

Outreach Notice

**Public Affairs Specialist, GS-1035-11/12
(Issues Manager)**

U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Regional Office

The Rocky Mountain Region's External Affairs Staff will be filling a permanent, full-time GS-1035-11/12 Public Affairs Specialist position. The position is located in the Regional Office in Golden, Colorado. This is a tremendous opportunity to work with talented staff in a high-profile region. **Transfer of station (TOS) will be considered.**

This outreach notice is in effect from December 1 through December 22, 2016. If interested in this opportunity, please complete the attached form and return it to vbaca@fs.fed.us by December 22.

About the Position

This position serves primarily as the Regional Issues Manager on the External Affairs Staff. This position is responsible for providing communication advice, consultation, and support to the Regional and Field staffs on a variety of complex and challenging issues. The incumbent is responsible for regional strategic communication planning and product development supporting media initiatives, internal communication, social media advancements, and partner/stakeholder/congressional involvement. This position also provides technical guidance, advice and oversight to public affairs specialists on the Forest and Grassland units in the Rocky Mountain Region. This position will require the individual to remain keenly aware and abreast of hot topics and issues impacting/influencing the Region.

About the Local Area

The Rocky Mountain Regional Office is located in Golden, Colorado, eight miles west of Denver and 10 minutes from the gateway to the Rocky Mountains. The Region is comprised of 17 National Forests and 7 National Grasslands across Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas. The Region employs over 1,600 permanent employees.

Golden is less than an hour from Denver International Airport; has easy access to an incredible number of skiing, hiking and biking trails, and a multitude of recreational areas; and has at least 4 major malls, including an outlet mall nearby. Cultural opportunities include live theater, an active music scene, art and history museums, the Denver Zoo and Botanic Gardens, a variety of ethnic festivals and a full calendar of special community events. The Denver Metro area has a diverse and growing population with many institutes of higher learning and places of worship.

The Denver Metro area has over 300 days of sunshine a year. Summer days are sunny with an average August temperature of 75 degrees, and afternoon thunderstorms fairly common. Winter temperatures can be freezing at night, but usually in the 30-50 degree range during the day, along with sunshine. There are usually 5-10 snow events a year, most of which are less than 6 inches.

For more information, please contact Valerie Baca at (303) 275-5118 or email vbaca@fs.fed.us