



News from NARRP

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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

Correction - Funding restored to New York State Parks in 2010-11

Last week NARRP included an article in the News that stated that, " New York officials have proposed closing 41 of the state's 169 operating parks and reducing services at 23 others." Dan Keefe, the Deputy Public Information Officer at NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation emailed NARRP to let us know that, "While there were New York State park closing proposed in early 2010, those budget cuts were ultimately restored in May 2010, and all parks opened for the season. All of our parks were open for the 2011 season as well."

NARRP Milestones

NARRP is now 300+ members strong - the highest in our history. Thank you!

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Association-of-Recreation-Resource-Planners/291012762986>

http://www.linkedin.com/groups/National-Association-Recreation-Resource-Planners-1400127?gid=1400127&trk=hb_side_g

NARRP's got a new Bookstore

Are you looking for good texts on various outdoor recreation planning topics? NARRP has teamed with Amazon.com to create a new bookstore for the NARRP website - <http://astore.amazon.com/wwwnarrporg-20>. If you know of a great planning book not listed here, please send us an email. Your purchase helps support NARRP.

Request from a member

I am looking for information on what other State Park agencies may have paid to hire an out-of-agency writer for their SCORP development. The responsibilities envisioned would require

attending public/agency meetings, synthesize all information/materials collected and provided, and the document writing. There would be no responsibility for production, editing, design, layout, or graphics. I would like to know the hourly rate(s) of writing versus attending meetings, how many hours applied, and the total cost.

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Training Webinar: Wildlife Resource Protection on Traveled Federal Lands

Where: online

When: Tuesday November 1, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM EST

Please mark your calendar for the next TRIPTAC training event, WILDLIFE RESOURCE PROTECTION ON TRAVELED FEDERAL LANDS.

Protected areas are assumed to buffer populations of wild animals from human activities. Federal Land Managers face tough challenges in maintaining the delicate balance between providing access to visitors and preserving our country's most precious resources. This training webinar will focus on wildlife-transportation conflicts and solutions and will encourage a shift of focus from just "down the road" to the habitat away from the road.

This training will be held from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. EST on November 1, 2011.

This event is free, and will be most useful for field unit and region-level Federal Land Management Agency supervisors and managers with transportation-related responsibilities who wish to learn about methods, tools and infrastructure for enabling safe passage and habitat connectivity across roadways. This training will not directly inform the NEPA process, but intends to offer an expanded understanding of the ways wildlife may be affected by transportation infrastructure.

Read more about the forum and presenters on the event page by clicking the link below.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=4dvegidab&oeidk=a07e4e2zdy7944d9b18&oseq=a01plgqxqev77>

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Preliminary program available for NRPA Congress

The NRPA Congress and Exposition Preliminary Program — complete with a day-by-day schedule and a guide to educational programming — is available now. Take advantage of this resource to plan your activities during the pre-Congress workshops and the Congress events. Be sure to register for the conference and reserve a hotel room now - <http://wynjade.com/nrpa11/>

Barbara Tulipane, NRPA CEO, Awarded Prestigious Rockefeller-Udall Award by NASPD

Courtesy of dc.citybizlist.com

ASHBURN, Va., -- The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) presented the Laurance Rockefeller-Stewart Udall Award to National Recreation and Park Association CEO Barbara Tulipane for her support and advocacy for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) state assistance program, and her efforts to gain an equal share of LWCF funds for states and localities.

The award was presented on September 8 at the NASPD 2011 Conference in Custer State Park, South Dakota. The Mount Rushmore National Memorial provided a dramatic backdrop for the presentation. This award, given only for the second time, is presented in memory of two American conservation icons by NASPD to honor individuals who have provided distinguished leadership for conservation service. Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson was the first recipient.

"Parks are threatened like they have never been before," said NRPA CEO, Barbara Tulipane . "We must create the opportunities to build public support and to show elected officials how valuable parks are to every community in America. I'm honored to be chosen to receive this award and firmly believe the most important legacy we leave will be through the conservation and stewardship of our parks and public lands."

"NASPD commends Barbara for her leadership and unswerving dedication to ensure full funding and a fair share for the state assistance program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. She understands that state and local parks are essential to the health and well being of citizens, they conserve our natural and cultural treasures and they stimulate our economy," said Joe Elton , president of the National Association of State Park Directors and Director of Virginia State Parks.

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 20,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org. For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit <http://digital.parksandrecreation.org>.

Comprised of 50 state park directors, the National Association of State Park Directors (www.naspd.org) was founded in 1962. The mission of the Association is to promote and advance the state park systems of America for their own significance, as well as for their important contributions to the nation's environment, heritage, health and economy. For additional information, visit www.americasstateparks.org.

National Forest visitors burn billions of calories per year -- study

Courtesy of the Land Letter

Laura Petersen, E&E reporter

Backpacking, hunting, skiing and other recreational activities people engage in while visiting national forests burn an estimated 289 billion calories per year, according to a new study from the Forest Service.

That's the equivalent of 83 million pounds of body fat, or enough French fries placed end to end to reach the moon and back, twice. Put another way, it's enough activity to fulfill the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended amount of aerobic exercise for 7.1 million adults and children for a year.

"It's a lot of exercise going on in national forests," said Jeff Kline, a research forester for the Pacific Northwest Research Station and lead author of the study published in the Journal of Forestry.

Kline admitted the results of the study are by no means earth-shaking. "It's saying what we already knew -- hiking is good for you -- but how many calories is that? We were curious, was it a big number [or] a small number?"

The agency collects large amounts of data about visitor use and experience during 173 million annual visits made to the nation's forests and grasslands. Kline and colleagues converted data on visitors' statements about their "primary activities" from 2004 to 2009 into calories burned to determine the average annual total, the most intense activities and regional differences.

Overall, downhill skiing, hunting, hiking and walking, developed camping, fishing and backpacking accounted for 76 percent of the total energy expended annually. Backpacking burns the most calories by far, but is not as common as other activities. In contrast, some popular activities like driving through forests did not result in high energy expenditures.

Total visits and calories burned were highest in the West, where there are significantly more national forests. However, forest and grasslands in the Northeast and Southeast yielded proportionally greater net energy expenditures.

This may be partly due to closer proximity to major population centers in the East. About half of all visits were made by "locals," people who live within 60 miles of forest boundaries, indicating people living closer to forests may use them for routine exercise activities, Kline said.

Regional differences may also be explained by the types of activities visitors engaged in. Hunting, a relatively high-energy activity, is much more popular in the East, accounting for 16 percent of visits in the Northeast and 15 percent in Southeast, versus only 6 percent in the West.

The authors caution their study is "somewhat of a back-of-the-envelope analysis," but also point out their calculations are very conservative. They used the lowest figure in the range of "relative

metabolic equivalents" for various activities used to determine calories burned. And they only calculated energy expenditures for primary activities; so if a family went camping, it's likely they also did some walking or hiking, which is not included in the grand total of expended energy.

"This is not an exact number," Kline said. "It gives us a rough idea how big a number it is."

By quantifying the physical health benefits -- not to mention the mental health benefits of spending time outdoors -- the study helps highlight the significant role national forests can play in national initiatives promoting outdoor recreation and combating childhood obesity, the authors said.

"Since cutting back dramatically on timber harvest in the 1990s, the Forest Service has been struggling to figure out what their mission is," Kline said, adding public health might be part of the answer and help justify investment in national forests.

The agency can use this data to help garner support for investments and programs with public health benefits, such as developed camping, which leads to longer visits and greater energy expenditures.

Let Them Flood

Courtesy of Climate Conversations

By Richard J. Dolesh, Chief of Public Policy for the National Recreation and Policy Association

The destructive power of floodwater has been on full display in the U.S. this past year. From the damaging floods along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers this spring, to the coastal flooding and widespread storm damage from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, tens of millions of Americans have been inconvenienced or worse by flooding this year. The costs of damages will run in the tens of billions of dollars.

The U.S. has spent enormous sums to chop, channelize, and straighten rivers as well as to build vast levee systems to protect developed infrastructure built in floodplains. Yet in spite of these efforts, we continue to face grave threats and substantial destruction of property.

Extreme weather events, sea-level rise, and other climate change conditions are likely to only make conditions worse and federal funding to address these infrastructure issues is likely to decrease significantly.

There is a better way to coexist with our increasingly flood-prone rivers and waterways and that is to just let them flood-- but in a designed, calculated way, allowing rivers and inland waterways to fill natural floodplains that have been set aside as public open space and parks. These floodable parks can then serve multiple purposes as a means of retaining and controlling flood waters and also as areas for active public use and conservation.

The United States must re-think longstanding public policies that allow and even encourage inappropriate development in flood-prone areas, and replace such policies with a strategic vision that combines public land-acquisition with restoration of wetlands and natural floodplains and which will allow our rivers and waterways to become assets and contributors to the health of our nation's infrastructure, not liabilities that are increasingly expensive to maintain.

One proven method of reducing the impacts of flooding on developed infrastructure is the Dutch model of “Room for the River” in which flood prone areas are set aside for crops, conservation, and recreation. When flooding inevitably occurs on these lands, it does not cause the wrenching disruptions and loss of life and property that occurs annually in the U.S. In a country whose land is 60% below sea level, the Netherlands have adopted a sensible long-term vision that strategically allows flooding to occur, but which produces minimal damage to valuable infrastructure or public safety.

More floodplains and flood prone areas should be strategically set aside as public open space, designed to conserve natural resources and programmed for public use with trails, greenways, blueways, and other outdoor recreation resources that conserve wildlife habitat, improve health, and contribute to livable, sustainable communities.

Parks that allow Room for the River can be a key solution to improving our nation’s infrastructure, reducing property damage and loss, and saving billions in taxpayer’s dollars.

What Does the American Jobs Act Mean to Parks & Rec Agencies?

Courtesy of NRPA

In an address to a joint session of Congress last week, President Obama outlined a new proposal to create jobs and repeatedly urged Congress to pass the legislation quickly. This bill, the American Jobs Act, would provide approximately \$447 billion in tax cuts and new spending, all targeted towards revitalizing the economy and creating jobs. For local parks and recreation agencies, there are several elements of this proposal that should be of particular interest.

NEW EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVES

One of the new programs included in the Jobs Act is a “Pathways Back to Work” initiative that would establish a \$5 billion fund at the Department of Labor to support subsidized employment for low-income youth and unemployed adults. A total of \$1.5 billion would be made available to subsidize summer jobs and year-round employment for low-income youth, \$2 billion for the employment of unemployed, low-income adults and \$1.5 billion for work-based training of either low-income unemployed adults or low-income youths. Since this funding will be distributed first through States, and then through local Workforce Investment Boards (local WIBs), local parks and recreational agencies will need to work in partnership with their local WIBs to access these grants. In addition, although local government agencies are ineligible for many of the tax incentives proposed in the legislation, including a temporary payroll tax cut and a new tax credit that rewards organizations who increase their overall payroll costs, nonprofit organizations are eligible for these incentives and may be willing to partner with local agencies to take advantage of these new incentives.

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

The Jobs Act also would also provide significant investments in transportation projects that could be utilized to enhance local open space and provide access to non-vehicular modes of transportation. A total of \$27 billion is included in the bill for highway, bridge and rail projects, 3% of which is reserved for Transportation Enhancement projects such as pedestrian and

bicycle facilities, historic preservation efforts and landscaping/streetscaping initiatives. Furthermore, the legislation would provide an additional \$5 billion for the TIGER discretionary grant program, three times more than this program received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The TIGER program is especially popular among localities because it provides competitive grants directly to local governments for a wide variety of transportation projects, including bike and pedestrian networks or greenways.

Click here to find more information about the other initiatives included in the American Jobs Act: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/09/08/fact-sheet-american-jobs-act>

Youth to Demand Outdoor Rights from Elected Officials in Washington

Courtesy of the Outdoor Industry Association

A group of ten young adult leaders from across the United States is in Washington, D.C. this week to champion outdoor issues, including funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), increased outdoor opportunities in schools, easier access to the outdoors for underserved communities and perhaps most of all – a seat at the table where decisions about funding for outdoor recreation and protection of special places are made.

Teaming up with The Outdoor Foundation, OIA government affairs staff arranged for the Ambassadors to meet with high-level officials from the White House, the departments of Interior and Agriculture, Congress, and supporting foundations. The Ambassadors represent thousands of outdoor enthusiasts that are part of Outdoor Nation, the youth-led movement championing the outdoors.

“Congress is finalizing FY 2012 appropriations and will move immediately into Super Committee debt reduction negotiations and FY 2013 appropriations,” explained Craig Mackey, director of recreation policy at OIA. “These young Ambassadors offer a unique and compelling voice on need to fund accessible, affordable places for all Americans to get outdoors.”

Outdoor Nation’s “Take Action” Week in Washington is part of a larger effort bringing Americans to the nation’s capital to voice support for the outdoors. Outdoor Nation Ambassadors will thank Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar’s for his work on LWCF; champion President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors initiative, and increased support for federal programs that reconnect youth and the outdoors.

“We are proud to empower young adults and allow their voices to be heard,” said Chris Fanning, the executive director of The Outdoor Foundation, the organization that oversees Outdoor Nation. “If policy-makers in Washington listen to these innovative, passionate youth leaders, we will be more successful in reconnecting young people to the outdoors, reversing America’s catastrophic inactivity crisis and protecting our outdoor heritage, which belongs to the next generation.”

Outdoor Nation “Take Action” Week continues the momentum of the 2011 Summer Youth Summits, which brought young leaders together in a weekend forum to address the growing disconnect between youth and the outdoors. During each regional Summit, young people discussed regional outdoor issues and brainstormed project ideas that strengthen America’s connection to its outdoor spaces.

“Our generation can organize and mobilize like no other generation in history,” said Outdoor Nation Ambassador Kimberly Banzhaf from Colorado. “I am joining with thousands of other young leaders to focus our passion, energy and creative spirit on the important outdoor issues that have been tossed aside, especially during the nation’s economic downturn.”

Outdoor Nation Ambassador Juan Herrera from California and Craig Mackey from OIA will also participate in a briefing for Capitol Hill on Thursday, September 22, along with Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO), Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) and corporate and nonprofit members from the Outdoor Alliance for Kids Coalition. The panelists will outline the benefits of connecting youth and the outdoors, including health and economic benefits.

Outdoor Nation is an initiative of The Outdoor Foundation and was founded with initial support from The North Face, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, The REI Foundation, and The Conservation Fund.

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER

SALARY RANGE: \$57,408.00 - \$74,628.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, September 16, 2011 to Friday, September 30, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-11/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Work Schedule is Full Time. This is a permanent position.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in one of the following locations: Klamath Falls, OR

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All current BLM employees with competitive eligibility within Lakeview District.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: OR MERIT-2011-0207

JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join the team to serve as an Outdoor Recreation Planner for the Klamath Falls Resource Area.

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.

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For additional information about the BLM, please visit Our website.

For more information on the area, you may contact the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce at 800-874-7012 or log on to the Visitor Information Website at: Klamath Falls.

DUTIES:

- Provides recreation planning and expertise in the inventory, study, development, protection, and management of the area's extensive and diverse recreation resources.
- Develops procedures and standards for conducting inventories and studies to analyze and determine the various types of recreation visitor uses and the suitability of sites.
- Assures completion of Wilderness studies, and the process for recommending areas determined to be suitable or unsuitable.
- Oversees the use of all recreation-related resources with the resource area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102479595&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER, GS-0023-11

SALARY RANGE: \$57,408.00 - \$74,628.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, September 16, 2011 to Friday, September 23, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-11/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Work schedule is full-time This is a permanent position.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 11

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in one of the following locations: Monte Vista, CO

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

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: CO MERIT-2011-0233

JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center's Recreation Team. You will help manage the Center's outdoor recreation program.

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The San Luis Public Lands Center is located in Monte Vista, Colorado. Information about Monte Vista can be found at Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce.

DUTIES:

Using your knowledge of outdoor recreation planning and management, you will provide leadership for the various outdoor recreation programs, which includes recreation maintenance and operations; special recreation permitting and fee; interpretation; and wilderness programs. Your specific duties will be:

- Ensuring that recreation sites are managed for public use and enjoyment with visitor health and safety as the highest priority
- Providing information to the public concerning the recreation and wilderness programs and BLM
- Identifying recreational development opportunities
- Providing input for the management of upland recreation including budget, facility development, maintenance, wilderness, interpretation and other projects
- Coordinating the implementation of approved travel management plans
- Preparing and implementing wilderness management plans for interim guidance and long term management
- Field Office budget lead for the recreation, recreation fee, wilderness, annual maintenance, operations, and transportation planning programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102520936&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER

SALARY RANGE: \$61,612.00 - \$96,001.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, September 15, 2011 to Tuesday, October 04, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-11/12

POSITION INFORMATION: Work schedule is full-time This is a permanent position.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in one of the following locations: Denver [Includes Lakewood], CO

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

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: CO MERIT-2011-0229

JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join its team at the Colorado State Office to be the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) program lead for the BLM in Colorado.

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enjoyment of present and future generations.

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This position is located in Lakewood, Colorado. Information about Lakewood and the surrounding area can be found at City of Lakewood, Colorado.

DUTIES:

The Bureau of Land Management's NLCS contains some of the West's most spectacular landscapes. In Colorado, BLM manages about 8 million acres of surface lands, including about a million acres in the NLCS. We have 65 NLCS units in Colorado including a National Monument, three National Conservation Areas, 5 Wilderness Areas, 54 Wilderness Study Areas, portions of two National Scenic and Historic Trails.

Using your comprehensive knowledge of outdoor recreation principles and practices, you will provide statewide expertise in the following components: Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), National Monuments (NMs), National Conservation Areas (NCAs), National Wild and Scenic Rivers (NWSR), and the National Trail System (NTS). Your specific duties will include:

State Program Leadership, Development, Technical Assistance and Training: Developing strategies, procedures, policies and objectives for the NLCS Program in Colorado and advising the State Director on these issues. Providing technical assistance to Field Offices on a regular basis on all facets of NLCS programs.

Program and Budget Coordination: Coordinating the NLCS Program in BLM Colorado with other federal, state and national organizations. Frequently working with various Colorado environmental organizations. Coordinating between the State Director and the Field Offices to assure adequate and consistent implementation of policies and guidance.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102488951&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125

Job Announcement – National Park Service

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER

SALARY RANGE: \$57,408.00 - \$74,628.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 to Monday, September 26, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time Career/Career Conditional

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Fayetteville, AR

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: MWRC-11-OC-0138

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: Open to all qualified United States Citizens

This announcement replaced announcement number MWRC-11-OC-0132

This announcement is also being advertised under merit promotion procedures, (MWRC-11-MP-0131). 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.

Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses will not be paid. Any travel, transportation and relocation expenses associated with reporting for duty in this position will be the responsibility of the selected employee, unless otherwise eligible for reimbursement of relocation expenses under the Federal Travel Regulations (i.e., current career/career-conditional federal employee).

DUTIES:

Major Duties: The incumbent provides technical planning assistance, coordination, and leadership on cooperative conservation and recreation planning projects for the National Park Service (NPS), Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. Other duties include working with Federal, state and local governments to plan trails and river projects. Incumbent facilitates multi-disciplinary teams in the development these recreation projects. Also, duties include working with local organizations to write plans, and to engage and support the community in the process.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102443744&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125 (US Citizens)

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102418381&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125 (Status Candidates)

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER

SALARY RANGE: \$38,790.00 - \$74,628.00 /year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 to Tuesday, September 27, 2011

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-07/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time This is a permanent position.

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 11

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy - Whitethorn, CA

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All current or former federal employees with competitive/reinstatement eligibility, ICTAP/CTAP eligibles within the local commuting area and

Veteran Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA) eligibles.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: CA-MERIT-2011-0130

JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join the isolated and remote King Range National Conservation Area staff to serve as an Outdoor Recreation Planner.

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 the productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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This position is located in the isolated and remote community of Whitethorn, CA. Information about Whitethorn and the King Range National Conservation Area can be found [here](#).

DUTIES:

- Serves as the King Range Project Office Wilderness and Wild & Scenic River Coordinator.
- Takes the lead in the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of public participation activities, such as wilderness management.
- Lead the implementation of recreation sections of the King Range Management Plan (2005) and King Range Wilderness Management Plan (2011).
- Lead and manage the Special Recreation Permit, recreation use permit, and wilderness permit programs in the King Range Project Office.
- Coordinates long range planning, analysis, and recommendations for recreation, visitor services, and visual resources.
- Coordinates, develops, implements, and modifies recreation management, including coordination with other Federal, State, and local agencies.
- Directs wilderness inventories and studies to determine recreation visitor use and site suitability for current and future use.
- Develops, applies, and monitors the King Range Project Office recreation, visitor services, natural history, and NLCS portion of the Annual Work Plan.
- Coordinates the planning, operation, and maintenance of developed campgrounds and recreation sites, including continual and creative improvements.
- Assists with Environmental Coordination, providing technical review, guidance, and input for Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements, as needed.

- Serves as the principle source of information and communicator of area resource values, policy, and regulation to public land users.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

http://jobview.usajobs.gov/getjob.aspx?JobID=102413681&aid=90127670-20911&WT.mc_n=125