

ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST

OUTREACH

Fishery Biologist

GS-0482-5/7/9

Eldorado National Forest

Amador Ranger District

Location/Duty Station: Pioneer, CA

The Eldorado National Forest is planning to fill a permanent, full-time Fishery Biologist. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method, e.g. merit and demo announcements; use of special hiring authorities such as veteran hiring authorities and persons with disabilities authorities; and area of consideration for the advertisement.

Individuals stating interest in this position with the Outreach Response Form found at the end of this notice will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted on USAJOBS. If interested, please return the Outreach Response Form by March 8, 2015, to Charles Loffland, District Biologist cloffland@fs.fed.us.

Major Duties

Provides advice and develops plans related to the protection and management of aquatic resources, including fish passage, stream inventory, stream productivity, stream utilization, physical and biological characteristics, endangered or sensitive species, and habitat improvements or rehabilitation programs. Provides recommendations relating to fishery resource/fish habitat requirements, other management activities, including streamside/riparian area and watershed protection.

Leads the design of fish habitat and population monitoring studies and strategies to collect new data required for ensuring habitat and population maintenance. Coordinates and works with staff in monitoring fish habitat and fish populations. Keeps abreast of ongoing fish habitat projects, population studies, and monitoring. Analyzes and interprets project and study data and results, and provides information for use in fish habitat management and

project proposal reviews and decisions.

Participates in management investigations and surveys necessary for protection, restoration and enhancement of fish habitat. Develops detailed project documents for sale area improvement.

Plans, conducts and executes administrative studies including cost/benefit analyses, methods to be used, timing, coordination to obtain information on the effects of forest management on fish habitat populations and correlates fish management with other resource uses such as timber, recreation, and watershed management.

Recognizes problems that may develop and recommends preventative or mitigative actions. Develops detailed project documents as required. Prepares environmental assessments, biological evaluations and environmental impact statements. Prepares technical progress and final reports, presenting results of administrative studies, surveys, and other activities relating to fish habitat management.

Conducts fishery monitoring program activities for assigned projects through evaluations and written reports as required. Provides assistance in preparing and reviewing environmental assessments and environmental impact statements affecting fishery resources. Provides aquatic ecosystem and fishery input during the planning phases of road construction projects, timber sales, micro-hydro projects, and livestock grazing allotment management plans, threatened, endangered or sensitive species. etc., on the land. Participates in the formulation and evaluation of alternatives and in the development of final recommendations.

Participates on or leads interdisciplinary teams, studies and plans proposed management activities, and coordinates and/or implements approved resource management plans. Provides input to Forest plans pertaining to Fisheries Management and Aquatic Resource protection and enhancement.

Carries out actions as identified in Forest fish habitat management plans. Takes the initiative in seeing that approved plans are implemented.

Reviews proposed land management projects and makes specific recommendations through the environmental analysis process for fisheries habitat protection and enhancement.

Participates or leads budget development and management to support attainment of fisheries program objectives. Reports on program accomplishments for annual reports. Integrates program goals with other resource programs. May serve as COR for routine fishery studies and monitoring contracts.

Promotes understanding and cooperation between the Forest Service, other Federal agencies, Tribal, and State wildlife agencies, and special interest groups with respect to the fisheries resource and other resource activities. Represents the Forest Service at meetings relating to fisheries management.

Specific questions regarding the position can be addressed to:

Charles Loffland, (209) 295-5954
cloffland@fs.fed.us

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The Eldorado National Forest is widely regarded as a desirable place to work. Elevations range from 2000 ft in the foothills to more than 10,000 ft along the Sierra Crest. A Mediterranean climate extends over most of the Forest, with warm, dry summers, and cold, wet winters. Average precipitation ranges from 40 to 70 inches, occurring mainly from October to April. There is significant snowfall above 3000 ft elevation. The Eldorado N.F. and surrounding communities offer a wide variety of recreation activities. There are lakes, reservoirs, several cross-country and downhill ski areas, two unique wilderness areas, over 40 developed campgrounds, several resort areas, golf courses, and outstanding local wineries and fruit orchards. Opportunities abound for water skiing, white water sports (Class II to Class V), mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing hunting and hiking. Local Community theatres offer stage plays and a variety of musical entertainment. In close proximity to the Forest are the communities of South Lake Tahoe and Sacramento, which offer additional recreational and cultural activities including professional and semi-professional sports.

Community Information: Pioneer, Highway 88 is a Trans Sierra route between the Sacramento/Stockton and the Lake Tahoe/Minden areas. Sacramento is approximately 1 ½ hour drive, Folsom approximately 1 hour and the smaller but full service community of Jackson a 30 minute drive from Pioneer. The community of Pioneer is located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada at an elevation of approximately 3,000 ft. Pioneer, Pine Grove, and Volcano are small communities but do provide basic necessities including groceries, restaurants, banks, doctors, dentists, Post Offices, churches, and schools etc. Additional community information can be found at www.amadorcountychamber.com

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Health Care: Sutter Amador Hospital, located in Jackson is the closest well equipped medical center. There are local doctors, dentists and clinics available.



OPTIONAL -- OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Pacific Southwest Region, USDA Forest Service
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If you are interested in position, please let us know by returning the reply form no later than **03/08/2015**. Send your notice to:

Wytosha S. Coney, Acting Forest Civil Rights Officer
Phone: (530) 621-5203
Email: wytoshasconey@fs.fed.us
magreen@fs.fed.us

NAME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER ____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT IF CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:
____ PERMANENT ____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM
____ VRA ____ PWD ____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE): _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE (IF APPLICABLE) _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

How did you hear about this position? Organization Name _____
Agency Contact _____ Other _____

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

- ____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- ____ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- ____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- ____ OTHER _____