OUTREACH NOTICE
Forestry Technician,
Initial Attack Dispatcher GS-5/6/7 18/8

REGION 4 – MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST
DUTY STATION:
Moab, UTAH

POSITION:
The Supervisors Office of the Manti-La Sal National Forest will soon be seeking applicants for a Forestry Technician, (Initial Attack Dispatcher), GS-0462-5/6/7 position at the Moab Interagency Fire Center (MIFC). This is a permanent part-time position (18/8) with the duty station in Moab, Utah.

DUTIES:
This position is located at MIFC where the incumbent will be an Initial Attack Dispatcher for the interagency center and assist with other fire center duties as assigned. The Moab Interagency Fire Center represents the five wildland fire agencies in Southeastern Utah, providing resource coordination between the Manti-La Sal National Forest, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The MIFC dispatch area involves nearly 10 million acres of terrain that ranges from grasslands at 4,000 feet to forested lands above 10,000 feet in elevation. Land status throughout the area is highly fragmented. Resources include two 10-person crews, 11 engines and 1 Type 3 Helicopter with crew and the Red Rock Regulars (Type 2 IA Handcrew). MIFC resources respond to an average of 200 to 400 incidents per year, with a fire season that extends from March through Mid November.

This position is located in an initial attack fire suppression organization where the employee performs a variety of staff and administrative duties relating to fire suppression activities and the support of fire management programs.

Selective factors include; 90 days prior line firefighting experience and training in order to anticipate needs, determine priorities and select alternative resources; along with the incumbent currently, or previously being qualified as an Expanded Dispatch Recorder (EDRC). Employee will provide intell; complete daily, weekly and year-end required
records, reports and summaries; as well as provide input and develop plans and guides concerning fire mobilization and aviation operations.

This work is performed in an office setting and requires working for long hours and under emergency situations. During periods of heavy fire activity, shifts of 12+ hours per day for seven or more consecutive days may occur.

**RESPONSE:**

Please respond by December 1, 2012. This position will be filled with erecruit, details will be provided to respondents to this outreach and the position will be filled as soon as the new hiring system becomes available. Interested applicants can complete a profile in www.usajobs.gov.

Please return the outreach notice and direct any questions to: Renee Jack, Assistant Center Manager, reneejack@fs.fed.us, 435-259-1850; or Gayle Sorenson, Forest Fire Management Officer, gsorenson@fs.fed.us, 435-979-6431.
OUTREACH RESPONSE

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Duty Location: Moab, Utah. Moab Interagency Fire Center
USDA Forest Service, R4-Intermountain Region

Please email outreach by 12/01/2012 to:
reneejack@fs.fed.us and gsorenson@fs.fed.us

Name:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Employer: 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?

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 Authority
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
_____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
_____ Other __________________________________________

Brief statement of how you think your experience/education meets the duties and basic
qualifications of the outreach position (feel free to also attach a resume to your reply):
About the Manti La Sal National Forest and South Eastern Utah

Whatever your location on the Manti-La Sal National Forest, you are at a starting point for adventure. Within a few minutes drive you can be in the forest or traveling picturesque sandstone deserts.

Lake on the Manti La Sal NF  Dark Canyon Wilderness

The Manti-La Sal National Forest’s 1.4 million acres are scattered through some of the most wide-open spaces in Utah and parts of Colorado (about 17,000 square miles). It features high forested areas, with glacial bowls and alpine peaks, and lower desert elevations strewn with remnants of ancient cultures. The Forest includes the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area and is bordered by Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and the San Rafael Swell. It is not far from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Lake Powell.

Rock climbers come from throughout the world to test their skills on the conglomerate rock walls of Maple Canyon in the Sanpitch Mountains of central Utah. Snowkiters have discovered the unique pairing of wind currents and large snowbows on the Wasatch Plateau. Not far away, Joes Valley is loved by bouldering enthusiasts and kayakers. To the southeast, cyclists take to the trails of the beautiful La Sal Mountains, which provide an island of cool green towering above the red rock deserts of Moab. American Indians revere many sacred sites in the Abajo Mountains found in the far reaches of southeastern Utah.
This area of Utah is rich in ancient artifacts. The area is littered with pieces of pottery, stone, fiber and bone that tell the story of people who lived a thousand years ago. Rock cliffs hide granaries and ancient dwellings. Rock faces are often galleries for pictographs and petroglyphs. Archeological surveys indicate there are more prehistoric artifacts on the Manti-La Sal National Forest than any other national forest.

The Forest is also renowned for coal production. Most of the coal mined in Utah comes from the Wasatch Plateau coal field, where the Forest is located. This amounted to 14,241,000 tons in 2007. The coal is primarily used to produce electricity in three local power plants which generate 2,621 megawatts of power.

Traditionally the Forest has provided forage for cattle and sheep grazing. Utah ranks seventh in the nation for sheep production and the Forest contributes significantly to the necessary forage. In addition, about 20,000 cattle graze on Forest lands.

The Manti-La Sal is the principal water source for surrounding communities. Because of the desert climate, the Forest watershed is vital to life and livelihoods in central and
southeastern Utah. Riparian areas and wetlands are precious ecosystems in an otherwise arid landscape.

**Ephraim, Utah**
The Sanpete District Office is in Ephraim, Utah, a beautiful pastoral community located in central Utah, at the foot of the Wasatch Plateau. Historic stone homes and buildings give it a rich sense of pioneer heritage with a strong Scandinavian influence. Agriculture is the basis of the economy and families are the basis of the culture. Ephraim has a population of 4,962. There is an elementary, middle school, and the high school is 12 miles south in Manti. Snow College is a focal point for the city. The average housing price is $120,000. A variety of medical services are available. To learn more, see [www.sanpetecounty.org](http://www.sanpetecounty.org), [http://www.ssanpete.k12.ut.us/](http://www.ssanpete.k12.ut.us/), [http://www.ephraimcity.org/](http://www.ephraimcity.org/), [www.snow.edu](http://www.snow.edu)

**Price, Utah**
The Supervisor’s Office is located in Price Utah, at the foot of the Book Cliffs and southeast of Salt Lake City. Although founded by Mormon pioneers, the railroad and coal mining boom in the late 1800s brought an influx of immigrants, which gives Price a unique flavor among Utah towns. Their descendants create a vibrant community and diverse culture. Historically, coal was king in Price. Now, Price has become a destination community, providing government services, a regional hospital, health services, and shopping opportunities. Price has a population of about 8,500, two elementary schools, a junior high, high school, and community college. The average home sales price is $143,825. For more information see: [http://www.priceutah.net/](http://www.priceutah.net/), [www.carbon.k12.ut.us](http://www.carbon.k12.ut.us), [http://www.carbon.utah.gov](http://www.carbon.utah.gov), [http://www.ceu.edu/](http://www.ceu.edu/)

**Ferron, Utah**
Ferron is a quiet town set amid the foothills of the Wasatch Plateau, at the mouth of Ferron Canyon. One of the most attractive communities in the area, Ferron is surrounded by alfalfa fields and farms. It was settled by Mormon pioneers in the mid-1800s and the influence is felt in the community. Historically, fruit orchards and dairies were vital to its economy. Now most residents are employed in coal mining, trucking or energy production. Ferron has a population of 1,576. There is an elementary school, a regional junior high school, and students are bused 15 minutes away to Emery High in Castle Dale, Utah. The average home sales price is $100,000. The city is located in Emery County, where many services are shared or consolidated among communities. Learn more at [http://www.ferroncity.org](http://www.ferroncity.org), [www.emerycounty.com](http://www.emerycounty.com), or [www.emery.k12.ut.us](http://www.emery.k12.ut.us).

**Moab, Utah**
If you’re an outdoor adventurer, you know Moab, Utah. Whether you mountain bike, hike, raft, or photograph spectacular scenery, you’ll love this town. Set in a stunning red rock valley at the foot of the towering La Sal Mountains, there are few places so scenic in the West. Moab is the gateway to Arches National Park and only minutes from Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. Uranium mining was the
primary driver of the economy during the 1950s, but tourist dollars fuel the economy today. The population of Moab is 4,845. There are three schools: Grand High School, Grand Middle School and Red Rock Elementary. Also, Utah State University has an Extension campus in Moab. The average home sales price is $251,000. Moab Regional Hospital and various health care providers are available locally. To learn more see http://www.grandschools.org/, http://www.grandcountyutah.net/, http://www.moab-utah.com/, http://distance.usu.edu/?campuses

Monticello, Utah
Cowboys and Indians were the real thing in Monticello. Its early history is colored with conflict between cowboys, settlers and American Indians. Now it’s a peaceful little community at the foot of the Abajo Mountains and at the crossroads of southeastern Utah. It is the southern gateway to Canyonlands National Park and is 60 minutes south of Arches National Park. Lake Powell is to the south. It is the highest of the communities where the Manti-La Sal has offices, with an elevation of 7,069 feet. Agriculture is important to the economy and culture, but most jobs are found in government, followed by the tourism industry. Monticello has a population of 1,958. Home sales prices range between $87,000 and $275,000. There is an elementary school and a high school, (grades 7-12). Medical services are provided by San Juan Hospital, a pharmacy and health professionals. For more information see: http://www.monticelloutah.org/services.html, http://www.sanjuanschools.org/default.aspx, http://www.southeastutah.org/, http://www.cityofcortez.com