



News from NARRP

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The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners

Rivers.gov gets a makeover

Courtesy of the Conservation + Recreation newsletter

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers system has a new website. The online resource has a lot of great information for outdoor professionals as well as anyone who just loves rivers.

Check it out: <http://www.rivers.gov/rivers/>

American Trails opens Call for Session Proposals for 2014 Symposium

The Call for Presentations is now open for the 2013 American Trails International Trails Symposium. To help us develop an exciting and motivating program for the Symposium, we invite you to submit ideas for presentations in support of the Symposium's theme, "Trails Lead Everywhere," as well as embodying at least one of the topic areas of interest as explained in the Call.

We have made some changes to the format and to our approach in selecting presentations for this Symposium, including Core Tracks and Preferred Topics. More detailed information on both of these areas can be found online and in our Call for Presentations.

Preferred Topics

This year, the Program Committee developed an online survey to better understand what Symposium participants want to learn, their preferred program structure, and related topics. The survey was distributed to 22,000+ recipients and received almost 600 responses.

One of the most frequent comments was interest in more in-depth treatment of a limited number of subjects. This response led to the development of the new Core Tracks format, described below. The hundreds of survey responses also suggested 10 topics of particular interest to potential attendees that are all described in detail online in the Call.

Core Tracks

A major innovation for this year's Symposium is a new format option called Core Tracks. Core Tracks are designed to allow presenters to explore subjects in greater depth than is possible in a 75 minute Concurrent Session. This will allow ample time for in-depth presentations, discussion, examples, practice, and field work. More details on Core Tracks can be found online at <http://americantrails.org/2013/call.html>.

Concurrent Sessions

We expect to hold approximately 40 concurrent sessions, each lasting 75 minutes. More details on Concurrent Sessions can be found online in the Call.

Download the Call for Presentations: http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1105067396951-144/Call+for+Presentations+_2013.FINAL.pdf

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2012.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding the Call for Presentations or about the program for this year's Symposium, please email its2013program@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about another Symposium area, please email symposium@americantrails.org or call the American Trails office at (530) 547-2060.

Recreational Trails Program Reauthorized for Two More Years

Courtesy of the Coalition for Recreational Trails

Washington, D.C. – The Recreational Trails Program (RTP), the funding program that has sustained state trail programs for two decades, has been reauthorized as part of the transportation bill approved by the U.S. Congress on June 29, 2012 and signed by President Barack Obama on July 6, 2012. Under the new legislation, which will fund transportation programs through September 30, 2014, the RTP will receive \$85 million in annual funding for the next two fiscal years.

RTP applies the “user-pay/user-benefit” philosophy of the Highway Trust Fund, which provides funding for transportation programs and projects, returning federal tax on fuel used for nonhighway recreation to the states for trail projects. Since the RTP was first authorized in 1991, the program has become the foundation for state trail programs nationwide, providing essential funding for tens of thousands of trail projects and fostering effective partnerships among diverse trail enthusiasts, government officials at the federal, state and local levels, and national organizations in the conservation, recreation and transportation fields.

Leaders of the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT), the federation of national and regional trail-related organizations whose members have supported the effective implementation, enhancement and extension of the RTP since 1992, spoke enthusiastically about the RTP success and its Congressional champions, including Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Representative Tom Petri (R-WI) and Representative Mike Michaud (D-ME).

“We are very grateful to Senator Klobuchar, whose strong commitment to the RTP and ability to build a bipartisan alliance to support the program ensured that dedicated funding for RTP was included in MAP-21, the Senate’s reauthorization bill, and then made part of the final bill approved by the conference committee,” said CRT Co-Chair Derrick Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition. Marianne Fowler, CRT Co-Chair and Senior Vice President, Federal Relations for the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, noted that the RTP’s success was also rooted in the strong, bipartisan support that it enjoyed in the U.S. House of Representatives. “Congressman Petri has been with us since the RTP’s beginning,” said Ms. Fowler, “making sure the program survived – and then thrived – through reauthorization after reauthorization. And the leadership that he and Congressman Michaud brought to this latest, very difficult reauthorization effort was absolutely essential to the program’s success in the House and eventual inclusion in the final bill.”

The CRT Co-Chairs also thanked the coalition’s members and thousands of grass-roots advocates, who contacted their Congressional delegations repeatedly during the years-long reauthorization process to express their support for the RTP and explain the importance of RTP-funded trail projects to their communities. “They called; they wrote letters and e-mails; they held meetings – whatever it took,” said Mr. Crandall. “The CRT and its members are really a wonderful team,” concluded Ms. Fowler, “and they made sure that the U.S. Congress continued to embrace a wonderful program.”

Tread Lightly! and its Respected Access Campaign Cited as Vital to Public Lands Management

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Tread Lightly!’s Respected Access is Open Access campaign, created in partnership with the hunting and shooting sports community, was cited by both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (WHHCC) as being vital to the continued management of

recreational shooting on the Sonoran Desert National Monument and other public lands.

Last Friday, BLM announced to the WHHCC its decision to identify suitable areas within the Sonoran to keep open to safe and responsible recreational target shooting. The WHHCC is an official federal advisory committee established with a primary goal to promote and preserve America's hunting heritage for future generations. Tread Lightly! and its Respected Access campaign are expected to figure prominently in efforts to educate users of the Sonoran and other public lands on ethical, respectful behavior toward these valuable and fragile public resources.

Tread Lightly!, originally created as a public service campaign by the U.S. Forest Service, transitioned into a nonprofit organization in 1990. For more than twenty years now, Tread Lightly! and a broad spectrum of public and private partners have been leading a national effort to protect recreation access and opportunities by promoting responsible recreation through ethics education and stewardship initiatives.

"Treading lightly and respecting others and the resource, whether its public or private lands, truly can reduce the burden on land managers and reduce conflicts among various public land users, making it more likely that more public land is open to everyone," said Tread Lightly!'s Executive Director Lori McCullough. "Unethical behavior is not limited to just one segment of the recreation community, rather it is exhibited by a minority within the entire recreation community. The Respected Access campaign works to prevent specific behaviors like littering and natural resource or property damage across all segments, of the community."

Early research conducted by the Department of Interior on Tread Lightly! during the creation of the message Respected Access is Open Access concluded that the Respected Access campaign, if implemented properly, should be extremely effective because it focuses on both the outcome of performing the behavior (losing access) and normative pressure (everyone will suffer).

Click here to read the rest of the story: <http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/news-pressrelease/Press-Release?i=59>

California Lawmakers, State Parks and Partners Give 69 of 70 Threatened Parks a Reprieve

Courtesy of goldrushcam.com

July 04, 2012

July 3, 2012 - SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks recently announced that 69 of the 70 parks previously targeted for closure will remain accessible to the public for the near term. The recently signed state budget provides funding to keep open the parks that have not yet reached partnership agreements allowing more time for negotiations and outreach to potential partners.

A partnership agreement was signed today which will keep Saddleback Butte State Park, near Lancaster, open for the foreseeable future. This brings the number to 41 of the 70 parks on the original closure list that have reached agreements to keep those parks open for at least one year. These parks will be operated by non-profit partners, public entities, concession operators, or kept open by California State Parks with donations and assistance from various sources.

"Getting to this point has required an extraordinary level of hard work and dedication by State Parks employees, the Governor, the Legislature, and local communities," said Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks. "Californians can continue enjoying all of the amazing places in our park system."

Click here to read the rest of the story: <http://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/mariposa-daily-news-2012/135-july/5652-california-lawmakers-state-parks-and-partners-give-69-of-70-threatened-parks-a-reprieve>

The Planner's Bookshelf

Sustainable Tourism V

Tourism has become a major international industry, with many countries all over the world relying on the income it produces. Its economic advantages as a major source of finance and employment leads to its active promotion by governments and other institutions, independent of the consequences on the environment, ecology and social structure of affected regions.

This book contains papers presented at the fifth International Conference on Sustainable Tourism, which adopts a multi-disciplinary approach and aims to foster greater understanding and collaboration between scientists and social science experts, practitioners and policy makers. It takes a broad view of this sophisticated and complex industry, and examines the practice of sustainable tourism from global travel trends through to destination and site management. Innovative solutions, including those involving ecological tourism, as well as cultural initiatives that will lead to better approaches to tourism with the objective of preserving the diversity of our planet are presented.

The topics include the following: Emergent strategies for tourism development, Tourism strategies, Environmental issues; Tourism as a tool of development; Climate change and the effects of natural hazards in tourism; Community issues; Art, architecture and culture; Heritage tourism.

For more information: <http://www.witpress.com/978-1-84564-594-6.html>

Risk Management in Outdoor and Adventure Program

Risk Management in Outdoor and Adventure Programs: Scenarios of Accidents, Incidents, and Misadventures offers both students and professionals practice in applying risk management strategies. More than 50 real-life scenarios represent various situations encountered in outdoor and adventure programming, such as peanut allergies, bridge jumping, stalking by mountain lions, and lightning strikes. Accidents and mishaps are a reality in outdoor and adventure programs. Applying risk management strategies to the scenarios in Risk Management in Outdoor and Adventure Programs gives outdoor adventure leaders increased knowledge of the inherent risks of their profession as well as their legal responsibilities in programming, leadership, and management.

For more information: http://www.humankinetics.com/products/all-products/Risk-Management-in-Outdoor-and-Adventure-Programs?associate=6857&hq_e=el&hq_m=1809546&hq_l=8&hq_v=53d9d15c66

New Report: Interior Activities Contributed \$385 Billion to Economy, Supported Over 2 Million Jobs in FY 2011

Economic Engines for Local Communities Include Energy Development and Outdoor Recreation

WASHINGTON -- From facilitating energy development to managing America's public lands for tourism and outdoor recreation to assisting Indian tribes with education and economic growth, the activities of the Department of the Interior contributed \$385 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 2 million jobs in 2011, according to a new report released today.

"The Interior Department has a uniquely diverse mission that benefits the American people by promoting tourism, outdoor recreation, energy development and other economic activities that fuel local economies," said Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. "This report underscores that there are real, lasting impacts on communities and small businesses across the country where Interior is helping to strengthen economies and support families."

The report, The Department of the Interior's Economic Contributions, highlights the impacts of the Department's broad mission, including land and water management; energy and mineral development on public lands; encouraging tourism and outdoor recreation at national parks, monuments and refuges; wildlife conservation, hunting and fishing; support for American Indian tribal communities and Insular Areas; and scientific research and innovation.

Prepared by Interior's Office of Policy Analysis, today's report underscores the findings of other studies on the economic impacts of Interior Department lands and programs. For example, an earlier study found that recreation in national parks, refuges, and other public lands alone led to nearly \$47 billion in economic contribution and 388,000 jobs in 2010.

Another report recently released by the Outdoor Industry Association showed that 140 million Americans spent \$646 billion on hunting, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor recreation on public and private lands, including on the 500 million acres of public lands managed by Interior agencies.

“Under President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors initiative, we are seeking to connect Americans, especially young Americans, to nature by providing more outdoor recreation opportunities. The President has also launched a major initiative to work with states and communities across the country to promote domestic and international tourism – America’s #1 export – at places such as national parks and national wildlife refuges,” said Salazar. “President Obama’s focus on expanding responsible domestic energy development is working alongside our 21st century conservation, travel and tourism agendas to reinvigorate local communities – particularly in rural America.”

The major highlights of the Department of the Interior’s Economic Contributions report include:

- The 435 million recreational visits to Interior-managed lands in 2011 supported about 403,000 jobs nationwide and contributed nearly \$48.7 billion in economic activity.
- Many jobs associated with recreation on Interior lands are located in rural communities, including 18,000 jobs in Utah, 16,000 jobs in Wyoming, 14,000 jobs in Arizona and 10,000 jobs in Colorado.
- Energy development and mining on Interior-managed lands and offshore areas supported about 1.5 million jobs and \$275 billion in economic activity. Most of these jobs are in Texas, Wyoming, Louisiana, New Mexico, California, and Florida.
- Interior provides services to 1.7 million American Indians and Alaska Natives from 566 federally recognized tribes. Activities on tribal lands contributed around \$12 billion in economic output and supported nearly 126,000 jobs. Support for tribal governments through loan guarantees and other aid contributed an additional \$1.2 billion in economic output and about 9,500 jobs.
- Interior’s water supply, forage and timber activities, primarily on public lands in the West, supported about 290,000 jobs and \$41 billion in economic activity.
- Investments in construction and maintenance totaled approximately \$2.6 billion, which contributed about \$7.2 billion in economic activity and supported almost 49,000 jobs.
- Interior administers a variety of grants and payments programs. These programs support activities such as reclamation of abandoned mine lands, historic preservation, conservation activities, and tribal governments. Grants and payments totaling \$4.2 billion in 2011 contributed about \$10 billion worth of economic activity and supported about 84,000 jobs.

Click here to download the report:

<http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=308931>

Forest Service plans to change recreation user fee forms

Courtesy of examiner.com

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is planning to revise the forms you need to fill out when seeking permits or paying fees to use its facilities. But first it is seeking public comments on its proposals.

The Forest Service is prohibited by law from charging admission, but it can charge fees for group events, recreational motorboat use, camping and other activities.

USFS plans to replace its Visitor Permit and Visitor Registration Card and include new national recreation forms. It wants to re-title the collection the National Recreation Program Administration.

Those seeking permits would have to fill out a new National Recreation Application to apply for a recreation permit.

They would have to complete a National Recreation Permit for a particular activity at a particular location.

Finally, the Recreation Fee Permit Envelope would include details about the number of people, time and date of the payment inside the envelope, etc.

USFS estimates that 2.598 million people will have to fill out one or more of the forms each year.

You can send your thoughts in by September 4.

For details, see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-07-06/html/2012-16503.htm>.

Google Street View Expands to Hiking Trails

Courtesy of www.good.is

If you own a computer, smartphone, or other internet-enabled gadget, chances are you've spent some time on Google Maps' Street View feature, figuring out where you're going to park or maybe checking out the most exciting street in the world. It's a nifty tool, but it's not without limitations; it pretty much only shows us places where cars can travel. But not for long. Google is now working on expanding Street View to hiking trails.

At a demo event last week, Google showed off the Street View Trekker, a backpack-mounted camera that the company is using to get detailed footage of trails where cars can't tread. The hulking, clunky-looking device might seem like a less-than-practical way for Google to map out footpaths, but it's actually pretty lightweight, and it can be controlled by an Android smartphone.

Only a few Trekkers have been built so far, so it might take the company a while to create comprehensive hiking maps, but this is still exciting news. Next time you're looking for a good place to take a walk, you might have a new resource to search for ideas. And next time you're looking for a good place to park, perhaps you'll be inspired to take a hike.

Hat Trick On The Penobscot River: Fewer Dams, Same Energy, More Fish

Courtesy of Forbes.com

Today, steel rams will start to break apart an old hydroelectric dam on Maine's longest river, ushering in a restoration project that will keep the electricity flowing while rehabilitating some of the state's most damaged and valuable fisheries, like herring and Atlantic salmon.

The dam destruction on the Penobscot River caps a 13-year, \$25 million campaign involving six conservation groups, the local Native American tribe, federal and state governments and two hydropower companies to decommission three dams that have choked the lower river for decades, while upgrading power output on six other dams.

"Removing the lower two dams and bypassing a third opens up nearly 1,000 miles of habitat for endangered Atlantic salmon, sturgeon, river herring and eight other species of sea-run fish in Maine. As fish passage is improved at four remaining dams and energy increased at others, these ecological benefits will be realized while maintaining or even increasing energy production," according to the website of the Penobscot River Restoration Trust, which was formed in order to rehabilitate the river.

Click here to read the rest of the story: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/davidferris/2012/06/11/hat-trick-on-the-penobscot/>

Nature Follows a Path of Pixels Into Children's Hearts

Courtesy of nytimes.com

By Carol Kaesuk Yoon

Middle age, I've discovered, brings with it an almost irresistible urge to slip into the comfortable skin of the curmudgeon and gripe, especially about things teenagers do, especially if they are popular and fun.

For today's midlifers, this means mandatory rants against the entertainment of the Internet, followed by dire predictions that its hold on young people will result in the destruction of all things good — including, of particular interest here, any kind of connection with wild nature.

It's easy to believe. If you can barely get an adolescent to look up from her tiny screen to take note of high-speed traffic whizzing through an intersection she hopes to cross, what are the chances she will be lured away by the sight of spring foliage?

Yet as much as my developmentally grumpy brain wants to bemoan the fate of the living world in the hands of a virtually hypnotized next generation, my heart just isn't in it anymore. The reason is a 34-second YouTube video called "[OMG Cat Meets the Dramatic Lemur.](#)"

Click here to read the rest of the story: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/19/science/nature-follows-the-internet-into-childrens-hearts.html?_r=2

21st Century Conservation Service Corps Nearing Reality

Courtesy of the Outdoor Industry Association

July 11, 2012

U.S. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar could sign a memorandum of understanding and a directive by month's end to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC), marking a milestone for the America's Great Outdoor (AGO) Initiative and the outdoor industry that has supported it.

Proponents of the 21CSC say it could double the amount of youth working on federal conservation projects to 40,000 or more in coming years with current funding sources by expanding use of available agency maintenance funds. In the process, it could turn a lot of urban kids not otherwise exposed to the outdoors onto hiking, camping, climbing and other types of outdoor recreation. (See sidebar.)

Sec. Salazar, who worked closely with Outdoor Industry Association to compile the 2011 AGO Report, told members of an advisory committee in a June 28 meeting that he hopes to sign both documents by the end of July pending review by the Obama administration.

"The 21st Century Conservation Service Corps is one of most tangible pieces of America Great Outdoors," said Harry Bruell, the president of the Durango, CO-based Southwest Conservation Corps and chairman of the 21CSC Federal Advisory Committee. "AGO is not just scenic rivers and landscapes. It's also 20,000, 40,000, or 100,000 young people on the ground working. These are real work programs just like the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s and we intend for our work to have a similar impact on the country's outdoor recreation infrastructure as the CCC had."

Currently, the federal government spends only about \$55 million of the more than \$2 billion it spends annually on maintenance and conservation of public lands with youth conservation organizations. But the National Park Service projects it could triple the amount of work it assigns to youth crews simply by reallocating existing maintenance dollars over the coming two to three years.

The memorandum of understanding now being reviewed by the Department of Interior would commit the Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Commerce, Corporation for National and Community Service, Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a National Council for the 21CSC. The National Council would encourage land and water management agencies to engage 21CSC programs to complete important maintenance and conservation projects. The 21CSC Federal Advisory Committee, which includes REI Vice President Michael Collins, would then establish criteria for accrediting organizations that could compete for the projects.

Many of the country's existing 142 youth conservation corps are expected to pursue accreditation, but other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) could also do so.

"We are hoping in the next 2.5 months that we will have accredited programs and that by October we will have young people on the ground working with the 21CSC logo on their shirt," said Bruell.

Job Announcement – Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Manager, Trails Development - Western Region

Location: Washington, D.C., District of Columbia, 20037, United States

Posted on: July 5, 2012

Category: Environment / Natural Resources, Planning / Land Use, Transportation

Experience: 3-5 years

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a nonprofit trails & greenways organization, seeks a Trail Development Manager for the Western Regional Office (in San Francisco) to support communities in their trail planning efforts by providing technical assistance, conducting public outreach & training workshops, conducting trail-based activity programs and building partnerships with local agencies and stakeholders in the recreation, transportation, public health and conservation fields. Position requires excellent writing & speaking skills and time & budget management; ability to build coalitions among diverse constituencies. Minimum Qualifications: four-year college degree in urban/regional planning, land use management, parks/recreation, alternative transportation or related field plus 3-5 years related experience. Salary: DOE, plus benefits. Open until filled; applicants strongly encouraged to apply ASAP, as interviewing begins in July. Complete job description & how to apply on our Web site at: www.railstotrails.org (click on Careers at bottom of page). RTC, an equal opportunity employer, seeks qualified candidates regardless of race, color, gender or national origin. Women and diverse candidates encouraged to apply.

For more information: <http://www.railstotrails.org/aboutUs/careers/index.html>

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation/Wilderness)

SALARY RANGE: \$68,809.00 to \$106,369.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 to Monday, July 23, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-12/13

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Missoula, Montana

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Status Candidates (Merit Promotion Eligibles)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-1101-00008-06387G-PT

JOB SUMMARY:

A career with the Forest Service will challenge you to manage and care for more than 193 million acres of our nations most magnificent lands, conduct research through a network of forest and range experiment stations and the Forest Products Laboratory, and provide assistance to State and private forestry agencies. Its an awesome responsibility but the rewards are as limitless as the views.

Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation/Wilderness), GS-0401-12/13:

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=MQWCK>.

DUTIES:

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

Provides advice and assistance on forestry resource management policies and practices in order to manage forestry resources so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the public.

Plans and administers recreation program activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320979700>

Job Announcement – Bureau of Land Management

Outdoor Recreation Planner

SALARY RANGE: \$51,630.00 to \$97,333.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, July 06, 2012 to Thursday, July 19, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0023-09/12

POSITION INFORMATION: This position will be filled on a full-time, 40 hours a week. - Permanent Basis

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 12

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Washington, DC

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: All current BLM employees with competitive eligibility in the Local Commuting Area only.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: WO MERIT-2012-0143

JOB SUMMARY:

BLM is seeking a dynamic and energetic individual to join our team to provide technical expertise as a Outdoor Recreation Planner in the Division of Recreation & Visitor Service (WO-250).

The BLM manages more land - approximately 243 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](#).

This position is located in Washington, DC. Information about location and the location area can be found at <http://dc.gov/DC/>.

DUTIES:

The Division of Recreation and Visitor Service is responsible for developing policies, programs, and technical guidance to manage and protect recreation visual resources and related facilities on the public lands which are consistent among state and field offices, and which are responsive to the needs of state and local governments, public lands users and interested publics.

Assist in creating, developing, designing and managing the national recreation resources management website in accordance with the requirements specified by the agency policy and guidelines.

Advises staff on information needs, priorities, direction, and emphasis; and analyzes and coordinates web page submissions and makes recommendations to managers on that information.

Participates in the development of cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding with other entities or constituents concerning recreation management on the public lands.

Ensures communications with local, regional and national recreation associations relating to the management of recreation programs and facilities.

Maintains relationships with user groups, advisory boards, government officials, other agency personnel, and professional organizations.

Reports findings and makes recommendations to remedy identified problems to the Division of Recreation and Visitor Services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320860800>

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

SALARY RANGE: \$42,368.00 to \$67,368.00 / Per Year
OPEN PERIOD: Friday, July 06, 2012 to Monday, July 16, 2012
SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/09
POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09
DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Petersburg, Alaska
WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Status Candidates (Merit Promotion Eligibles)
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-10050021-1097G-JS

JOB SUMMARY:

This vacancy is also advertised under announcement number 12-10050021-1097DP-JS, open to US Citizens.

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=DVGJB>.

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/320759900> (status candidates)

<https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320870800> (US Citizens)

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)

SALARY RANGE: \$42,368.00 to \$67,368.00 / Per Year
OPEN PERIOD: Thursday, July 05, 2012 to Monday, July 16, 2012
SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-07/09
POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit
PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 09
DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations: Wrangell, Alaska
WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Status Candidates (Merit Promotion Eligibles)
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 12-10050022-1065G-JS

JOB SUMMARY:

The vacancy is also advertised under announcement number 12-10050022-1065DP-JS, open to US Citizens.

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information about this position and TO APPLY, please click on <https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/toVacancy?referenceCode=IATUG>.

DUTIES:

This position is located at the Wrangell Ranger District and performs the full range of duties associated with special uses administration, and will serve as the site manager at the Anan Wildlife Observatory.

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/320643000> (Status candidates)

<https://my.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320643100> (US Citizens)

Job Announcement – USDA Forest Service

Natural Resource Interpretive Specialist

SALARY RANGE: \$68,809.00 to \$110,040.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Friday, July 06, 2012 to Monday, July 16, 2012

SERIES & GRADE: GS-0401-12/13

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent - No time limit

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 13

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy(s) in the following locations:

Ashland, Wisconsin

Aurora, Minnesota

Ava, Missouri

Baldwin, Michigan

Bartow, West Virginia

More Locations

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED: Status Candidates (Merit Promotion Eligibles)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:12-09510001-2673G-CW

JOB SUMMARY:

These vacancies are also advertised under announcement number 12-09510001-2673DP-CW, open to US Citizens.

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DUTIES:

Serves as Regional program manager, develops program priorities, provides strategic direction, leads responses to national direction, coordinates implementation of national and regional initiatives, evaluates programs and supports and mentors program colleagues in the field.

Expert advisor in the fields of natural and cultural interpretation, stewardship ethics, conservation education, visitor services, and visitor center management; providing interpretive/visitor services support to the full array of natural and cultural resource disciplines (e.g., trails, wilderness, heritage, wildlife, watershed, forest management, etc.)

Coordinates: Media exposure to elevate public awareness and prepares news releases, press kits, and other media vehicles promoting interpretive, stewardship ethics, conservation education, and visitor services program activities; interpretive association relationships; stewardship ethics programs; youth outreach programs; and proposal reviews for development and construction of interpretive facilities and exhibits.

Represents Regional management: At national meetings; on inter- or intra-agency committees, task forces, or work groups that require expert knowledge of agency policies, practices, and interests; and in internal and external networking with senior USDA Forest Service management, as well as other federal, state, and local agencies, universities and colleges, conservation groups, corporations and other governmental and non-governmental public and private entities.

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