



Outreach Notice

Wildlife Biologist
GS-0486-07/09/11
White Mountain National Forest
Saco Ranger District
Conway, New Hampshire



The [White Mountain National Forest](#) (WMNF) will be advertising one Wildlife Biologist position to manage the wildlife program on the Saco Ranger District in Conway, New Hampshire. The purpose of this outreach is to notify potential candidates about this upcoming position. The position may be advertised at the GS-07, GS-09, and GS-11 levels using a combination of hiring authorities that would include Government-wide (MERIT) and the [Pathways Recent Graduate Program](#). This position will be advertised in the Wildlife Biologist (0486) series.

The duty station is scheduled for Conway, NH, however, the forest will be updating our workforce planning analysis and the successful candidate may be required to work on a forest-wide program of work, and/or change duty stations if future budgets don't support the current fixed costs.

MAJOR DUTIES OF THE POSITION

This position will oversee the wildlife management program on the Saco Ranger District. Duties include participation on Interdisciplinary Development Teams for all district projects. Working closely with Foresters to diversify wildlife habitat. Collecting field data to write biological evaluations and wildlife reports for district projects. Conducting monitoring per Forest Plan direction on listed species, and other resources. Assisting the Forest botanist with rare plants and invasive species. Working with other federal agencies, New Hampshire and Maine state government, other organization and local partners to manage wildlife habitat. This position serves on the district leadership team, supervises one permanent employee (currently vacant), and potentially a team of seasonal employees and/or volunteers. This is a dynamic position with opportunities to grow the program in many different ways.

HOW TO RESPOND TO THIS OUTREACH NOTICE

Please fill out the outreach response form found at the bottom of this document and return it via email to Mike Martin, District Ranger at: mikemartin@fs.fed.us.

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FOREST INFORMATION

The White Mountain National Forest encompasses approximately 796,700 acres in northern New Hampshire (including Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties) and western Maine (Oxford County). The Forest was established in 1918 under the provisions of the Weeks Act of 1911, which authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase land for the National Forest System.



Characterized by rugged mountain peaks and the largest alpine zone in the East, the Forest has forty-eight summits of 4,000 feet and higher, including Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast. This dramatic landscape, so close to major metropolitan areas (Boston, Massachusetts, is only 130 miles to the south; New York City and Montreal, Quebec are about a half-day's drive), has made the White Mountains a destination for people seeking a variety of recreation experiences for close to two centuries.

The landscape of the White Mountain National Forest is unique in New England. It provides opportunities that are not available on private or other public lands. The Forest's resources are managed to ensure that their social and economic values to the region will benefit both present and future generations.

The White Mountain Region is a four season recreation destination. Recreational opportunities are numerous, including summer activities of camping, hiking, climbing, fishing - both lakes and rivers, boating, swimming, surfing - the Atlantic Ocean is a short drive

(about 2 hours), wildlife watching, tax-free shopping, picnicking, the arts and other forms of entertainment too numerous to mention. During the non-summer months, hunting, ice fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, winter mountaineering, ice climbing and other winter sports are popular. There are many winter ski resorts within easy driving distance of Conway including Wildcat, Loon, Attitash-Bear Peak, Bretton Woods, Cranmore, and Cannon Mountain. Several world class Nordic centers serve cross-country skiers including: Jackson Ski Touring, Great Glen Trails, Bretton Woods, Bear Notch, and Mt. Washington Valley Ski Touring.

For further information about the forest check out our internet site: www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain

AREA INFORMATION

Conway, New Hampshire and Surrounding Towns

The Saco Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest is located in Conway, New Hampshire, a full-service community of approximately 9,000 people. The population can swell to 25,000 on weekends and as much as 45,000 on holiday weekends. Located in the Mount Washington Valley, the town is 120 miles north of Boston, Massachusetts, 235 miles south of Montreal, Canada, and 60 miles west of Portland, Maine. Our District office is located on the Kancamagus Highway, a federally designated scenic byway.

The school system includes one high school, one middle school and three elementary schools. The surrounding communities of Jackson, Bartlett, Albany, Madison and Tamworth provide elementary schools (some to grade eight) and all of them send their students to the high school in Conway. Many employees also live in Maine, with Fryeburg, Maine just 10 miles away and also providing a full suite of schools. Fryeburg and surrounding communities have an historic public/private high school, Fryeburg Academy (founded in 1792), that attracts families to live in Maine.

Higher education opportunities are nearby. A campus for Granite State College is in Conway Village, and if you don't mind traveling some 60-75 miles, Plymouth State College, University of Southern Maine, and the University of New Hampshire are available. Adult education classes are offered at the local high school.

Health care services include full service hospitals in Conway and Bridgton, Maine, physicians, dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, physical therapists and mental health services at Memorial Hospital and local private offices. There are nursing homes and retirement centers within the community.

Libraries are located in all of the local communities. A local historical society chronicles the area's history. The Conway area boasts at least four childcare centers; others are available in the surrounding towns. Also available are caregivers in private homes. Numerous banks provide financial services to area residents. Both a professional and volunteer fire department provides emergency services to the local communities.

Numerous churches serve the Mount Washington Valley Area such as Seventh Day Adventist, Southern Baptist, Unitarian-Universalist, United Church of Christ, United Pentecostal, Non-Denominational, Methodist, Lutheran, Jehovah's Witness, Episcopal, Congregational, Roman Catholic, Church of Christ, Baptist, Anglican, and Assemblies of God.

The Portland Jetport is the closest international airport located 60 miles east in Portland, ME; other airports are located in Manchester, NH (90 miles) and Boston, MA (125 miles). A small airfield is located in Fryeburg, ME, which offers charters, rentals, leasing and lessons.

The town of Conway has an indoor hockey arena and many recreation programs for youngsters. The area contains almost all of the diversions that you can think of if you are willing to drive a piece to get there.

The standard cost of living in the Mount Washington Valley area is moderate to high. If you are looking to purchase, a three bedroom, two bathroom home will average around \$230,000. Housing in the surrounding towns may be less and some employees live in Maine. Rental units are available and average from \$750 - \$1000 and higher.

Outreach Response Form

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Permanent Full-Time Position

Reply by May 5, 2014

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to mikemartin@fs.fed.us.

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Pathways Recent Graduate Program

Veterans Recruitment Act

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Person with Disability

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted. Applications for this position will need to be submitted through USAJobs.

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