



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Forest Service
Ashley National Forest
Heritage Program



The Ashley National Forest is expecting to hire individuals for summer seasonal archaeological work for the following position. Up to two positions may be filled. This outreach is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to encourage them to apply.

POSITIONS: **Seasonal Archaeological Technician GS-0102-7**
(Vacancy Announcement # 15-TEMP-R40102-7-ARCH-DT-PM)

LOCATION: USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Vernal, Utah
Anticipated employment will be from April to September 2014.

SALARY: GS-7 Archaeological Technician - \$18.77/hr.

DUTIES FOR GS-7 POSITION:

The selected applicant serves as crew chief for a variety of archaeological survey projects conducting archaeological pedestrian surveys in a variety of terrains, landscapes, and elevations in support of Forest Heritage Program requirements; prepares and finalizes archeological site documentation from field surveys; writes reports for Forest projects; makes National Register eligibility recommendations for archaeological sites; utilizes ArcGIS software to analyze data and prepare maps for site forms and reports; applies scientific methods to survey parcels of land to determine likely sites of archeological or historical interest; selects, interprets, and applies technical guidelines to analyze archeological data and prepares site forms to document findings; gathers and downloads field GIS data on a hand held professional grade GPS unit; compiles information and assists with the preparation of reports about the nature and extent of known cultural resources; drives field vehicles in rugged and remote terrain; and hikes in rough terrain and on steep slopes while carrying up to 25 pounds of field gear.

Field work will be in a forest setting with exposure to rain, snow, cold, heat, dust, insects, wind, and lightning. The position requires that the employee wear a Forest Service uniform and have a valid state driver's license.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GS-7 POSITIONS

1. Bachelor's degree in appropriate field and one year of graduate-level education in archeology, OR
2. One year of technical archaeological work experience equivalent to the GS-6 level, OR
3. A combination of technical archaeological work experience and education that provided equivalent knowledge or training as above.

HOW TO APPLY:

The vacancy announcements for these positions will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Application period for both positions will open on December 2, 2014 and close on December 8, 2014.

To apply, you will need to have a current resume in your USAJOBS profile (create a profile if you are new to USAJOBS).

- Login into your USAJOBS profile and search for the announcement number listed below or search for the 0102 series.
 - GS-0102-07, Archeological Tech. - Announcement # **15-TEMP-R40102-7-ARCH-DT-PM**
- Within the selected job announcement, click the “Apply Online” link and select the resume you would like to submit. Then click “Apply for this Position Now” and you will be taken to the Forest Service application site.
- Attach appropriate documents, including your most recent college transcripts and answer the core eligibility questions.
- Answer minimum qualification questions and assessment questions and click the “submit application” link.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Applicants desiring further information about the positions may contact the Forest Archaeologist, Jeffrey Rust, by phone (435-781-5156) or by e-mail (jarust@fs.fed.us).

ABOUT THE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST

The Ashley National Forest, with headquarters in Vernal, Utah, comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of Utah and southwestern portion of Wyoming. The Forest landscape ranges from high desert country (6,000 ft. elevation) to high mountain areas (13,000 ft. elevation). The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in the area. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, and horseback riding.

No government housing is available for these positions. Seasonal employees will be responsible for their own housing arrangements.

ABOUT THE VERNAL AREA

Vernal, Utah is a relatively remote community of around 15,000. The city is the commercial hub of northeastern Utah and is heavily influenced by oil and gas extraction in the area. Housing rental costs and hotel prices are elevated for a remote community because of housing demands tied to the oil and gas industry.

Vernal amenities include two theaters, over 20 restaurants, three grocery stores, a community recreation center and swimming pool, an airport, a state-of-the-art library, the Utah Field House of Natural History, numerous retail stores, two brew pubs, and four bars. Medical facilities include a full service hospital, an urgent care center, and numerous doctors, dentists, chiropractors, and medical specialists. Educational facilities include Utah State University – Uintah Basin Campus, a high school, a junior high, a middle school, 5 elementary schools, and two private schools.