance venues, theaters and sports arenas in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, the ADA/504 Coordinators for the Arts, and the Indiana Institute on Community and Disability. The policy and procedural issues identified in the survey were submitted to DOJ with request for more guidance. The amended regulations provide guidance on the sale of tickets for accessible seating, the sale of season tickets, the hold and release of accessible seating to persons other than those who need accessible seating, ticket pricing, prevention of the fraudulent purchase of accessible seating, and the ability to purchase multiple tickets when buying accessible seating. It requires a venue operator to accommodate an individual with a disability who acquired inaccessible seating on the secondary ticket market only when there is unsold accessible seating for that event.

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LINKS:

Title II: Final Rule amending 28 CFR Part 35: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services (HTML) | (PDF) (as published in the Federal Register September 15, 2010)

Title III: Final Rule amending 28 CFR Part 36: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities (HTML) | (PDF) (as published in the Federal Register September 15, 2010)

#### APPENDIX B TO FINAL TITLE III REGULATION:

Appendix B: Analysis of the 2010 ADA Standards (HTML) | PDF format

#### FACT SHEETS:

Highlights of the Final Rule to Amend the Department of Justice's Regulation Implementing Title II of the ADA

Highlights of the Final Rule to Amend the Department of Justice's Regulation Implementing Title III of the ADA

Adoption of the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design

## **Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service**

### **Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation & Wilderness)**

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

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 to Wednesday, October 06, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-12/12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Bishop, CA

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: US citizens - Concurrent consideration is being given to Merit Promotion announcement ADS10-R5-INFSO-01514G. Only one position will be filled.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: ADS10-R5-INFSO-01514DP (US Citizens)  
# ADS10-R5-INFSO-01514DP (Status candidates)

**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=QOTEA>.

**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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90594110&JobTitle=Supvy+Natural+Resources+Specialist+\(Recreation+%26+Wilderness\)&q=ADS10-R5-INFSO-01514G&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=50&y=7&AVSDM=2010-09-08+00%3a03%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90594110&JobTitle=Supvy+Natural+Resources+Specialist+(Recreation+%26+Wilderness)&q=ADS10-R5-INFSO-01514G&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=N&FedPub=Y&x=50&y=7&AVSDM=2010-09-08+00%3a03%3a00) (US Citizens)

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## **Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service**

### **Zone Recreation Specialist**

Boise National Forest

Idaho City Ranger District and Mountain Home Ranger District

**About the Vacancy:**

The position is advertised using an open continuous roster under announcement numbers PERM-OCR-0401-57911-NAT-G&DP. This means that the announcement for those interested in applying to a Recreation Specialist position are open continuously, and you should apply now. The application period for filling this position will close October 15, 2010 and a list of qualified applicants for this position will be requested soon thereafter. This position is open to both current permanent employees and to all U.S. citizens. Both vacancy announcements are posted on the USAJobs website ([www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)). If you are interested in applying for this

job, follow the link in the announcement to the automated application system, AVUE Digital Services. Be sure to indicate Idaho City, Idaho in your choice of locations on your application.

#### ABOUT THE POSITION

Series/Grade: GS-401-09/11

Title: Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)

Location: Idaho City, Idaho

Tour of Duty: Permanent full time

Housing: Government housing may be available.

#### POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The incumbent for this position serves as a Recreation Specialist with responsibilities for planning and implementing the recreation, special uses, and trails programs for the Idaho City and Mountain Home Ranger Districts. The position is responsible for providing technical and professional assistance to the District Ranger as well as serving as an Interdisciplinary Team Leader preparing NEPA documents, recruiting volunteers, personnel recruitment and hiring, travel management, grants and agreements, planning, develop and manage work plans, and grant applications for a variety of recreation, special use and trail projects.

- Manages recreation program including developed and undeveloped campgrounds, trails program, winter recreation areas and multiple dispersed camping areas.
- Oversees the unit's recreation and non-recreation special uses program.
- Develops and manages work plans for unified budgeting for recreation programs, through collaboration with the District and Forest. Leverage Forest Service allocation with outside grants.
- Oversees recreation facility operations and maintenance.
- Participates as an ID team member or leader for complex projects.
- Coordinates these program areas with other District functions and external interests including State Parks and Recreation, recreational user groups, and special use permittees.

The incumbent will exercise the full range of supervisory duties for two or more subordinates at various grade levels by assigning, directing and reviewing their work, and solves difficult technical problems. Carries out established personnel functions and practices, and keeps employees informed in important aspects of the program, recommends employee status changes such as promotions, reassignments, and awards; sets performance standards and evaluates performance; provides for employee development; and resolves personnel issues.

#### FOREST INFORMATION:

There are currently six administrative units on the Boise National Forest: Mountain Home, Idaho City, Lowman, Cascade, and Emmett Ranger Districts and the Lucky Peak Nursery. Comprising the seventh largest National Forest in the United States, the Boise National Forest's 2.6 million acres provide diverse opportunities in resource management.

#### MOUNTAIN HOME DISTRICT INFORMATION:

The Mountain Home Ranger District is located in close proximity to Boise, Idaho and includes administration of Capitol City front range lands. The District has a robust program of work that includes vegetation management, recreation, range, wildlife, fisheries, watershed, fire and fuels, noxious weeds, minerals, and special uses. The District has about 30 permanent employees and typically hires 20 to 30 seasonal employees annually.

The District is very diverse and mountainous and transitions from desert at the lower elevations,

through ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir forests, to high alpine (9700 feet). The highest drivable point in Idaho is located on the district at Trinity Lookout. The district and nearby areas provide a diversity of recreational opportunities including 20 plus lakes, 4 major reservoirs, Bogus Basin Ski Area, Boise River, Rocky Bar Historic Mining District, Danskin Motorized trail system, and the Trinity Mountain Recreation Area.

#### IDAHO CITY DISTRICT INFORMATION:

The Idaho City Ranger District is over 400,000 acres in size, ranging from open foothills along the Payette River on the western border of the District to the beautiful and infamous Sawtooth Mountains on the eastern portion. Elevations range from 3200 to 8800 feet. The climate is generally dry with plentiful sunshine year around. Annual precipitation in Idaho City is approximately 15 inches, with most of it occurring as snowfall. Winter temperatures range from a high of 35-40 degrees F, to lows just above zero. Summer temperatures range from a high of 80's to the upper 90's, to lows in the 40's.

The District organization has approximately 35 PFT/WAE/TERM employees, and consists of seven primary departments: Administrative Services, Resources, Geology, Timber, Silviculture, Engineering, and Fire/Fuels.

The District receives high visibility due to its close proximity to Boise, the capitol city of Idaho. Several beautiful pristine rivers flow through the District offering some of the best strongholds of bull trout habitat in Southwest Idaho. Trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and motorized activities are abundant and provide for numerous opportunities in the mild season. With relatively heavy snows and long winters, the District is a destination for many cross country skiers and snowmobilers with abundant ski and snowmobile trails both groomed and "find your own" available.

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Idaho City District Ranger, Barbara Levesque: blevesque@fs.fed.us, 208-392-6681  
Mountain Home District Ranger, Stephaney Church: schurch@fs.fed.us, 208-587-7961  
District Resource Staff, Herb Roerick: hroerick@fs.fed.us, 208-392-3728

## **Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service**

### **Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)**

SALARY RANGE: \$68,809.00 - \$106,369.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to Wednesday, October 13, 2010

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-12/13

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Albuquerque, NM

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Status eligibles - This announcement is open to current career or career-conditional federal employees with competitive status. Reinstatement eligibles, persons with disabilities, Veterans Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA) eligibles, certain military spouses, disabled veterans with a 30% or more disability, former Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers may be considered under special hiring authorities.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 10-0300-05532G-BL

**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=JFXKT>.

**DUTIES:**

The position serves as Regional Program Leader for recreation special uses in the Southwestern Region, with challenging and rewarding program responsibilities. The incumbent will work with the Director and Regional Forester, Washington Office and Forest staffs in planning, developing and executing Regional programs for all recreation special uses, including outfitter and guides, recreation residences, shooting ranges, concessionaires, organizational camps, resorts, marinas, recreation special events, ski areas, and non-commercial group use.

The incumbent will serve as the primary contact and source of expertise in the Region for recreation special uses. In addition, the incumbent will serve as a consultant for the field; provide training and technology transfer through appropriate media and will serve as Acting Staff Director as assigned.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90750789&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc\\_n=125](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90750789&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc_n=125)

## **Job Announcement - National Park Service**

### **Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner**

**SALARY RANGE:** \$60,274.00 - \$93,175.00 /year

**OPEN PERIOD:** Thursday, September 16, 2010 to Wednesday, October 13, 2010

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0023-12/13

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Full Time Career/Career Conditional

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** 13

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** 1 vacancy - St. Paul, MN

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** MISS-MP-10-0005 (Status candidates)

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** MISS-OC-10-0004 (US Citizens)

**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](#).

**WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:** Government-wide career or career-conditional employees; Transfer and Reinstatement Candidates, 30% or More Compensable Disabled Veterans, Veterans Recruitment Act (VRA) Eligible, Qualified Handicapped Individuals, Veterans who are Preference Eligible or who have been separated from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions after three years or more of continuous active service (VEOA) and returned volunteers from the Peace Corps or Vista, etc. You must submit proof of this eligibility with your



application.

SF-50: Status candidates must submit proof of their status (SF-50 showing current grade and tenure) and an SF-50 showing highest (permanent) grade ever held, if different. Awards SF50 will not be considered as proof of status.

This announcement is also being advertised under open competitive procedures (MISS-10-OC-0004). Candidates who wish to be considered under both procedures MUST apply and submit complete application packages to both vacancies.

**APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION.**

**DUTIES:**

As Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner, the incumbent manages natural and cultural resources through partnerships with public and private landowners, including use of conflict resolution practices.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90786779&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc\\_n=125](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90786779&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc_n=125) (Status Candidates)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90786799&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc\\_n=125](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90786799&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc_n=125) (US Citizens)

## **Job Announcement - Bureau of Reclamation**

### **Outdoor Recreation Planner**

**SALARY RANGE:** \$31,315.00 - \$50,431.00 /year

**OPEN PERIOD:** Tuesday, September 14, 2010 to Tuesday, October 12, 2010

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0023-05/07

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Full Time Career/Career Conditional

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** 9

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** 2 vacancies - Chester, MT

**WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:** United States Citizens

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** CK374821MA

**JOB SUMMARY:**

This position, which serves the Montana Area Office (MTAO), Marias/Milk Rivers Division (M/MRD) in Chester, Montana, is under the supervision of the Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist (Lands and Recreation Branch Supervisor). The incumbent is a Reclamation field representative at the Chester Field Office in Chester, Montana, for land and recreation management, fish and wildlife management, contracts administration, concessions management, and related resource management. The incumbent is responsible for assisting the Lands and Recreation Supervisor with planning, developing, coordinating, directing, and implementing these programs in a collaborative setting with program managers and subject matter experts within M/MRD, various other Reclamation offices, and other Federal, state, tribal,

and local offices as needed to accomplish the position responsibilities.

AREA INFORMATION: Chester, MT is about 40 miles east of Shelby, 60 miles west of Havre, and 100 miles north of Great Falls, MT. Chester, MT (pop. 750) has shopping facilities average for a town of its size. There are good schools through high school, several churches, one hospital, two doctors, and one dentist in Chester. Full facilities are available in other towns in the area. Montana has a State income tax, but no sales tax.

No Government housing available.

Bureau of Reclamation Info: Reclamation is a contemporary water management agency. Reclamation is best known for Hoover Dam on the Colorado River, Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River and Folsom Dam on the American River. Today we are the largest wholesaler of water in the country and the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the western United States. View our DVD titled "Traditions, Talent, and Teamwork" at: <http://www.usbr.gov/pmts/hr/video>.

Reclamation is seeking a career professional looking for an opportunity to capitalize on his/her expertise as an Outdoor Recreation Planner. You can make a difference in the West by assisting in meeting increasing water demands while protecting the environment.

Would you enjoy a career planning, developing, coordinating, directing, and implementing lands and recreation management? Duties include providing program support and coordination in one or more areas of recreation, land use, water resources, and concessions management.

Here is a great opportunity to join an organization with stellar growth potential! Great Benefits Package: paid vacation, sick days, holidays, health and life insurance and an excellent retirement package!

You may apply to the all sources GS-9 level for the vacancy under announcement number BR-DEGP-MT-10-47.

This Delegated Examining announcement is being announced concurrently with Merit Promotion announcement BR-GP-MT-10-63 (open to Federal employees, veterans, and special appointing authorities).

#### DUTIES:

The incumbent will serve as an Outdoor Recreation Planner, and will:

- Provide program support and coordination in one or more of the areas of land and recreation management, fish and wildlife management, concessions management, and related resource management.
- Assist the Lands and Recreation Supervisor with planning, developing, coordinating, directing, and implementing these programs.
- Guide and administer work activities related to the areas discussed.
- Make recommendations on technical and policy issues, Public Conduct rules on Reclamation lands, and related programs.
- Involved in resolving or facilitating resolution of conflicts in the areas of land and water resource management, recreation program policy, negotiations and administration of lands and recreation contracts and agreements, Federal law and regulations, and recreation related planning.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90755752&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc\\_n=125](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90755752&aid=90127670-21910&WT.mc_n=125)

## **Job Announcement – Florida Trail Association**

### **Executive Director**

POSTING: August 27th until filled

LOCATION: Headquarters - Gainesville, Florida

FIELD: Association Management/Development and Environmental

SALARY: Commensurate with experience

WEBSITE: <http://www.floridatrail.org>

**POSITION DETAILS:** The Board of Directors of the Florida Trail Association seeks to fill the position of Executive Director for the Association. The FTA headquarters is located in beautiful Gainesville, Florida, a college community with a wonderful “small town feel” (University of Florida). Qualified candidates are invited to apply and will be expected to have proven experience in Association Management and Fundraising (major gifts, annual campaigns, membership recruitment and retention, corporate, government and non-profit business partnerships and sponsorships). Experience in the environmental field is desirable.

**EXPERIENCE:** Minimum of 7 – 10 years of professional experience in association management, not for profit organizations, business administration or organizational management; or related field with relative experience.

**REQUIRED SKILLS:** Outstanding interpersonal skills in leadership, management, and supervision of a multi-faceted staff and organization; demonstrated ability to qualify, cultivate and secure funding resources and partnerships; proven business and fiscal operational background with the ability to multi-task including excellent planning, communication and organizational skills. The FTA Executive Director is expected to carry out the mission and goals of the Association in concert with the Board of Director’s, the membership and our U.S. Forest Service partners. The position responsibilities include extensive travel and the ability to cultivate successful relationships within the political and business arena. Full job description is available at the FTA website listed above.

**ASSOCIATION BACKGROUND:** The Florida Trail Association is a 5,000 member association which began in 1966 with the mission of developing, improving and maintaining hiking and trail opportunities around the State of Florida including the acquisition, building and maintaining of the federally designated Florida National Scenic Trail, a continuous 1,400 mile trail that runs the length of Florida. There are 18 member chapters around the State who support and promote trail usage, trail events, environmental education and the mission of improving access to trails through partnerships with local and state agencies. For additional information please go to the FTA Website listed above.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Qualified applicants please send your letter of interest, resume and salary requirements to: [ftaedsearch@floridatrail.org](mailto:ftaedsearch@floridatrail.org)

## **Job Announcement – Maryland DNR**

The following is a Position Specific Recruitment for the Swanton location of the Maryland Park Service. The resulting list of eligibles will be used to fill this position only. Persons interested in future vacancies in the Natural Resources Planner III classification must reapply.

**POSITION:** Natural Resources Planner III (Announcement # 10-2309-909), Maryland Park Service

**LOCATION:** Deep Creek Lake NRMA (Swanton, MD – Garrett County)

**SALARY:** \$40,291-\$52,175 (grade 16), (Salary rules in effect for current State employees and reinstatements)

**CLOSING DATE:** September 30, 2010

**JOB DUTIES:** The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Maryland Park Service is currently accepting applications for a Natural Resources Planner III for Deep Creek Lake Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) in Swanton, Maryland (Garrett County). This position is responsible for planning projects that include the review and interpretation of data involving land use, various recreational uses, and natural resource protection of Deep Creek Lake; eligibility for and review and approval of permits for adjacent property owners, and planning and attending public meetings for the purpose of formulating, recommending and implementing plans, policies and permit regulations pertaining to Deep Creek Lake.

Duties include but are not limited to: reviews, processes and makes recommendations to lake management regarding special permits and exceptions for approved aquatic and land resource usage of the Deep Creek Lake buffer strip property and conservation easements; documents, inspects and manages alleged easement violations with guidance from the Office of the Attorney General; participates in public meetings for the purpose of formulating and implementing plans, proposals for management studies and regulations pertaining to the management of Deep Creek Lake. This position will also manage and analyze data used to protect natural resources of Deep Creek Lake NRMA; draft use agreements, emergency plans and management plans, and serve as a liaison to outside locations including regional offices, state agencies, review boards and stakeholder groups. Resource management functions include knowledge and practical experience with recreational boating, stream/aquatic resource monitoring, shoreline management, hazardous tree removal, boundary recovery, wildlife/fishery management and silvicultural activities.

### **MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Education:** Possession of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in environmental science or natural resources planning, management or development.

**Experience:** Three years of experience in natural resources planning or applied environmental science.

**Notes:** Possession of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in urban or regional planning, engineering, physical geography, or the physical, chemical, biological sciences and one year of experience in natural resources planning or applied environmental

science may be substituted for the required education and experience.

Possession of a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in natural resources planning, management, administration, development, environmental, urban or regional planning; resources economics or development; environmental system management; water or land resources planning and management; environmental landscape architecture; or the physical, biological, chemical or environmental sciences may be substituted for up to three years of the required experience.

**SELECTION PROCESS AND ASSESSMENT:** Please make sure you provide sufficient information on your application to indicate that you meet the minimum qualifications for this recruitment. All information concerning your qualifications must be submitted by the closing date. Qualified applicants will be ranked as **BEST QUALIFIED, BETTER QUALIFIED OR QUALIFIED** and placed on the employment (eligible) list for at least one year.

**EXAMINATION:** Your application is part of the examination process. The examination will consist of a rating of your education, training and experience related to the requirements of this position. The rating will be based on the information provided on your State application (MS-100). Therefore, it is important that you provide all the experience and education that is related to this position completely and accurately including signing and dating your application in the two provided areas of the MS-100.

**TO APPLY:** Please submit a Maryland State Employee Application (MS-100) for this position, including the announcement number. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of completing the application. Information must be received at the address below by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. Faxed applications will not be accepted. The Human Resource Department is not responsible for applications sent to any other address. Sending the application to a different address will result in not being considered.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
Human Resource Service, C-3  
580 Taylor Avenue  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
Attention: Caroline Asher

FAX: (410) 260-8099  
TTY: (410) 260-8835

Applications are available by calling (410) 260-8085 or at [www.dbm.maryland.gov](http://www.dbm.maryland.gov).

State of Maryland is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## **Outreach Notice - USDA Forest Service**

### **Landscape Architect/Developed Recreation Sites Program Manager (GS-0807-12/13)**

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:** This is a newly established position that reports to the Director of Recreation, Wilderness, Heritage, and Volunteer Programs for the Southern Region. The Region is seeking an energetic individual with excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to

manage a complex program, and the passion and expertise for using landscape architecture skills to promote excellence and innovation in the planning, design, and management of developed recreation opportunities on National Forest lands. By providing professional landscape architecture advice, the incumbent will help to ensure that recreation facilities are safe and inviting for the public and designed appropriately for the natural setting.

More specifically, the incumbent will be responsible for leading the Southern Region's programs for: developed recreation management and operations, project level planning and design using the principles of the Southern Region's "Excellence by Design" program, corridor planning, promoting sustainable operations and design, accessibility, and providing a high level of expertise and support to the entire Regional Recreation program. The incumbent will work in a team environment and has responsibilities closely aligned with other staff members, thus requiring a high level of cooperation and integration in performance of duties. The incumbent also works closely with the Regional Engineering Staff and will assist with design review of projects.

**SOUTHERN REGION:** The Southern Region of the USDA Forest Service encompasses 13.3 million acres in 13 States in the Southeast plus Puerto Rico. There are over 1000 developed sites in the Southern Region, ranging from large, highly developed campgrounds and visitor centers to small boat ramps, picnic areas, and shooting ranges.

**DUTY STATION:** The position will be located in the Regional Office in Atlanta, GA. For information about Atlanta, go to [www.Atlanta.com](http://www.Atlanta.com) . For more information about the USDA Forest Service or the Southern Region, go to [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us) and click on Regional Offices.

**IF INTERESTED:** The vacancy announcement is expected to be posted soon on the web at [USAJobs.gov](http://USAJobs.gov). Interested individuals should monitor USA Jobs and follow the instructions on how to apply for the job once it is posted. The position will be open to all federal employees and the general public. Please indicate your interest in this position by contacting Mary Hughes Frye, Regional Landscape Architect, at [mfrye@fs.fed.us](mailto:mfrye@fs.fed.us) or 404-347-3357.