



OUTREACH NOTICE

R3, Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District Wildlife Biologist (GS-486-11) or Ecologist (GS-408-11)

The Gila National Forest (Wilderness Ranger District), is currently conducting an outreach to assess the candidate pool for **one** of the following: Wildlife Biologist (GS-0486-11) **or** Ecologist (GS-408-11).

About this position:

This position is located at the **Wilderness Ranger District**, in **Mimbres**, New Mexico. To express interest in the position, please submit your resume electronically, and the completed attached "Outreach Response Notice" form (with a copy of your Resume) to: **Rachelle Huddleston-Lorton**, at rhuddlestonlorton@fs.fed.us, no later than **September 23, 2016**.

Description of Duties (summary):

Wildlife Biologist – serves as the primary resource for providing guidance for the development of wildlife management plans and/or habitat management plans.

- Provides guidance for the development of wildlife/habitat management plans.
- Prepares project work plans and coordinates project work with other unit personnel taking into consideration wildlife habitat requirements in relation to multiple use principles.
- Develops annual program of work for program on the district.
- Plans and executes studies and surveys to obtain information on the effects of forest management on wildlife populations and habitats.
- Plans, organizes, and implements habitat management programs, with emphasis on maintaining and enhancing biodiversity.
- Correlates wildlife management with other resources such as fire, recreation, and wilderness management.
- Participates on interdisciplinary teams to evaluate impacts of Forest Service or non-Forest Service activities on National Forest Lands. Reviews reports and requests information pertinent to the wildlife resource and prepares recommendations or reports.
- Provides analysis of impacts, reviews and prepares environmental assessments and biological evaluations for threatened, endangered, or sensitive species.
- Conducts monitoring of wildlife species and/or habitats including surveys to determine status of threatened, endangered, or sensitive species.
- Makes recommendations to deciding official and others regarding impacts of proposed actions, results of monitoring, and for habitat protections.
- Supervises 1-2 permanent and/or temporary employees (less than 20%).

- Member of the District Leadership Team, serves as Acting District Ranger as needed and as delegated by the District Ranger.
- Work involves both field and office work. Work in the field requires walking and climbing over rugged terrain under adverse conditions. Office work requires long periods of sitting and standing using intense concentration for several hours at a time.
- Field work involves use of horses and mules in the wilderness.

Ecologist – serves as the lead for performing complex ecological projects or studies, covering the full range of ecological work within a forest unit (vegetation, soils, aquatic, fishery and wildlife resources, terrestrial ecology, threatened, endangered, and sensitive species, water resource development, silviculture, fire, environmental impact and assessment, planning, etc).

- Develops and formulates plans for conducting investigations and analyses of complex projects, which require intensive field sampling, mapping, and sophisticated computer analysis.
- Initiates, coordinates, and conducts environmental assessments, surveys, and/or site investigations. Investigations cover design, studies, and plans to provide specific information (plan, scope, cost assessments).
- Recommends priorities for ecological studies through consideration of local land management needs, concern for resources, and special problems and situations that may arise.
- Makes reconnaissance surveys of proposed projects, prepares environmental inventories, impact statements and assessments, and analyzes the impact of specific projects proposed by others. Reviews and prepares responses to comments as needed.
- Maps distribution of ecological resources and develops recommendations for management/conservation/mitigation of impacts.
- Monitors long-term changes in vegetation over time.
- Makes recommendations for solutions which can be successfully implemented by the land manager.
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Duty Station: Wilderness Ranger District, Mimbres, New Mexico

The Gila National Forest is headquartered in Silver City, New Mexico. Silver City www.towonof

silvercity.org, and the surrounding communities of Bayard, Santa Clara, Tyrone and Hurley are located in Southwest New Mexico. The reporting location for this detail is the Wilderness RD office, in Mimbres, NM, a rural area approximately 35 miles from Silver City, on State Hwy 35. The elevation is 6,300 feet above sea level. Mimbres boasts four gentle seasons. The average annual temperature is approximately 54 degrees. The driest month of the year is May, while July is the wettest. The annual average precipitation is approximately 15 inches. The population of nearby Silver City is approximately 13,000, and Grant County is about 29,000.

Gila National Forest:

The Gila National Forest supports a diverse mammalian, bird, amphibian, reptile, and fish fauna. Important game species include Mule deer, Coues Whitetail deer, elk, Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep, pronghorn, mountain lions, and black bear. Over 330 species of resident and breeding birds have been documented on the Forest. Historically, seventeen species of fish occurred in the three major basins on the Forest. Fourteen of these species are currently extant, and three species have been extirpated. Fifteen of the seventeen species that historically occurred on the Forest are either federally listed as threatened or endangered, or are considered regionally sensitive.

The Forest boasts a rich history of the Mogollon and Apache Indians, Spaniards, Mexicans, ranchers, prospectors and miners, including Apache Chief's Mangas Coloradas, Geronimo, and Victorio. Aldo Leopold (conservationist/ecologist, and author of the Sand County Almanac), and Ben Lilly (renowned lion hunter), are but a few of the personalities from the past that have left their mark in the Gila.

Another unique beauty of the Gila National Forest is its wilderness. The Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range wildernesses offer unparalleled hiking and horseback riding. The 558,065-acre Gila wilderness, created in June 1924, at the urging of the great conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold, was the world's first designated wilderness. The wilderness areas on the Gila comprise a vast, roadless realm astride the Black, Mogollon, Diablo, and Blue mountain ranges. The mountain ranges vary from the grassland foothills, upward through Juniper woodland, Ponderosa pine, and then Spruce-fir forests on the high peaks. Mountain meadows, Aspen glades, and Spruce forests border on narrow, rock-walled canyons which in some places plunge to depths of more than a thousand feet.

The San Francisco, Gila, and Mimbres rivers, the Catwalk, Pueblo Park campground, Gila Cliff dwellings, Mogollon Baldy, Castle Rock, Eagle Peak mountain, Emory pass, and the Burro mountains, are among the many islands of beauty on the Gila. Other areas of interest include: Cooney's tomb, El Caso Lookout tower, Beaverhead, Reed's peak, Frisco Box hot springs, and Cherry creek. More information can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/gila/.

Wilderness Ranger District:

The Wilderness Ranger District encompasses 700,000 acres of rugged mountains and steep canyons in the Gila National Forest. The diverse landscape ranges from approximately 4500 feet to 11,000 feet, and hosts a broad variety of ecosystems from grasslands to forests. We manage for multiple and sustained uses, such as recreation (fishing, camping, hiking, hunting, photography, etc), grazing, protecting watersheds, and providing various forest products. We also manage many threatened and endangered species such as the Gila trout and Mexican Gray wolf. With so many needs and such a varied landscape, we need a diverse group of employees to help manage this environmentally important area.

The Wilderness District office is located in Mimbres, NM, about 35 miles Northeast of Silver City. Mimbres is a small ranching community with a few shops, restaurants, and churches. There

is a local clinic, and elementary school within the Mimbres valley. The Mimbres valley is renowned for the exquisitely painted pottery created by the Mimbreno Indians, part of the Mogollon Culture, between 1000 to 1250 AD.

Outreach Notice
Wildlife Biologist (GS-0486-11) or Ecologist (GS-0408-11)*
Gila National Forest, in New Mexico
Wilderness Ranger District, Mimbres, NM
USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region
** please indicate on form below which series you are responding to.*

If you are interested in this opportunity and plan on applying for this vacancy, Please return your completed response form electronically to: rhuddlestonlorton@fs.fed.us, no later than, **September 23, 2016**.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If Current Federal Employee, Agency Employed With: _____ USFS, _____ BLM, _____ OTHER _____

If Current Federal Employee, Type of Appointment: _____ Perm _____ Temp _____ Term
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ Other

Current FS Employee, Region/Forest/District: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

Current Position Title: _____

Please briefly describe your qualifications/interest for this position:

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate if you are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

- Person with Disabilities
- Veterans Recruitment Act
- Disabled Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Pathways Program
- Other _____

How did you learn of this vacancy? _____

Thank you for your interest and response!