



## News from NARRP

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### **The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners**

#### **Active Network Fundraising Challenge Status**

As of today, 100% of the Board and several other members have contributed to this exciting effort and we are 91% toward our goal of \$5,000. Please remember, all money raised through the Active Network fundraising challenge will help support the activities of the 2012 NARRP conference. Any amount you contribute will make a difference and get us closer to reaching our goal. Please visit the NARRP website to contribute today. Thanks!

Help us meet our goal. Give now:

<http://www.narrp.org/clubportal/Fundraising.cfm?clubID=1431&campaignID=311>

#### **Reminder NARRP Seeking Candidates for the Board of Directors**

If interested in running for a position, please send an official request to Mary Donze, VP Operations, ([mary.donze@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:mary.donze@dnr.mo.gov)) stating what position you are interested in being considered for (vice president of development, secretary and three at-large positions). With your request, please include a photo, your current title or position, and a 500 word or less biography of your professional and personal experience, including a statement as to why you are running and what you feel you can bring to the association through board service. Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012

#### **Request from a member**

I'm working with a river authority in Texas. On one of their lakes, while lowering the water level to conduct maintenance on a dam, a group of residents went out and cut 125 stumps to improve access for water skiing. The loss of structure, however, has a detrimental effect on fish populations and angling opportunities. They would like to take action against the residents and have approached me for some guidance. I'm looking for cases that I can reference where the public land/resource manager has taken action against residents for manipulating (e.g., harvesting, modifying, etc.) the resource.

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## **Training Opportunity: Access to Parks & Outdoor Recreation Areas**

April 17-20, 2012

Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada

Register by February 10 to receive \$75 off the registration fee.

Accessibility standards for recreation facilities have been adopted while those for outdoor developed areas are close to being finalized. This 3 ½ -day NCA training course will provide an overview of the new accessibility standards while emphasizing a universal design approach for new construction and alterations to existing facilities. A central learning theme concentrates on the best practices in design and construction to accommodate people with disabilities. This course is ideal for planners, designers, facility managers and accessibility coordinators. Session topics will discuss how design and construction affects people with disabilities and how people with disabilities function in these park facilities, the ADA/ABA accessibility standards, boating and fishing facilities, picnic areas, trails, campgrounds, and beaches. The field exercise will be conducted outdoors at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Upon completion of the course, learners will be able to: apply the accessibility standards to new construction and altered recreation facilities; direct project supervision to ensure compliance with the accessibility standards; and apply universal design concepts to benefit the widest spectrum of park users.

For registration information: [www.ncaonline.org](http://www.ncaonline.org)

## **Distance Learning Opportunities from the Natural Resources Distance Learning Consortium**

Online Geospatial Intelligence and GIS Programs

When Vanessa Damato wanted to enhance her analytical knowledge and technical skills in geospatial intelligence, she turned to Penn State's online Geospatial Intelligence graduate certificate program.

Damato, a former U.S. Naval Intelligence Officer and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, is using what she has learned in the program in her role as lead geospatial scientist at Special Operations Center - Pacific Command (SOCPAC) Pattern Analysis Section. As an employee of GeoEye Analytics, she has applied empirically driven approaches toward geospatial predictive analytics to support Irregular Warfare and Unconventional Warfare planning initiatives for USSOCOM's Joint Intelligence Center - Pattern Analysis Section (JIC-PAS), Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and Theater Special Operations Centers.

Damato and Bill McDevitt are recipients of the 2011 Lt. Michael P. Murphy Award in Geospatial Intelligence, presented by Penn State. Both Damato and McDevitt are currently enrolled in the Master of GIS program, offered by the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences and delivered online by Penn State's World Campus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.nrdlc.org/master.php?id=4>

## Winter & Spring Term Courses for 2012

The holidays have come and gone, the new year has begun... it's time to make good on that professional development resolution and choose your courses for Spring 2012. Our members offer over 450 virtual courses--take a look at a small sample of your options!

### University of Montana

NRSM Wilderness in the American Context (4 credits Undergraduate)/NRSM 560 American Wilderness Philosophy and Policy (4 credits Graduate)

This class will be offered online with a facilitated discussion group led by instructor Kari Gunderson. Invited guest instructors may include Carhart Wilderness Training Center staffs, academics, and working wilderness managers. Students will examine the early history of wilderness preservation that ultimately led to federal protection in the Wilderness Act and subsequent legislation, including how each agency applies these laws. An excellent course for managers and students interested in obtaining a firm academic foundation in wilderness philosophy and ethics. For more information: <http://www.nrdlc.org/course.php?id=123>

### NC State

FOR 491 Special Topics in Forestry and Related Natural Resources - Introduction to Wildfire Science

Introduction to Wildfire Science is a survey course. We will cover the complete range of Wildfire Science, but not go too deep into any one subject area. This course will make extensive use of the Encyclopedia of Southern Fire Science, an on line resource available free of charge. No face to face meetings will be required. For more information:

<http://www.nrdlc.org/course.php?id=858>

### Utah State

NR 6535 Leadership for Natural Resource Professionals, 2 cr.

Primary objective is to develop knowledge of leadership techniques in the context of natural resources management through readings, discussions, and position papers. For more information: <http://www.nrdlc.org/course.php?id=656>

### University of Idaho

Moral Reasoning in Natural Resources (NR 504-1, 3, CRN 35750)

Exploration of the practical aspects of moral reasoning on current issues in natural resources. The purpose of the course is to discover the essence of reasoning, rationality, and reflection on moral and ethical dilemmas with regard to current issues in natural resources. For more information, click here or email Clinton Culp at [culpca@uidaho.edu](mailto:culpca@uidaho.edu).

## Program Highlight - NCSU

### Master of Parks, Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management

The online masters degree provides students with a solid professional and business education designed to advance their career development in parks, recreation, tourism, and sport industries. The courses are matched with the needs of industry. The faculty are national and international leaders in their fields who are dedicated to providing students with the skills they

will need to lead and to gain a competitive advantage in their chosen field. Students can continue to work full-time while taking one course at a time and still complete all degree requirements in two years.

The flexible learning environment accommodates the demands of full-time employment. The contemporary instructional methods emphasize group discussions, frequent interactions with faculty and meaningful assignments which provide valuable skills and knowledge critical for career advancement.

For more information, email Michelle Harrolle at [michelle\\_harrolle@ncsu.edu](mailto:michelle_harrolle@ncsu.edu).

## **Should Michigan follow other states by investing in Lake Michigan water trails?**

*Courtesy of mlive.com*

By Howard Meyerson, The Grand Rapids Press

Last June, I wrote that Indiana paddlers had done their part to complete a 75-mile segment of the Lake Michigan Water Trail, a highly noteworthy project, but only a fraction of a 1,600-mile paddling route being developed around the lake.

Now there is more to say: Wisconsin announced just before the holidays it is well on its way to making its 425-mile shoreline a working part of the trail. The water trail is expected to be designated by Congress as a National Recreation Trail. It will be to paddling what the Appalachian and North Country national scenic trails are to hiking: Epic.

"Of the 425 miles, we found there are 228 miles with segments that need either better access or improvements to provide better access," said Jeff Prey, a senior state park planner for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Prey and others just finished a coastal inventory of access points. A detailed report can be found at the Wisconsin DNR website.

Prey said Wisconsin's vision is having kayak-friendly access sites every 5 miles on its shoreline and camping spots every 15 miles.

"We're submitting work plans to the U.S. Department of Interior this week. Phase two we hope to start in 2012," Prey said. "Our intent, in the meantime, is to go for state designation and to develop the logo and the brochures and map package. By 2013, we hope to have funds in place for development and access issues."

The Lake Michigan Water Trail is a grand vision with benefits that have been identified by President Barack Obama's administration.

Prey said the Wisconsin portion was named as "one of the top 100 projects" in the nation that could get financial support under Obama's 2010 "America's Great Outdoors" initiative. It was launched to provide more Americans with access to the outdoors, expose youth to outdoor recreation and enhance conservation efforts and solutions with grassroots investment rather than top-down policies.

The water trail is expected to be a huge economic boon for Lake Michigan communities. It is expected to draw paddlers from all over the globe.

Planners are already thinking about its benefits. You may hear the term “multi-modal” trail increasingly in the future. That’s planner-speak for accommodating all kinds of uses.

“This is going to be the world’s largest multi-modal trail,” said Dave Lemberg, a professor at Western Michigan University and the head of its Great Lakes Center for Maritime Studies. “We have an amazing route around Lake Michigan that we don’t advertise well.

“What I have in mind is some kind of passport that you can go along the trail by bike or kayak or on foot and it would be proof that you have done the whole trail.”

Lemberg is on sabbatical for a year. He is working full time on the Michigan shoreline inventory need for the trail. Michigan has 1,200 miles of shoreline.

“I got the access inventory done for the Lower Peninsula a couple of weeks ago,” Lemberg said. “It looks good. The longest gap between access points is 15 miles between Harbor Springs and a township park to its north. The entire Lower Peninsula is beachable.”

Beachable is kayaker-speak for being friendly to land on if you are out paddling.

Lemberg found the Lower Peninsula shoreline, more kayak-friendly than he expected. State parks now embrace them, rent them and make things easier for those who want access. Various communities have worked to make that happen as well.

“It’s a 180-degree flip from 10 to 15 years ago,” Lemberg said. “This is really going to make things much easier in establishing a sea kayak route. I’m just delighted.”

Lemberg is nothing if not enthusiastic. The prospect of combining a kayak tour up the Michigan shoreline with a bike tour along U.S. Route 35, the proposed bike route up the Lake Michigan shoreline, makes him giddy. He said the tourism opportunities are astounding when the various modes of travel are combined.

“We should be a world destination on the level of the Appalachian Trail,” Lemberg said. “But we (the state) haven’t been marketing things that way.”

What’s too bad is that Lemberg is right. Michigan’s DNR has largely ignored water trails for the past two decades. Independent groups have largely had to take them on by themselves.

Yet other states like Indiana clearly see the benefits. It’s obvious that Wisconsin does, too. There are big doings ahead for Lake Michigan shoreline communities. Perhaps it’s time for the state of Michigan to get onboard.

## **The health benefits of riding**

*Courtesy of the British Horse Society*

The BHS recently commissioned the University of Brighton, in partnership with Plumpton

College, to research the physical health, psychological and well-being benefits of recreational horse riding in the United Kingdom.

The research assessed whether horse riding can be classified as a moderate intensity exercise when undertaken for at least 30 minutes or more, three times a week, and examined the frequency with which individuals take part. It also examined the psychological and social benefits of horse riding. Reliable existing evidence indicates that physical exercise produces well-being benefits linked to social interactions and changes in mood, anxiety, self-esteem and other personal emotions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [http://www.bhs.org.uk/Riding/Health\\_Benefits\\_of\\_Riding.aspx](http://www.bhs.org.uk/Riding/Health_Benefits_of_Riding.aspx)

## **Money runs out for federal grant program**

*Courtesy of the SentinelSource.com*

By Nicole S. Colson, Sentinel Staff

The Keene Sno-Riders snowmobile club planned to apply this month for a federal grant to rebuild three bridges along 54 miles of trail. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests planned to apply to the same program to pay for trail work on Mount Monadnock next spring.

Those applications, along with several others across the state, will not be submitted. The N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation's Bureau of Trails announced in December that it was forced to cancel the 2012 Recreational Trails Program grant round. The funding, which comes from the Federal Highway Administration, is a major component for development and maintenance of the motorized trail system and is the only federal source of funding available for non-motorized trails in New Hampshire.

Fifty-five organizations across the state received grants from the program in 2011. But the federal government has rescinded all 2012 statewide funds, which amounted to \$677,000.

"This will have a massive impact," said Bob Fee, president of the Stoddard Rock Hoppers — a 180- member snowmobile club.

Eleven snowmobile clubs take care of more than 700 miles of snowmobile trails (including nearly 80 miles of recreational rail trails) in Cheshire County. These trails are used by hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, snowshoers, cross-country skiers and other off-road recreational vehicle users.

Fee is an advisor for a state program that provides funding for construction and maintenance of recreational trails. He has said snowmobile clubs usually supplement the federal funding with state funding for projects, which range from major trail construction to purchasing grooming equipment.

With the federal funding gone, there won't be anything for the state money to supplement, he said. Clubs like his will have to bear more of the cost of maintaining trails.

The Recreational Trails Program distributes grants between \$5,000 and \$30,000, requiring a

matching contribution of at least 20 percent. The value of volunteer labor may be counted toward that match. It has been a reliable funding source for several local snowmobile clubs in past years.

Bob Smith, trails administrator for the Pisgah Mountain Trailriders, said the club received a \$29,200 grant last year to purchase a tractor to maintain the club's trails. In past years, the funding has paid to lay gravel along a portion of the trail from Ashuelot to Hinsdale. Some of the funding for that project was matched with volunteer labor.

Ken Whiton, trail master for the Walpole-based Hooper Hill Hoppers snowmobile club, said a \$6,400 Recreational Trails program grant went toward the purchase of a drag in 2009. A drag is a piece of equipment pulled behind a snowmobile to groom a trail. The pulling of the federal funding has sent clubs looking for other sources to pay for projects intended for 2012.

Bruce Bohannon, trail master for the Keene Sno-Riders, said the group had planned to apply this month for \$30,000 to repair a portion of the Ashuelot Recreational Rail Trail, which stretches 2 miles south of Sawyers Crossing Road in Swanzey. The job was to include laying down gravel, cleaning out ditches and cutting brush along that section of trail. The work is part of a joint project between Keene and Swanzey, with the help of a N.H. Department of Transportation grant.

Chris Gamache, N.H. Bureau of Trails chief, said the federal program was meant to help fund a new section of recreational rail trail stretching from Winchester to Walpole. The project was to include stabilizing several 100-plus-year-old, large stone-arched culverts. Gamache said it was surprising to receive an email from the Federal Highway Administration announcing the funds would be cut off. "The rug was yanked out with no advance warning," he said. The funding for the program comes from the motor fuel excise tax collected from users of non-highway recreational vehicles, including snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and off-highway motorcycles and light trucks. Gamache said funding for the trails program was rescinded this year because the Federal Highway Administration made technical corrections to its funding formula, recalculating grants for the years 2009 to 2012. "They overcalculated the number of light trucks that might be used in (New Hampshire)," he said. "They had to make corrections for the last four years."

Gamache said he's heard a lot of responses to this decision to rescind all the funding for this program. "A lot of people are asking, 'Who cares? Why are we spending highway funds on this program anyway?'" he said. "But it's not highway money. It's gas tax paid by folks to not be on a road — it's a user-paid system." Not only is the funding for the program gone for 2012 — it may be gone for good.

As of right now, Gamache said, the current draft of a new Federal Highway Bill does not include a dedicated Recreational Trails Program. Right now, Gamache added, the state funding for trails projects (the N.H. Division of Parks and Recreation's Grant-In-Aid Program) is secure. However, part of the funding for the state program comes from off-highway recreational vehicle registration fees and can change every year based on the number of registrations sold. "There's no snow, so a lot of people aren't registering their sleds," Bohannon said.

Fee said he and his fellow club members plan to approach the state snowmobile association to take the matter to the state Legislature about reinstating the program. Gail Hansen, executive director for the N.H. Snowmobile Association, believes the cutting of the federal program will have an economic impact because snowmobiling brings in \$1.2 billion to the state annually. "It's

devastating to all the clubs in New Hampshire,” she said. “It’s going to be missed.”

Motorized trails are not the only casualty of the end of the Recreational Trails Program. The trails on Mount Monadnock will also be affected. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests planned to apply for a \$20,000 grant to hire a crew from the Student Conservation Association to work on two trails on the mountain in 2012. The organization has received the same grant in past years, both to hire a work crew and to purchase maintenance equipment. A Recreational Trails Program grant paid for a tool trailer in 2009. Gamache said the maintenance project was to include a remapping of all the trails on the mountain and the compiling of a conditions report.

“It’s one more resource being taken,” said Jack Savage, the forest society’s communications/outreach vice president. Savage said the organization relies on many sources for funding projects, but once any of those shares is reduced, it puts pressure on the remaining sources. Tough choices need to be made as to what will get done. “We may have to ramp down our expectations,” he said.

## **LWCF Full Funding Bill Now Stands at 27 Co-Sponsors**

*Courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*

As the year came to an end, a highlight for conservation spending has been the growing support in the U.S. Senate for S. 1265, the Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2011.

Led by U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and Max Baucus (D-MT), this active co-sponsorship drive has and will continue to garner a growing list of bipartisan support in 2012 that now stands at 27, including three Republicans - U.S. Senators Scott Brown (R-MA), Richard Burr (R-NC), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC).

S. 1265 is an important piece of legislation that would provide dedicated annual funding of \$900 million to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) as authorized by Congress. Since LWCF is paid for using a very small percentage of offshore oil and gas drilling receipts, and not taxpayer dollars, this legislation would finally end the diversion of LWCF funds for unrelated purposes.

Though LWCF received a small increase in FY 2012, the final appropriated level of \$322 million is still only one-third of the total amount that is deposited in the LWCF account each year and well below levels needed to ensure protection of critical lands across the country.

## **Transportation Reauthorization Bill Update**

*Courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*

When Congress last passed a multiyear transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005, it was set to expire on September 30, 2009. Because the current gas tax does not produce enough revenue to support existing transportation programs, Congress has been struggling to pass another multi-year bill and has only succeeded to date in passing 7 short-term extensions. The current one expires March 31, 2012.



On November 9, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved a 2-year transportation bill (MAP-21, S. 1813) that would continue funding transportation programs at current levels while taking into account inflation. The bill proposes changes to nonmotorized programs, including Transportation Enhancements (TE), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and the National Scenic Byways Program. Instead of reauthorizing multiple small programs, the bill consolidates them under umbrellas and lists eligible activities. States may use funds for all of these activities through the new Transportation Mobility Program and all of them (except Scenic Byways) through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. The bill also gives states more flexibility as they determine how much funding is to be allocated to these programs and activities. Additionally, the bill authorizes a Federal Lands Access Program to replace aspects of the Public Lands Highways program.

The Senate's bill now waits for action in the Senate's Finance and Commerce, Science and Transportation committees, which share jurisdiction. The Senate Finance Committee has the toughest job: finding \$12 billion in revenues to cover shortfalls in the bill from the Highway Trust Fund. Until this gap is bridged, the bill will likely not be brought to the Senate floor.

In the House, discussion about a new transportation bill has centered on using energy development to either pay for spending or as a link for spurring the economy. One of the proposals was to use revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to fund transportation programs. This is the same source of money that has been used since the late 1960s to fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). On December 22, a bipartisan group of 130 Representatives sent a letter to Speaker John Boehner and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi urging them to keep the congressional commitment to LWCF as it examines the disposition of OCS revenues.

## **Attention Congress: Investing in Land Conservation Helps Our Economy**

*Courtesy of the Trust for Public Land*

Over the past year, the annual budget and appropriations process has cut conservation funding disproportionately to its benefits. Key programs such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, State and Tribal Wildlife Grants and EPA programs have been slashed by more than 30 percent, in contrast to overall non-defense discretionary spending, which has been cut by just 7 percent.

These cuts to conservation threaten the future of our country's environmental and economic health, undermining the infrastructure that ensures we have clean air to breathe, water to drink, land to enjoy, and habitat for our country's wildlife.

Last year, The Trust for Public Land (TPL) studied the Return on Investment from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, finding that for every \$1 invested from LWCF spending on federal units sampled in the study, returned \$4 in economic value.

Since 2007, TPL has completed economic value studies in 12 cities or counties, five of which were in the past year. You can find 10 of them on TPL's Website.

Over the past few months, there have been several other reports released by other organizations highlighting the importance of land conservation to our national and local

economies. These reports support federal funding for land conservation such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund as a means to invest in local economies that rely on tourism and recreation.

Below is a list of the recent reports from other organizations:

THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION, October 2011 - The Economics Associated with Outdoor Recreation, Natural Resources Conservation and Historic Preservation in the United States. Conducted by Southwick Associates, this report demonstrates that the great outdoors and historic preservation generate a conservative estimate of more than \$1 trillion in total economic activity and support 9.4 million jobs each year. Other highlights in the study include:

- In 2006, the total contribution from outdoor sports in the United States was nearly \$730 billion per year, generating more than 6.4 million U.S. jobs and \$99 billion in federal and state tax revenues. This includes hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and other outdoor sports that include hiking, camping, skiing, paddle sports and bicycling.

- In 2006, the combined spending effect of hunting, fishing and wildlife watching associated with National Forest Service land totaled \$9.5 billion in annual retail sales, supported 189,400 jobs and provided \$1.01 billion in annual federal tax revenues.

- Every million dollars invested in residential historic rehabilitation generates approximately 36 jobs, \$1.24 million in income and nearly \$200,000 in state and local taxes.

- In 2010, 15 million visitors to Civil War battlefields managed by the National Park Service in just five states (Missouri, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia) generated 7,700 jobs.

Click here to download:

<http://www.nfwf.org/Content/ContentFolders/NationalFishandWildlifeFoundation/HomePage/ConservationSpotlights/TheEconomicValueofOutdoorRecreation.pdf>

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION REPORT, October 2011 - How Congress Can Lower the Deficit and Protect Wildlife & Public Health. One example highlighted in this report by the National Wildlife Federation is the planned expansion of Petrified Forest National Park, a unique geological marvel and popular tourist attraction that has more than 600,000 visitors each year. The Land and Water Conservation Fund provided the funds to expand the park by approximately 26,000 acres. In 2009 alone, the National Park Service estimated that non-local visitors to this park added more than \$21 million to the local economy and contributed to 593 local jobs. Cutting funding for the LWCF would limit future additions to our national parks and cause us to lose the economic benefits that they provide. Click here to download:

[http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Wildlife/2011/~/\\_media/PDFs/Wildlife/Conservation/ConservationWorks\\_final.ashx](http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Wildlife/2011/~/_media/PDFs/Wildlife/Conservation/ConservationWorks_final.ashx)

NATIONAL PARK CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION REPORT, November 2011 – Made in America: Investing in National Parks for Our Heritage and Our Economy. Funding for the National Parks is under severe threat. In today's dollars, the overall appropriation for the National Park Service (NPS) is nearly \$400 million (or 13%) less than it was 10 years ago. National parks not only protect our heritage; they are important to local economies nationwide. A recent study commissioned by NPCA found that every federal dollar invested in national parks

generates at least four dollars in direct economic impact to the economy— supporting more than \$13 billion of direct local private-sector economic activity and nearly 270,000 private sector jobs. Some parks, like Acadia NP, produce as much as \$16 in economic benefit for every dollar invested. Click here to download: [http://www.npca.org/assets/pdf/Made\\_In\\_America\\_Report.pdf](http://www.npca.org/assets/pdf/Made_In_America_Report.pdf)

HEADWATERS ECONOMICS, November 2011 - Economists Urge President Obama to Protect Federal Public Lands. More than 100 economists and academics in related fields concluded through examining peer reviewed research that federal protected public lands are essential to the West's economic future. These public lands, including national parks, wilderness areas and national monuments, attract innovative companies and workers, and are an essential component of the region's competitive advantage. The West's public lands contribute to our economic well being in a variety of ways, including resource extraction and recreation. These activities can and must coexist with expanding protections for America's world-class natural amenities. In a letter to President Obama, these economists and academics issued a strong call for the President to “create jobs and support businesses by investing in our public lands infrastructure and establishing new protected areas such as parks, wilderness, and monuments.” Click here to download: [http://headwaterseconomics.org/wphw/wp-content/uploads/Protected\\_Lands\\_Economics.pdf](http://headwaterseconomics.org/wphw/wp-content/uploads/Protected_Lands_Economics.pdf)

## **Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management**

### **OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNER**

**SALARY RANGE:** \$47,448.00 to \$74,628.00 / Per Year

**OPEN PERIOD:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to Tuesday, January 24, 2012

**SERIES & GRADE:** GS-0023-09/11

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

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL:** 11

**DUTY LOCATIONS:** 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Price, UT

**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.

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** UT Merit-2012-0063

#### **JOB SUMMARY:**

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.

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

For additional information about the BLM, please visit [Our website](#).

#### **DUTIES:**

This position is the Outdoor Recreation Planner in the Price Field Office. The purpose of this position is to provide recreation planning and expertise in the inventory, study, development,

protection, and management of the area's extensive and diverse recreation resources. These duties include:

- Responsible for overall technical guidance and coordination of the Field Office's wilderness resource expertise.
- Oversees the permit system budget for the river ranger program.
- Management of river ranger program. Oversees all aspects of safely conducting the river ranger program on the Desolation Canyon, and other rivers within the Price field office.
- Initiates and maintains frequent contacts with wilderness and special interest groups, officials, and employees of local and state government, and other federal agencies.
- Compiles, prepares, coordinates, and monitors the activities for the Field Office for Wilderness Resource Management.
- Administer Special Recreation Use Permits program for recreation events, commercial, and competitive activities; completes appropriate NEPA documentation; coordinates with private land owners and other land management agencies.
- Participates in the development of EAs and maintenance and implementation of RMP decisions.
- Prepares, updates, and/or amends recreation and wilderness portions of existing Resource Management Plan (RMP).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306722500>

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

NATURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST (RECREATION)

SALARY RANGE: \$38,790.00 to \$74,628.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, January 09, 2012 to Monday, January 30, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 11

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Medford, Wisconsin and Park Falls, Wisconsin

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:12-09130004-0338DP-SD

This vacancy is also advertised for Status Candidates under Job Announcement Number:12-09130004-0338G-SD.

### **JOB SUMMARY:**

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation), GS-0401-07/09/11:

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

<https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/toVacancy?referenceCode=WVFDW>.

#### DUTIES:

Independently provides expertise and advise on various types of recreation-related programs and projects that involve conflicting interests or diverse situations, such as wilderness recreation, national recreation or historical trails, development of new sites, expansion or other modification of existing developed sites, special uses, etc.

Reviews proposals for new recreation facilities and recommends actions. Develops information for the recreation management system, including location, costs, history, potential developments and related information pertinent to recreation sites and activities.

Provides technical and administrative supervision to subordinate employees. Plans work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts short-term priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work.

Participates in the development of natural resource plans, programs, and policies for the organization.

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

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306513000> (US Citizens)

<https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306509000> (Status Candidates)

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

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

SALARY RANGE: \$42,368.00 to \$67,368.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, January 09, 2012 to Thursday, January 19, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/09

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09

DUTY LOCATIONS: 2 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Juneau, Alaska

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

Job Announcement Number:12-10050034-0235DP-JS

#### 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 <https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/toVacancy?referenceCode=TGDUQ>.

**DUTIES:**

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

Performs duties related to the application and administration of permits.

Participates in the development of natural resource plans and policies for the organization.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306611500>

## **Job Announcement – Valles Caldera Trust**

Interdisciplinary Natural Resources Specialist

SALARY RANGE: \$68,809.00 to \$89,450.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to Friday, February 10, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0101/0401/0807-12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) - Jemez Springs, NM

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: United States Citizens

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:12-VCT-001

RECRUITMENT TYPE: Position is permanent full-time position. Position is equivalent to grade GS 12.

DUTY LOCATION: Administrative offices of the Valles Caldera Trust in Jemez Springs, NM.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: Travel, transportation, and relocation expenses may be authorized. Specific entitlements will be determined at time of selection.

THIS IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY POSITION AND WILL BE FILLED AS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, GG-0401-12

Supervisory Social Scientist, GG-0101-12

Supervisory Landscape Architect, GG-0807-12

HOUSING INFORMATION: Housing may be available at \$70.00 per pay period in Jemez Springs, NM.

INFORMATION ON THE VALLES CALDERA TRUST: The Valles Caldera Trust (VCT) is a wholly owned government corporation subject to the Government Corporation Control Act. The Trust was created by the Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2000 to preserve and protect the historic Baca Ranch in the Jemez Mountains in north-central New Mexico. The ground breaking legislation that provided for the federal purchase of this 89,000-acre ranch nestled inside a volcanic caldera also created a unique experiment in public land management. The agency, i.e.,

the Trust, operates a working ranch, as well as a variety of other agricultural, educational, recreational, and scientific operations in a dynamic developing enterprise.

Contact information regarding duties of the position:

Tim Haarmann, Supervisory Natural Resources Specialist at 505-428-7717

#### DUTIES:

##### Recreation Program Planning, Coordination and Administration

Planning activities cover the full range of complex problems and issues related to sustainable and accessible outdoor recreation, trails, contact station, scenic byways, of this congressionally designated area. Such activities may require the application of new or improved techniques.

Planning activities cover the full range of complex problems and issues, requiring application of new or improved techniques, in a recreation area.

Serves as a leader, member or advisor for interdisciplinary planning teams as required.

Provides technical expertise and prepares specialist reports for scenery and recreation resources and planning. Provides technical leadership and guidance in interpreting and implementing agency policy, regulations, and guidelines in order to effectively plan, manage, and protect recreation and scenic resources of the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

Develops long-range recreation program direction including formulation of Agency policies, objectives, and priorities. Drafts Agency policy, technical guides and management plans for, wild and scenic rivers designation, recreation capacity setting, dispersed and developed recreational use, and recreation special uses. Evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of the recreation program through periodic on-site inspections and reviews.

##### Landscape Architecture Guidance and Land Use Planning

Applies a broad knowledge of methods, precedents, and standards to landscape projects of diverse scale and complexity. Adapts or modifies precedents, and applies a versatile and innovative approach to solving problems where conflicts exist between management requirements and the management principles of the Trust. Ensures the integration of ecological, social, and cultural influences in land and resource planning and facility designs.

Coordinates master planning and preparation of master plan drawings and narratives for small-to large-scale recreation complexes requiring the input and collaboration of other resource specialists. Directs surveys and investigations to establish baseline data necessary to initiate design. Evaluates baseline data and design objectives, and incorporates salient factors into design considerations and solutions. Works with other resource staff as necessary to perform technical calculations and identify most economical and efficient procedures for project design and performance that best respond to managerial and visitor expectations, sustainability, aesthetic considerations, and natural resource constraints and opportunities.

##### Social Science Analysis and Input

Based on conclusions as to the socio-cultural and economic effects of proposed activities, advises management on a variety of unique requirements and program trends regarding social and economic conditions. Researches and utilizes techniques and strategies to gauge the public's needs and desires in response to recreation planning and other land management activities.

Provides technical guidance for land management planning and project implementation related to public recreation and safety; ensures activities are consistent and compatible with agency direction and other agency missions.

### Supervisory and/or Managerial Responsibilities

Performs the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. Establishes guidelines and performance expectations for staff members, which are clearly communicated through the formal employee performance management system.

Observes workers' performance; demonstrates and conducts work performance critiques.

Provides informal feedback and periodically evaluates employee performance. Resolves informal complaints and grievances. Develops work improvement plans, recommending personnel actions as necessary. Provides advice and counsel to workers related to work and administrative matters. Effects disciplinary measures as appropriate to the authority delegated in this area. Reviews and approves or disapproves leave requests. Assures that subordinates are trained and fully comply with the provisions of the safety regulations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306658400>

## Job Announcement – US Army Corps of Engineers

Supv Park Ranger, Supv Outdoor Recreation Planner

SALARY RANGE: \$81,823.00 to \$106,369.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, January 02, 2012 to Friday, January 13, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023/0025-13

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) - Iowa City, IA

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All Federal Employees, Reinstatement Eligibles, Veterans Employment Opportunity Act (VEOA), Persons with Disability, ICTAP

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:SWBG11503434567526R

### JOB SUMMARY:

Civilian employees serve a vital role in supporting the Army mission. They provide the skills that are not readily available in the military, but crucial to support military operations. The Army integrates the talents and skills of its military and civilian members to form a Total Army.

### About the Position:

This position is for an Operations Project Manager at Coralville Lake which may be filled as a Supervisory Park Ranger - GS-0025 or a Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner - GS-0023.

Coralville Lake is located 4 miles north of the Iowa City/Coralville, Iowa metropolitan area. The combined populations the cities are about 86,000 and they are the home of the University of Iowa, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the second largest mall in Iowa. Because of the University the availability of cultural and sporting events far exceed that of most cities of this size. The area is one of the fastest growing in Iowa. Coralville Lake is a multipurpose lake with about 1 million visitors per year. There are three major recreation areas on the lake with a total of 500 campsites. The permanent staff numbers 15. Because of the area growth, the lake and facilities are heavily used.

### DUTIES:

Duties: Serve as the Operations Project Manager responsible for planning, coordinating, and directing the execution of programs that are subject to numerous problems that are complex



and require extensive coordination. Regularly resolves highly complex problems that require coordination of multiple-use features, such as high visitation causing problems in area overuse, flood control activities, and conflicts between public and private interests, etc.; and create intensive program administration problems. Natural resources also contribute to the stability of the local economy. Provide staff supervision to a lake project. Exercises delegated authority for planning, construction, maintenance and operational activities of the project. Provides input to higher authority on new or revised recreation and resource management programs by evaluating proposed plans, policies, etc.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306141600>

## **Job Announcement – National Park Service**

Interdisciplinary - Community Planner; Landscape Architect; Architect

SALARY RANGE: \$81,460.00 to \$105,897.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 to Saturday, January 14, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0020/0807/0808-12

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Term NTE 13 months

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) - San Francisco County, CA United States

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: CTAP & ICTAP eligibles

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 1118 (DE) TERM 587717

### **JOB SUMMARY:**

Applications will be accepted from well qualified individuals under the Agency Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or the Interagency Career Transition Program (ICTAP) only.

This is a Term appointment not to exceed 13 months and may be extended up to a total of 4 years without further competition.

The employees of the National Park Service care for the special places that are the heritage of all Americans. Since its inception in 1916, the National Park Service has been dedicated to the preservation and management of this country's outstanding natural, historical, and recreational resources.

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) includes under its management two additional National Park Areas--Fort Point National Historic Site, and Muir Woods National Monument. It is administered by the National Park Service under the Department of the Interior. One of the most visited units of the National Park system, GGNRA has over 14.5 million visitors a year and is one of the largest urban parks in the world. GGNRA is not one continuous locale, but rather an anthology of areas that encompasses three counties (San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo). The park is as diverse as it is expansive; and contains attractions such as Alcatraz Island, and the Marin Headlands. GGNRA also contains significant historical and natural resources, which include: 3 Nike missile sites, 11 decommissioned Army and military fortifications, and 1,273

plant and animal species that cover 59 miles of bay and ocean shoreline. Over half of North American avian species and nearly one third of California's plant species are found in the park. Of the 36 federally listed threatened and endangered species found within Golden Gate National Recreation Area's legislative boundaries only 25 are found within lands managed by the National Park Service.

Number of Vacancies: We expect to fill 1 vacancy at this time; however, this announcement may be used to fill additional similar vacancies.

**DUTIES:**

Working as a member of the Planning Division, initiates, leads, defines, guides and/or controls one or more complex, multi-disciplinary planning/design/construction projects within Golden Gate National Recreation Area, involving site and facility rehabilitation and development within the park. Coordinates involvement of other professional staff experts, assures project quality and compliance. Projects usually involve complex park settings that may include sensitive natural and historic resources, require management of a public involvement process, and are often multi-jurisdictional and multi-year. Incumbent must have skills in leading and managing the planning and design phases of the process, including the NEPA process and public and agency involvement. Incumbent will also be responsible for managing the construction phase of medium to large size projects, including contract management, and assuring consistency with approved plans and environmental compliance documents at all phases of implementation.

Position Location: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Presidio of San Francisco.  
Please visit <http://www.nps.gov/goga> for area information.

For specific area and housing information please visit [www.sfgov.org/](http://www.sfgov.org/)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/306804900>