Outreach Notice

Forestry Technician
(Assistant Helitack Manager)
GS- 0462-07/08

Pike National Forest
Pikes Peak Ranger District

THE PIKE/SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS AND CIMARRON/COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS INTEND TO FILL A GS-0462-07/08, FORESTY TECHNICIAN (ASSISTANT HELITACK MANAGER).
The Pike/San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands will soon be filling a position for a GS-0462-07/08, Forestry Technician (Assistant Helitack Manager). This position is permanent full-time with 26 pay periods guaranteed. The duty station is in Monument, CO.

This position is established on a Forest Service unit to serve as a full assistant to the Helitack Manager. The primary line of work of this position is aviation and fire management. This position has supervision, program management and COR responsibilities of a full service fire suppression contract helicopter. The Helicopter module is currently staffed by a crew of 10 or more.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at [http://www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) under vacancy announcement OCRP-462-HLTKASST-7/8G & DP. This is an Open Continuous Register (OCR) vacancy announcement with no closing date, however the OCR for this position has not yet been posted on USA Jobs. Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. Timing of the request for a referral list is subject to the availability of the OCR in USA Jobs. Applicants responding to this outreach will be notified once the announcement becomes available and provided the final date to submit applications.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Interested applicants should complete and return the attached outreach response form no later than November 9, 2012. For further information please contact Kris Paxson, Helitack Foreman. Office phone: 719-487-8107. Email: kpaxson@fs.fed.us.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION

Helitack Work 75%: Serves as an Incident Commander (IC), managing resources that vary from single resource to multiple resource task forces or strike teams. Applies technical methods and procedures to perform a variety of duties relating to helitack operations to suppress wildland fires. May serve as helicopter rappel spotter, responsible for the safe and efficient deployment of rappellers and cargo on incident and training missions from a variety of aircraft approved for rappel operations. Performs a wide variety of operational projects incorporating diverse technical knowledge. During various stages and types of incidents, serves as needed in the full capacity of other positions as needed or assigned and qualified. Responses can occur on the Forest or on an interagency basis in support of other agency efforts. Serves as Helicopter Manager when responding to incident(s) via helicopter. Prepares helicopter for mission response, briefs personnel, performs aerial recons, relays critical incident information, makes tactical decisions, deploys personnel, coordinates with other incident resources and aviation assets. Provides technical expertise for helicopter projects within the forest, including aerial ignition, spraying, seeding. Determines whether to ground helicopter operators for violations of safety regulations or contractual clauses.

Supervisory and/or Managerial Responsibilities 25%: Serves as a full assistant to the Helitack Manager in the technical and administrative supervision of a work force of six to fifteen employees. As acting Helitack Manager, incumbent is responsible for the day to day operation and supervision of the module. Performs the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. Provides informal feedback and periodically evaluates employee performance. Resolves informal
complaints and grievances. Effects disciplinary measures as appropriate to the authority delegated in this area. Assists Helitack Manager in contract administration responsibilities for the helicopter service contract for the base. Serves as alternate to primary COR. Serves as instructor for Forest and Regional courses or workshops that instruct helitack, Forest, and other cooperating agency personnel in helicopter operations, wildland fire, and related resource management. Responsible for tracking property issue and use.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE
This is a primary/rigorous firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS).

OTHER CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT
The work requires assistant helicopter manager to meet the firefighter physical fitness qualifications at the arduous level. The work frequently involves long shifts and complex decision making, and extended periods of time away from home. The duties of this position require the incumbent to meet physical requirements as measured by the Work Capacity Test.

PIKE/SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS CIMARRON/COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS
The Pike/San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron/Comanche National Grasslands are in Southern Colorado. These Forests and Grasslands have eight Ranger Districts. Forest Ranger Districts are: Leadville located at Leadville, Salida in Salida, San Carlos at Canon City, Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, South Park in Fairplay and South Platte in Morrison. Grassland Ranger Districts are: Comanche located in Springfield and LaJunta, Colorado and Cimarron Ranger District located in Elkhart, Kansas. The Supervisor’s Office is located in Pueblo, Colorado. The Forests have a complexity of resources including range, timber, wildlife, water, wilderness areas, developed and dispersed recreation, etc.

MONUMENT
THE COMMUNITY: The town of Monument is located in what is called the Tri-Lakes area. There are three lakes in the area, Lake Woodmoor, Monument Lake, and Palmer Lake. The towns of Monument and Palmer Lake, and the unincorporated community of Woodmoor are included in this area. The Tri-Lakes area is approximately 5 miles north of the Air Force Academy, 20 miles north of downtown Colorado Springs, and 40 miles from Denver. The town of Monument maintains a small town atmosphere with a historic district located where the town first originated, and a newer commercial district bordering the interstate. The town of Palmer Lake, located 3 miles to the northwest of Monument is a quaint village nestled in the foothills. The Vaile Museum, Historical Society, Community Club, and Art Group help keep this a community with a small town flavor. Woodmoor, a large community just east of the Interstate has a Country Club, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, and an 18-hole golf course. The Tri-Lakes area has an average elevation of 7,000 feet and an approximate total population of 35,000. The area located along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains and adjacent to the Pike National Forest, with quick access to Colorado Springs and Denver via I-25, provides the advantages of mountain living, without the inconveniences normally associated with it.

CLIMATE: The Tri Lakes area has a wide variety of weather with moderate temperatures throughout most of the year.

- Average Yearly Snowfall: 105 inches
- Average Yearly Precipitation: 23 inches
- Average Yearly Days of Sunshine: 250
- Elevation: 7000 feet

SCHOOLS: Educational opportunities from Kindergarten to High School are available. In the Tri-Lakes area there are 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, 1 charter school, and 2 high schools. Higher education is available in Colorado Springs 20 miles to the south.

HOUSING: There is a wide selection of housing ranging in price from $150,000 on up. Price is dictated by location and age of house. Rental rates range from $700 a month and up and are also dependent on location. The Tri-Lakes area and the town of Monument are located 20 miles north of downtown Colorado Springs and bordering the Metropolitan area has quick and easy access to all amenities of a large city while maintaining a small town feel.
Housing at the Monument Fire Center may be available.

COLORADO SPRINGS
THE COMMUNITY: The city of Colorado Springs is located at the base of Pikes Peak. It is the second largest city in Colorado and is a full-service city with a population of approximately 360,000 and metro area approaching 450,000. It is one of the fastest growing cities in Colorado and has all of the amenities expected of a city of its size.

CLIMATE: Moderate temperatures are experienced throughout the year. Colorado Springs is protected from harsh weather by two natural barriers: The Rocky Mountains to the west and Monument Divide to the north.

- Average Yearly Precipitation: 15.42 inches
- Average Yearly Humidity: 48 percent
- Average Yearly Days of Sunshine: 250
- Average Yearly Snowfall: 35.90 inches
- Elevation: 6,035 feet

SCHOOLS: Educational opportunities form Kindergarten to accredited 4-year colleges is available. There are also parochial/Christian schools. Some of the higher education institutions include: University of Colorado Colorado Springs campus, Colorado College, University of Phoenix, Pikes Peak Community College. In all there are a total of 5 universities and 9 colleges represented.

DAYCARE: A full compliment of daycare facilities is available in the Colorado Springs area.

MEDICAL: A full range of medical facilities is available including 4 civilian and 2 military hospitals. Hundreds of physicians and medical specialists practice in the Colorado Springs area.

CHURCHES: All denominations are represented.

LIBRARY: The Pikes Peak Library District has numerous branches throughout the metro area.

SHOPPING FACILITIES: There are two large shopping malls, one on the north end of town and one in the east central part. There are many strip malls scattered throughout the city as well. According to the Chamber of Commerce there are 30 malls.

FINANCIAL SERVICES: All financial services are available, banks, savings and loan companies, credit unions, and brokerages.

HOUSING: There is a wide selection of housing ranging in price from $150,000 on up. Price is dictated by location. Generally, the closer to the mountains the higher the price. The same holds true for rentals.

TRANSPORTATION: The city of Colorado Springs completed a new airport terminal in 1996. The airport is served by many of the major carriers as well as several budget airlines, providing jet service, and commuter airlines. There is a public bus transit system as well as taxi and shuttle service.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

- Town of Monument
  - http://www.townofmonument.net/
- Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
  - http://www.trilakeschamber.com
- Monument City Data
- Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
  - http://www.coloradospringschamber.org/
- El Paso County
  - http://www.elpasoco.com/
- Pike/San Isabel National Forests
  - http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/
OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Reply to Kris Paxson by November 9, 2012
Fax: 719-487-8109 or Email: kpaxson@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-7/8
Assistant Helitack Manager
PIKE NATIONAL FOREST

NAME:________________________________________________________

EMAIL:_______________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS:_____________________________________________________

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TELEPHONE NUMBER:_______________________________________________

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____________________________________________

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _______________________________________________
(include time at current grade)

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: ______________________________________________

CURRENT RED CARD QUALIFICATIONS_____________________________________

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 ____________________________________________

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!