



Outreach Notice

USDA Forest Service • Pacific Southwest Region
INYO NATIONAL FOREST
Bishop, California



Visitor Center Front Desk Supervisor Visitor Information Assistant GS-1001-06/07

Mt. Whitney Ranger Station

Respond by September 30, 2016

The **Inyo National Forest** intends to fill a **Permanent** Visitor Center Front Desk Supervisor position, located at the Mt. Whitney Ranger Station in Lone Pine, CA.

Duties of this position include: This position performs daily supervision of the information desk at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center (IAVC) and assists with the coordination of staffing for the Visitor Center from the cooperating agencies. The incumbent recruits, hires, trains and supervises Forest Service information desk staff. Additional duties include supervising the sale of fuel wood permits, issuance of wilderness and campfire permits as well as the sale of American the Beautiful passes. Incumbent functions as the unit collection officer for the ranger district submitting all fees collected to the US Treasury. The position maintains contacts with organizations and other agencies related to wilderness management and education. Knowledge of basic computer skills for operating a variety programs, performing maintenance and troubleshooting of the equipment is essential.

The Visitor Center is located 1.5 miles south of Lone Pine on US Highway 395 and receives an average of a quarter of a million visitors annually. It is a unique cooperative effort operated by a combination of eight federal, state and local agencies, to supply information and educational services to people from around the world. The Eastern Sierra Nevada and Northern Mojave Desert offers a wealth of world-class visitor destinations ready and waiting for exploration. At the IAVC, one can view the highest peak in the "Lower 48 States" - Mt Whitney - or plan a trip to the largest national park in the Lower 48 - Death Valley - with the lowest elevation in North America. A non-profit organization, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, operates the Discovery Bookstore in the IAVC with an extensive selection of book titles and maps of the region.

If you are interested in the position **please respond with the outreach response form** to mhelt@fs.fed.us by September 30, 2016. Contact: Matt Helt, Visitor Center Director, at 760-876-6215.

About the Inyo National Forest: The Inyo National Forest is a large, complex forest, encompassing about two million acres in California and Nevada. It contains several natural features of national and international interest. There are seven wilderness areas and six research natural areas, as well as the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area and the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. Diverse geologic features, combined with the elevational extremes and attendant wide range of climatic conditions, results in tremendous biodiversity on the Forest, with vegetation communities ranging from desert scrub, sagebrush scrub, and Pinyon woodland, to Jeffrey pine, Lodgepole pine and alpine habitats.

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ABOUT LONE PINE

Lone Pine is located in the Owens Valley between the Sierra Nevada and Inyo Mountains. The town is 225 miles north of Los Angeles, 260 miles south of Reno, and 250 miles west of Las Vegas. The elevation is approximately 3,700 feet. Temperatures range from 20 to 105 degrees with approximately 2-6 inches of snow in the winter which melts in a few days. During the summer months there is an occasional afternoon thundershower and daytime temperatures can be hot.

Lone Pine is a small (population 2,035), friendly community with a grocery store, restaurants, and motels. Bishop to the north and Ridgecrest to the south (approximately a 1 hour drive) have several major retailers including JC Penney, K-Mart, Rite-Aid Drug, Wal-Mart, Albertsons and Vons. There is a 24 hour emergency facility provided by Southern Inyo Hospital which is located in town. Lone Pine also has a medical and dental clinic. Specialists are available in Ridgecrest and Bishop. Inyo County Seat of Independence is just 14 miles to the north.

Median housing costs for a 3BR home in Lone Pine recently have ranged from \$185,000 to \$200,000.

There is a public school for grades K-12 as well as pre-school. Cerro Coso Community College is located in both Bishop and Ridgecrest.

A wide variety of recreational opportunities are provided locally including: backpacking, fishing, hunting, hang gliding, cross-country skiing, cycling, mountain biking, rock climbing, and bird watching. There is a public 9-hole golf course which is playable year round. Lone Pine hosts a Film Festival in October and Bishop has the world famous Mule Days over Memorial Day weekend. Mammoth Mountain is located 90 miles north for world-class downhill skiing and snowboarding in the winter with great resort facilities offered year around. Death Valley National Park (Elev. -282') is 105 miles east and Mt. Whitney (14,497') is just west of Lone Pine.

For more information about the Inyo National Forest, visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/inyo.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for the position described and to establish appropriate recruitment methods and areas of consideration for the vacancy announcement. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make these determinations.



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Permanent Position

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ___PERMANENT___TEMPORARY___TERM
___VRA___PWD___OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

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 READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER

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