



## News from NARRP

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# The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

## NARRP Seeking Candidates for the Board of Directors

Each year we hold elections for half of the positions on the NARRP board of directors. In May we will be electing a president, a vice president of operations, a treasurer and three at-large positions, each for two –year terms. We strive to have at least two candidates running for each position, so we always encourage people to run even if an incumbent is running for reelection.

This year the incumbents for president, vice president for operations and treasurer are either stepping down or running for another position on the board. That provides a great opportunity for someone who wants to get more involved with NARRP.

If you would like to read more about what NARRP board service entails, check out the Roles and Responsibilities, and Serving on the NARRP Board sections of the NARRP Policy and Procedure Handbook posted at: [http://www.narrp.org/clubportal/images/clubimages/1431/2011-01-11\\_NARRP\\_Policies-Procedures\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.narrp.org/clubportal/images/clubimages/1431/2011-01-11_NARRP_Policies-Procedures_Manual.pdf)

As the outgoing president I can say that serving on the board for the past five years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I highly recommend it as a method of personal and professional development.

I strongly encourage you to consider running for a NARRP board position. Just forward a resume and a brief statement of interest to me no later than March 15.

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## New reports and links on the Planning Resources page

Did you know that the Planning Resources section of the website lists more than 300 links and documents that you may find useful in your day to day work? The SCORP page includes links to all state SCORP websites and their SCORP reports. Check it out!

If you have other resources, such as links, research papers, books etc. that should be included, send them our way.

Back to School: Back Outside (National Wildlife Federation, 2010, 2.8 MB)

[Children and Nature Network Annotated Bibliography](#) (Children & Nature Network, 2010, 0.2 MB)

[2010 Economic Impact Survey of Visitors to Montana State Parks](#) (University of Montana, 2010, 1.5 MB)

[Making Connections: Linking Outdoor Recreation, Open Space & History](#) (NPCA, 2010, 4.4 MB)

[Livability in Transportation Guidebook](#) (FHWA, 2010, 4.1 MB)

[The Road to Livability](#) (AASHTO, April 2010, 1.1 MB)

American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration: <http://www.aapra.org/index.html>

[Park Prescriptions](#) (Institute at the Golden Gate, 2010, 4.4 MB)

[Montana Tourism 2010 Review; 2011 Outlook](#) (Norma Nickerson Ph.D., 2010, 0.8 MB)

[An Assessment of State Outdoor Recreation Planning](#) (APA, 1989, 4 MB)

## **The New National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) Results Application is Now Available**

The Forest Service is releasing the results application for the National Visitor Use Monitoring program. The application is available to people outside the Forest Service as well as internal users. Results reports contain information about visit volume, satisfaction levels, activity participation, travel distances, visitor spending profiles, and more. This will be the key method for future releases of recreation visitation data for the FS.

<http://apps.fs.usda.gov/nrm/nvum/results>

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## **Winter edition of Park Science now available**

I am pleased to announce online publication of Park Science volume 27, number 3, our winter 2010–2011 seasonal issue. As usual there is a good variety of articles in this issue that explore science applications to national park management. Click here to access the publication:

<http://www.nature.nps.gov/ParkScience/>

I'm busy putting together theme issues on climate change science (spring and summer) and wilderness science (winter 2011-2012). The spring issue will explore Adaptation and Communication related to climate change science, and the second will focus on Scientific Knowledge of how this phenomenon is affecting national parks. I am accepting manuscripts for the fall issue at this time, due 15 May.

As always I appreciate your interest in and support of Park Science. Thank you for helping make Park Science a success.

—Jeff Selleck, Editor

## **Training Opportunity: Google Earth 5 for Planners**

This three-part video course will introduce you to using Google Earth 5 in a planning context. The course is broken down into introductory, intermediate and advanced lessons.

Google Earth is Google's popular and powerful geographic mapping tool that incorporates an array of planning functions. Tours, stakeholder/community feedback, and land use history are just some of the functions that can contextualize a building design proposal, neighborhood or park to provide insight into the placemaking process.

The Google Earth virtual environment is a convenient space where the core infrastructure such as transit and utilities can be mapped and compared for effectiveness. Terrain and geology are examples of natural features which can be represented graphically alongside proposed buildings and infrastructure.

The introductory lessons explore the basic skills necessary for using Google Earth 5 for planning. Topics include finding places, moving around them, saving a location, viewing a site photo and capturing images for presentation. Washington, D.C. is used as an example of the tool's applicability to planning.

The intermediate lessons explain how to load your own images onto Google Earth and manipulate them so they appear properly in the landscape. You'll learn how to create and manage new layers, add paths to represent roads, and create a tour of the locations you've created. Skyline analysis and measure distances are also covered.

The advanced lessons explore the special functions of Google Earth Pro, including importing data types, importing spreadsheets with directional coordinates, and adding image overlays to those coordinates. Adding addresses to coordinates, assigning points according to land use attributes, and importing shape files are also explained. Finally, you'll learn how to integrate Google SketchUp with Google Earth Pro and create movies with the results. This training is based on Google Earth 5.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.planetizen.com/node/46741>

## **Portland's Recreation Investments Reap Big Rewards**

*Courtesy of the Outdoor Industry Association*

Investments made in biking lanes and other recreation infrastructure will return millions of dollars in health care costs and fuel savings to the residents of Portland, OR, according to a new study published in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health.

"Costs and Benefits of Bicycling Investments in Portland, Oregon," analyzed the city's decades of infrastructure enhancement — connecting residential areas with parks, shops, and restaurants with interconnected bike trails — and future plans to estimate that "by 2040, investments in the range of \$138 to \$605 million will result in health care cost savings of \$388 to \$594 million [and] fuel savings of \$143 to \$218 million."

"Biking to work or around town is a convenient way to engage in routine activity," said lead author Thomas Götschi. "Physically active people are healthier and spend less on medical care, hospital visits and other costly health interventions."

The study was released in time for the Active Living Research conference on February 22–24, 2011, which happened to come at the heels of President Obama's unveiling of the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Report on February 16. The study is in tune with AGO's emphasis on augmenting the national recreation infrastructure.

"These studies show that if you build a better bike lane or a walking path, people will use it," said James Sallis, director of Active Living Research. "City leaders should look for realistic solutions, like protected bike lanes or sidewalks, to help residents be more active and less dependent on cars."

AGO recommends the "support [of] community-based efforts to increase access to outdoor recreation." Portland's forward-thinking infrastructure investments are already doing just that, and now have the health and recreation economy statistics to prove the benefits of enhancing recreation economies throughout the country.

## **Federal program gives families 'nature prescriptions'**

*Courtesy of usatoday.com*

Here's what Matias Rojas Perez first saw on a trail walk in the Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge: a wild rabbit dashing past, a 3-inch-long endangered fish, soaring birds and creeping snakes.

Here's what his doctors saw: a chance for 200-pound, 5-foot-3, 10-year-old Matias to grow healthier.

Instead of an order for pills, pediatricians at the Children's Heart Center in Las Vegas have given Matias, his mother, who is diabetic, and his 9-year-old, 136-pound little brother, a "nature prescription."

More than 100 of the 553 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuges such as Moapa are part of a national consortium of federal parks and the National Environmental Education Foundation now using this prescription tactic. It's funded by a \$75,000 grant to improve family health through a two-

year pilot project linking the federal agencies with health care providers. The aim is to turn doctors, nurses, teachers and therapists into "nature champions" who steer children and their parents into the outdoors.

It's a whole lot more than just saying, "take a hike."

The prescription, an "Rx for healthy living," prompts families to eat more fruits and vegetables, step away from the TV or video screen and go outside to breathe fresh air, awaken their senses, and shed some weight.

Using the prescription format gives the psychological oomph of doctor's orders to simple suggestions for diet and workouts disguised as nature walks. Each prescription comes with easy-to-follow maps to nearby refuges and parks where outdoor experiences are led by rangers and volunteers.

### 'PHENOMENAL DIFFERENCE'

Matias, once unwilling to play outside, has already lost 10 pounds since joining the fledgling program this winter, says his mother, Ma De Lourdez Perez Mata, 44. He now looks forward to the walks — and so does she.

Perez Mata says, "It's so beautiful, and you learn about nature. It's been so long that I breathed fresh air and so long since I've hiked and been surrounded by nature. The rangers tell you about life in these places, their history. It's very interesting."

Since December, the Children's Heart Center in Las Vegas, has already organized three field trips to nearby desert refuges with about 100 participants such as Matias and his family, says Angelina Yost, visitor services manager for the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which includes Moapa.

They hiked up a little hill "that definitely gets your heart racing" and visited a viewing chamber carved into the desert floor that let them get face-to-face with an endangered fish, the Moapa Dace, Yost says.

The initiative began last September with a national training program where nearly three dozen health professionals from 11 states met at the National Conservation Training Center in West Virginia, to be schooled in the value of nature prescriptions.

Dubbed "nature champions," they were charged to each train 30 more advocates. One was pediatrician Noah Kohn, medical director for Clinics in Schools, the free medical clinics funded by private donors and the United Way of Southern Nevada. He sees this as a smart new tool to combat complex problems:

"We have a very significant obesity problem. Ninety percent of my patients have no health insurance. These are low income families with few resources. It's hard enough to convince them to eat a vegetable. And they don't live in neighborhoods where there is a safe place to go out and play.

"A prescription makes a phenomenal difference. It says, 'Rx for healthy and active outdoor living.' Once you get kids outdoors, away from the inner city, they are just completely bamboozled by the science and the natural world and they never think they are exercising,"

says Kohn, who will start sending out prescriptions as soon as the Spanish translations are available.

## MULTIPLE BENEFITS

Susan Morse, a spokeswoman for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, says each region is taking its own approach to the prescription program.

In Santa Clara, Calif, Kaiser Permanente clinic pediatrician Charles Owyang has already written 67 prescriptions to the Don Edwards Preserve, an urban nature enclave in the San Francisco Bay Area. Owyang also teaches other doctors about studies that show outdoor activities have intellectual and emotional benefits, too — brightening kids' moods, sharpening their concentration and cutting down on stress.

In New Jersey, a nature champion connected health care provider AtlantiCare with a network of home schooling parents to begin forming "Family Nature Clubs" that meet every second Saturday for a walk in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge that weaves exercise and education.

"The days when Mom could send you out the front door to play have changed," says Sandy Perchetti, volunteer coordinator, at Forsythe, 15 minutes from Atlantic City.

"Once the children come with their 'prescriptions' we stamp them and give them an incentive like a nature journal or a pedometer to track their walking," says Perchetti.

The national project includes tracking whether families visit the refuges and parks, their physical progress and whether they came back again.

The answer is in for Matias and his family. They've already been back to Moapa.

## **Three towns take over as state closes parks**

*Courtesy of buffalonews.com*

When New York State ran Woodlawn Beach, Knox Farm and Joseph Davis parks, it lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that is a major reason the parks closed last year.

But leaders of the towns where the parks are located — Hamburg, Aurora and Lewiston — are willing to take on some risk — some more than others — to keep the parks open. They believe their communities will lose much more if the parks close for good.

Two towns pledge to operate the parks without using local property taxes, and the third is willing to work with others to keep its park open.

Hamburg officially took control of Woodlawn Beach last week, and officials pledged to make it a success.

"Lake Erie is the greatest asset that we have in Erie County, and the public access to the waterfront is important for this community and for the success of this community," Hamburg Supervisor Steven Walters said. "Here's an opportunity for the Town of Hamburg, at no cost to

the taxpayer of the Town of Hamburg, to enhance that waterfront access for the public."

But how will the towns succeed where the state failed, particularly at Woodlawn? That beach has been plagued for years by frequent closings brought about by a high bacteria count in the water.

State officials readily acknowledge that the parks were money losers.

"We generate about half the revenue it costs to operate the parks," said Mark W. Thomas, western regional director of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

It cost New York \$360,678 to run Woodlawn in 2008, and revenue was \$48,226.

At Knox Farm in Aurora, state expenses ran \$205,000 in 2009, and revenue was \$11,000.

And at Joseph Davis in Lewiston, the state spent \$36,439 in 2009, while the park brought in less than \$1,000 in revenue.

The state does not operate the parks to make money but to provide recreation for residents. As the state's financial picture worsened, dwindling resources and staff had to be concentrated at the larger parks, Thomas said.

Towns are feeling the same pressures as the state on their budgets, and Hamburg and Lewiston have promised not to increase taxes to run the parks.

"I will not raise taxes as a result of the park," said Lewiston Supervisor Steven L. Reiter. "If it becomes a burdensome expense, there's an out clause."

Lewiston has a one-year agreement to take over maintenance of the 375-acre Joseph Davis State Park on the Niagara River, and the town and state have agreed on a long-term contract similar to the one between Hamburg and the state.

Hamburg will run Woodlawn Park, with its mile-long beach, keeping all the revenue from admissions and rentals of the banquet pavilion, picnic shelters and concession stand. Walters has insisted that the town will bring in more revenue in admission, concessions and pavilion rentals than the state did by aggressively marketing the park and that it will not cost town taxpayers a dime to keep Woodlawn operating.

Thomas agreed that Hamburg may be able to do more to attract more visitors and revenue than the state did.

Other members of the Hamburg Town Board are not so sure.

Councilman Joseph Collins complained during a meeting this month that Walters was citing positive reviews on the project's viability that he had never seen. Councilman Jonathan Gorman said he wasn't sure that the cost of running the beach would be offset by revenue, calling the numbers "far-fetched."

"I think it's a mistake, and I think it's too great a risk for the town," Gorman said.

A little farther east, the Town of Aurora is plowing the main entrance to Knox Farm State Park

and keeping the parking lot open this winter. The town will continue maintaining the soccer fields and is looking into maintaining the polo fields and equestrian center this summer, said Supervisor Jolene Jeffe.

But operating and maintaining the multiple buildings, pool, barns, stable and 633 acres is beyond the town's scope, she said.

"It's simply too big a park for the Town of Aurora to take over in its entirety on its own," Jeffe said.

She said the town stepped in to do minimal maintenance to provide some time for citizens, such as those who have formed Friends of Knox Farm State Park, to formulate a plan.

"It isn't anything that happens overnight," she said.

New York's 178 state parks typically do not bring in enough revenue to cover all their expenses.

"If park systems were self-sustaining, you wouldn't need government at all; the private sector would run them," said Erik Kulleseid, director of the Alliance for New York State Parks.

As funding and staffing have been slashed in the last 15 months, the Niagara Parks Region has had to concentrate its resources on its largest parks, Thomas said.

"We are looking for partnerships. Our whole aim is to keep parks open as best we can," Thomas said.

Teaming with localities is one way to do that. The state maintains its ownership of the parks, while the local group runs them.

"It's not wrong for state and local government to mix and consolidate and see who can run things better," Kulleseid said.

Lewiston is in an enviable position. The town's share of Niagara River Greenway funds is \$510,000 each year, to be spent on recreation, said Supervisor Steven L. Reiter.

Reiter has met with the Audubon Society, the Federation of Sportsmen Clubs and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and wants to continue a collaboration with the disc golfers club, which has a 27-hole course at Joseph Davis. He also wants to improve the park's amenities.

"I think we're going to make it a destination when we get done," he said. "This has the ability to become one of the premier eco-parks in Northeast."

Hamburg wants to make Woodlawn Beach a destination as well, and town officials are considering construction of a pool and water park at the beach. A pool would ensure that if the lake water has a high bacteria count and swimming is prohibited — which happens several times each summer — park users still could go swimming.

Thomas said New York State will be involved in testing water at Woodlawn and will continue efforts to eliminate pollution at the beach.

Towns may be able to be more effective at running their state parks, said Kulleseid, of the



Alliance for New York State Parks.

"The town is going to have efficiency that the state is not going to have," he said. "They may well be positioned to make a better go of it from a financial perspective."

Lewiston is looking forward to reinvigorating Joseph Davis.

"This has been a neglected, underutilized piece of property for the last 25 years, maybe more. We have an opportunity to bring it back to life," Reiter said.

## **Gas drilling in Pennsylvania state parks draws fire**

*Courtesy of pennlive.com*

A Marcellus Shale drilling rig could be coming soon to a state park near you.

Last week, the Department of Environmental Protection quietly rescinded a policy requiring an environmental-impact review prior to Marcellus natural gas drilling in most of Pennsylvania's state parks.

It was one of the few regulations allowing the state to have a say in the location of drilling operations on land where the state does not own the rights to the minerals below. And Pennsylvania does not own the mineral rights under 85 percent of its state parks.

Acting DEP Secretary Michael Krancer published a short notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on Friday announcing the decision and claiming the policy was "unnecessary and redundant of existing practice." He also said the policy wasn't subject to advance public comment.

The move drew swift condemnation from environmental activists, who noted the nearly \$1 million in oil and gas industry contributions to Gov. Tom Corbett during his campaign.

"Just like we predicted, Tom Corbett is going to do everything he can for his friends in the gas industry," said Gene Stilp, who led anti-drilling protests during Corbett's inauguration.

Former Gov. Ed Rendell instituted the policy last year.

The revocation of the policy was sharply criticized by former DCNR Secretary John Quigley, who said "the vast majority of work" required by the policy fell not on the gas industry but on DCNR.

Quigley acknowledged the lack of public comment on the DEP policy ran counter to long-standing practice within his own department, saying, "To the extent I didn't push for that, I regret it."

But Quigley said, "What's much more telling and troubling is the contention it's duplicative of existing policy — it is absolutely not."

Quigley said the policy required due diligence similar to that which DCNR performed before it

leased state forestland for drilling.

“The intent was not to stop drilling,” he said, “but to duplicate a very successful process in which the state collaborates with drillers to minimize the impact of drilling on the public resource.”

The policy required a review of threatened and endangered species habitat, water resources, public recreation areas, wetlands and floodplains, air quality, noise and road placement and construction methods.

When the state does not own the mineral rights, no such requirement exists, he said.

“To walk away from it with the claim it’s redundant is simply not accurate,” Quigley said. “Environmental review is not done and is not required when the commonwealth doesn’t own the mineral rights.”

The regulation remaining after Krancer’s action, Quigley said, “is not in any way, shape or form an extensive environmental review.”

“I’m sure the industry realizes it’s going to be under a microscope, especially in the state parks, and to help them avoid environmental impacts is in everybody’s best interest,” he said.

DEP referred calls to the governor’s press office.

Eric Shirk, a spokesman for Corbett, said, “The governor believes it’s important to protect our public lands, but he believes this policy was redundant.”

“When drillers drill anywhere — public lands or not — the drillers have to demonstrate they are mitigating the impact,” Shirk said. He added that DCNR “has the ability to raise objections just as any other landowner would. They can raise objections to DEP.”

Still, environmentalists worry about the prospect of reduced protection for parks.

“The answer is not to turn our state parks and forests over to drillers and hope for the best,” said Jan Jarrett, president of PennFuture. “DEP should immediately open public comment on the previous administration’s policy, which was based on sound science.”

Jeff Schmidt of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Sierra Club said, “This is where large numbers of people go for recreation and wild experiences.”

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which has been cautious in its approach to the Marcellus issue, decried the move.

“Given the concerns and unknowns that remain about the impacts of Marcellus production, generally, it makes no sense to remove any protections we have in place for drilling on land that belongs to the people of the commonwealth,” said Matt Ehrhart, Pennsylvania executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

## **Job Announcement – Minnesota DNR**

## STATE PROGRAM ADMIN MANAGER

\$ 27.95-\$ 40.43 hourly, \$ 58,360-\$ 84,418 annually

Date Posted: 02/25/2011

Closing Date: 03/07/2011

Working Title: NW Regional Operations Manager

Hiring Agency: Natural Resources Dept

Division/Bureau: Parks & Trails/Region 1

Location: Bemidji

Who May Apply: Open to all qualified job seekers

Posting Number: 11DNR000121

Employment Conditions: Permanent, Full-time

Work Shift: Day Shift

Days of Work: Varies , 08:00 AM-04:30 PM

Travel Required: yes

Job Grouping: General Administration

Classified Status: Classified

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The preferred work location is the regional office in Bemidji. Exceptions to the preferred work location will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

This position is responsible for directing the development of regional work plans and program delivery and directing and implementing all Division of Parks and Trails programs, policies, fiscal management activities and operations for the region.

### RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

-Develop and monitor regional work plans for all Division operations to meet Conservation Agenda and Department goals and objectives.

-Direct the implementation of operational components of natural and cultural resource management, interpretation, conservation education, and facility management of state trails, state parks, grant-in-aid trails, water accesses, state forest trails, state forest recreation areas, canoe & boating routes, state harbors of refuge/marinas and state recreation areas for the region.

-Provide leadership and supervision directly to Regional Recreation Supervisors and indirectly to field staff so that Division programs are implemented and personnel time is used effectively and fiscal integrity is maintained.

-Lead region efforts to assure responsibility for safety elements and accountability for safety performance while continuously working toward building a culture of safety among all employees programs and customers.

-Direct and plan enforcement and emergency services activities for the region to provide for public enjoyment and safe use of park and trail resources and facilities.

-Implement the operational fiscal and human resource management activities for the region including budgeting and revenue collection systems oversight, so that organizational needs and program requirements are met.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/630f557f49deadce41998df37325aa20/View>

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

**SUPERVISORY NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST (RECREATION)**

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

**OPEN PERIOD:** Thursday, February 24, 2011 to Wednesday, March 09, 2011

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0401-09/11

**POSITION INFORMATION:** Full Time Permanent - No time limit

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** 11

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** 1 vacancy - Franklin, NC

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

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** 11-08110011-0889-401-G (KH)

### **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=IGGJM>.

### **DUTIES:**

Develops, reviews, and analyzes data related to social services programs in order to make improvements to guidelines and policies that will maximize program effectiveness.

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.

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

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=97243223&aid=90127670-1311&WT.mc\\_n=125](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=97243223&aid=90127670-1311&WT.mc_n=125)

# Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

## ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

SALARY RANGE: \$74,872.00 - \$115,742.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 to Thursday, March 24, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0301-12/13

POSITION INFORMATION: \* This position will be filled on a full-time permanent basis, 40 hours a week.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Washington DC Metro Area, DC

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All current or former federal employees with competitive/reinstatement eligibility, ICTAP/CTAP eligibles in the local commuting area and Veteran Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA) eligibles and Persons eligible under Special Hiring.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: WO MERIT-2011-0073

### JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join our team to provide technical expertise as an Accessibility Coordinator.

Explore a new career with the BLM - where our people are our greatest natural resource.

The BLM manages more land - approximately 253 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estates throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

For additional information about Bureau of Land Management, please visit [OUR WEBSITE](#).

To be considered under both announcements, you must also apply to Vacancy Number WO-DEU-2011-0019.

This position is located in Washington, DC.

### DUTIES:

Provides leadership concerning accessibility to all BLM entities by developing and translating executive and legislative policies and judicial interpretation consistent BLM policy for use throughout the organization. Provides national management and direction for the accessibility initiative and incorporation with the concepts of universal design into all BLM activities.

Reviews and coordinates activities related to accessibility on a BLM-wide basis; activities include all programs, policies, buildings, facilities. Negotiates and coordinates with all national, state and local BLM offices on all issues relating to accessibility within all programs.

Monitors and evaluates effectiveness of procedures to identify problem areas and developing suitable solutions. Maintains a liaison with government and non-government parties to obtain knowledge of new and developing techniques in the accessibility field.

Coordinates and distributes accessibility data and serves as an accessibility specialist by providing or overseeing technical assistance and advice.

Facilitates field office use of existing BLM accessibility evaluation data.

Develops and evaluates comprehensive training program on universal design. Involves universities, other federal agencies and private organizations. Identifies target audience to receive training and develops curriculum and courses commensurate with the needs of the trainees.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=97240692&JobTitle=Accessibility+Coordinator&where=washington+dc&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&x=0&y=0&jbf574=IN05&AVS DM=2011-02-23+14%3a12%3a00>