

Outreach Notice

Landscape Architect, GS-0807- 09/11 Tahoe National Forest – Supervisor's Office Nevada City, CA

Job Details:

Title: Landscape Architect

Series: GS-0807

Grade: GS-09/11

Respond By Date: 11/04/2014

The Tahoe National Forest is outreaching for a Landscape Architect position. This position will be advertised at the GS-0807-09/11 grade level. When applying to this outreach notice please identify Nevada City, California as the duty station. This position is a permanent/Fulltime tour of duty. This position will be posted in the USAJobs Website (www.usajobs.gov).

Major Duties:

Program management - As a project manager, is responsible for day-to-day project operation and progress, project quality, and timely delivery of assigned work. Prepares project scopes, budgets, and schedules in consultation with the program coordinator and budget specialist.

Monitors and prepares progress reports to ensure projects remain on track and that the process and products are fully compliant with federal laws and regulations.

Coordinates inventories, monitoring, and target accomplishment for assigned program areas, and transfers information between Districts and the Regional Office.

Environmental Planning - Serves as the recreation and scenery resource specialist on multidisciplinary teams for a variety of resource management activities such as recreation planning, forest restoration, wilderness and wild and scenic river planning.

Prepares or reviews site analyses, recreation and scenic resource specialist reports including design features, proposed mitigation measures and visual simulations.

Monitors the Forest's accomplishments of scenic character goals and scenic integrity objectives.

Participates in the development of land and management plans related to recreation, scenery and related resources; coordinates with other resource staffs to develop scenic character descriptions, goals, and scenic integrity objectives. Assists in the development of management prescriptions to achieve desired settings and experiences.

Provides professional landscape architectural input into the development of all levels of environmental analysis for the integration of ecological, social, and cultural influences regarding aesthetics, scenery, and recreation for all levels of land management planning and environmental design.

Provides professional landscape architectural advice in complex situations that may require adaptation or modification of precedents, such as the formulation and implementation of various projects related to transportation, sustainable recreation, administrative sites, and special use permits (e.g. gravel pits, access roads, scenic pullouts, communication sites, utility and other energy development, etc.).

Design - Designs a variety of moderately to highly complex recreational facilities, using computer-assisted design technology such as AutoCAD, Landcadd, and Google Sketchup.

Participates in or directs lower graded employees in the preparation of master plans, design narratives and site development plans. Utilizes AutoCAD to prepare plans and exhibits as required.

Works with engineering and other staff to develop contract packages for recreation construction projects, prepare quantity and cost estimates, and monitor construction.

Serves as Forest Accessibility Coordinator and ensures that programs, services and facilities are consistent with accessibility standards and guidelines.

Manages recreation projects of varying levels of complexity from site planning, through design, construction and post-construction.

May serve as a Contracting Officer's representative (COR) for contracted portions of projects.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position. If interested in the position, please complete the Outreach Form at the end of this announcement and email it to **Terry Brennan** at tbrennan@fs.fed.us by **November 10, 2014**.

Location of Position

Forest: Tahoe National Forest

Duty Station: Nevada City, CA 95959

Considered one of the most desirable places to live in California, Nevada City and its companion city Grass Valley, offers the amenities of a much larger community, as well as a rural setting. Numerous medical services including a full service Hospital, a community college and several live theaters are available. Western Nevada County has a population of about 50,000 although the incorporated area of Nevada City is 3,000 and Grass Valley is 10,000+. Housing prices range from \$200,000 to \$650,000+. Apartment/House rentals range from \$800/\$1,000 and up. Pines, oaks, and maples as well as numerous reservoirs and streams surround these attractive foothill towns. The average rainfall is about 55 inches. An occasional snow occurs during the winter, but does not remain long. Summers range from 85 - 100 degrees. Within less than 30 minutes commuting distance are the communities of Colfax, Cedar Ridge, Penn Valley, Lake of the Pines and Alta Sierra. Within approximately 45 minutes commuting distance are the communities Auburn and Marysville. Truckee is approximately a 1 hour drive (in good weather) over the Sierra Crest from Nevada City. The Tahoe NF is located in the north central Sierra Nevada Range between Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet in the Sierra foothills on the west to 9,400 feet along the rugged ridges of the Sierra Crest. Interstate 80 and Highway 49 crisscross the Forest and offer year-round access. The forest has served as the gateway to the Pacific since the first pioneers crossed the plains in search of the riches of the California gold fields in the 1840s. This history is still much in evidence, as local communities have retained the flavor and character of their Gold Rush origins. The Forest is truly one of multiple uses. It is also a very important recreation forest. Winter skiing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and camping are popular local activities. Mining is still popular today with about 5,000 claims. Early day land grants to railroads have accounted for a checkerboard ownership pattern throughout most of the Forest. Although mostly owned by private timber companies, this extent of private land offers growing challenges in the form of a developing urban/rural wildland interface. Water issues are also becoming increasingly important as rivers that originate in the Forest provide water to local communities as well as the Reno and Sacramento areas.

For further information about the details of this position please Contact:

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OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
GS-0807-09/11
Tahoe National Forest
Nevada City, CA**

HOW TO APPLY: Please send this outreach form to the Tahoe National Terry Brennan, 631 Coyote St., Nevada City, CA 95959, 530-478-6180 **or** at tbrennan@fs.fed.us

Applicants have the option to provide a cover ltr. and resume. Please send to the person identified above.

Please respond by: 11/10/14

This outreach form does not constitute an application. This position will be posted in the USAJobs Website (www.usajobs.gov).

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH (if a federal employee): ____USFS ____BLM ____OTHER _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ____PERMANENT ____TEMPORARY ____TERM
____VRA ____PWD ____OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

EDUCATION: _____

IF **NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT** (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) FEDERAL EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

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____VETERANS READJUSTMENT
____DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
____VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
____FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
____PATHWAYS PROGRAM (FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES)
____OTHER _____

How did you learn of this vacancy? _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy

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