

# OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region  
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests  
Gunnison Ranger District  
GUNNISON, COLORADO

## Forester (Pre-Sale)

GS-0460-07/09

**REPLY BY OCTOBER 15, 2014**

THE GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, AND GUNNISON (GMUG) NATIONAL FORESTS (NF) WILL SOON BE ADVERTISING A **PRE-SALE FORESTER** POSITION. THIS PERMANENT FULL-TIME POSITION IS **LOCATED ON THE GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT IN GUNNISON, COLORADO.** **THIS POSITION WILL BE ADVERTISED BOTH MERIT PROMOTION AND THROUGH THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AUTHORITY (DEMO).** THIS OUTREACH NOTICE IS BEING CIRCULATED TO INFORM PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS OF THIS UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY AND TO IDENTIFY THE LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THIS POSITION.



The district is currently undergoing a major spruce beetle epidemic that is killing 95 percent plus of the mature spruce trees in some areas of the district. This same outbreak is also killing 10-15 percent of the mature Lodgepole Pine in these same areas. The primary focus of the vegetation management program for the next five to ten years will be salvaging these dead trees and conducting the subsequent reforestation activities within the salvaged areas. The forest is in the process of completing a forest-wide EIS that will allow, at a minimum, for the salvage of any beetle-killed or infested areas. The primary duties of this position will be heavily concentrated on salvage sale preparation with other duties as assigned.

### **Outreach Response**

If you're interested in this position, please complete the Outreach Response Form on the last page of this document and send to Drew Stroberg, Timber Management Assistant, at [dstroberg@fs.fed.us](mailto:dstroberg@fs.fed.us) **no later than October 15, 2014.** You may contact Drew at 970-642-4445 for specific questions about the position. Outreach respondents will be notified when the job announcement is posted on USAJOBS.

### **Major Duties**

The duties of this position consist of managing and supervising the preparation of commercial timber sales on the Gunnison Ranger District.

The successful candidate evaluates and analyzes the project sale folder information and conducts a preliminary field reconnaissance. Assembles and reviews the timber sales contract package. Determines, plans and arranges for the resources needed to complete the layout of sales. Identifies and verifies the land status and environmental constraints affecting layout of the proposed project on the ground. Reviews, compiles and analyzes field data.

Prepares and ensures quality of documentation such as **detailed maps, timber sale appraisals, timber sales write up, advertisements, prospectus, and** sample contracts for the sale. Arranges for interviews of prospective purchasers and explains contract clauses, road development, and cutting practices.



Monitors and oversees cruising and marking of timber and prepares general logging plans and verifies logging system settings. Utilizing appropriate document, determines sale boundaries, proper location of logging roads, acceptable marking and cutting methods, stumpage prices, and the requirements for brush disposal, erosion control, and stand improvement. Prepares a summary of all records acceptable for final appraisal, sale contract preparation, and subsequent timber management activities.

Additionally, the successful candidate reviews engineering packages to ensure that road construction and maintenance requirements are consistent with resource objectives and coordinated with other contract requirements, prepares Sale Area Improvement Plans, Brush Disposal Plans, Slash Treatment Plans and Salvage Sale Fund Plans in cooperation with other resource specialists, and performs other duties in support of the district's vegetation management program as needed.

#### **What we are looking for in a Candidate**

The Gunnison Ranger District of the GMUG NF is looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, outdoor-oriented people to join our team. To be successful in this job you must be a self-starter and have a demonstrated track record of leading people in an ever-changing environment. You must be willing to take on challenges and provide innovative solutions to complex problems. Successful candidates must have excellent communication skills and be able to work collaboratively with other resource areas. We are looking for candidates who can be part of a team of dynamic and creative leaders. Applicants should be willing to invest in the coaching, mentoring, and development of our employees.

#### **About the GMUG NF and Gunnison Ranger District**

The GMUG NF encompasses 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: the Grand Valley Ranger District with offices in Collbran and Grand Junction, the Paonia Ranger District office is located in Paonia, the Gunnison Ranger District office is located in Gunnison, the Ouray Ranger District office is located in Montrose, and the Norwood Ranger District office is located in Norwood. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Delta.

The GMUG NF contains 3,163,131 acres with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. The climate at lower elevations is warm and arid while the high country is cold in the winter and warm most of the summer months. The Forest is an ideal winter and summer recreation area. The Forest has three ski areas, 43 communities, and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a population of approximately 250,000. The cost of living is one of the lowest in the country in lower elevations and among the highest in the country near the ski areas. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: <http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/> and/or external web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/>.

The Gunnison Ranger District is comprised of 1,354,870 acres on lands within Gunnison, Saguache, and Hinsdale Counties and includes all or part of eight wilderness areas and a Congressionally-designated Recreation Management Area.



### **Community Information**

The City of Gunnison is located in west-central Colorado approximately a four hour drive (200 miles) southwest of Denver and a 2 ½ hour drive (125 miles) southeast of Grand Junction. Gunnison is approximately 30 miles west of the Continental Divide at the confluence of the Gunnison River and Tomichi Creek.

Gunnison sits at an elevation of 7,703 feet and had an estimated population of 5,892 as of 2012. The city is a full-service community offering a 24-bed hospital; numerous doctors; churches of almost every denomination; national and local supermarkets; a Wal-Mart; a community center; numerous fitness clubs; local shops; and a

wide variety of local restaurants. The Gunnison Watershed School District operates four schools in the city, which in turn offer a K-12 curriculum. Gunnison is also home to Western State Colorado University, which is a public university offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in a variety of fields ranging from business to liberal arts to natural resources.

Gunnison has a continental climate, boasting an average of 266 days of sunshine annually and four distinct seasons. The city averages 10.4 inches of liquid precipitation annually, of which 51 inches fall as snow. The surrounding mountains average between 300 and 350 inches of snow annually. The average July high in the city is 81 degrees and the average January low is -7 degrees. Snow is typically on the ground continuously from December through mid-April.

The Town of Crested Butte is located approximately 28 miles (35 minute drive time) north of Gunnison and offers a wide variety of entertainment, recreation, and restaurants. The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport offers a daily non-stop flight to Denver on United Airlines with additional non-stop destinations, carriers, and flights during the summer tourist season and winter ski season.

A variety of single-family homes are available in Gunnison and the average purchase price is \$193,800 as of August 2014. Rentals are also available and average \$850 per month.

The Gunnison area—locally known as Gunnison Country—is widely known for its outdoor recreation opportunities. Such activities include: hiking; mountain biking; dirt biking; horseback riding; rock climbing; rafting; kayaking; skiing (both downhill and cross country); fishing; golfing; and hunting. The 8,000 acre Hartman Rocks Recreation Area is located ten minutes from downtown and is managed by the city, county, and Bureau of Land Management. Hartman Rocks contains 39 miles of single track trail, 33 miles of roads, 16 miles of groomed snowmobile trails during the winter months, a shooting range, and a motorcycle terrain park. The City of Gunnison also maintains numerous parks and trails within city limits. There are two developed ski areas within a one hour drive—Crested Butte Mountain Resort is located 40 minutes (30 miles) north and Monarch Mountain is 50 minutes (44 miles) east. Curecanti National Recreation Area (managed by the National Park Service) is located approximately 15 minutes (nine miles) west of Gunnison. There are also numerous recreation opportunities on the Forest—most of which are within a 1 ½ hour drive.

Gunnison County has an estimated population of 15,475 (as of 2012) and encompasses 3,260 square miles. Seventy-eight (78) percent of Gunnison County is Federal Land. The U.S.F.S. owns 1,220,035 acres, the BLM owns 355,350 acres, and Curecanti National Recreation Area owns 40,000 acres, which equals a combined total of 2,526 square miles.

More information about the Gunnison area can be obtained from the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.gunnison-co.com/>.

## OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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**Please respond by October 15, 2014 to:**

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[dstroberg@fs.fed.us](mailto:dstroberg@fs.fed.us) or (970) 642-4445 (Office) or (970) 642-4425 (Fax)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work, Home, or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: Permanent \_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_ Student/Intern \_\_\_\_ Contractor \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Series/grade if Federal Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this position? \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

\_\_\_\_ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

\_\_\_\_ Veterans Recruitment Act

\_\_\_\_ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

\_\_\_\_ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

\_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly explain your interest in this position:**

*Submission of this form is voluntary – Thank you for your interest*