

OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4

Wildlife Biologist GS-0486-11

Dixie National Forest
Supervisors Office
1789 N Wedgewood Lane
Cedar City, UT 84721
(435) 865-3700

Fishlake National Forest
Supervisors Office
115 E 900 N
Richfield, UT 84701
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Uinta/Wasatch Cache National Forest
Supervisors Office
857 W South Jordan Parkway
South Jordan, UT 84095
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A vacancy announcement to fill a GS-0486-11 Wildlife Biologist **term not to exceed 4 year** position will be posted on the USAJOBS web site, <http://www.usajobs.gov> in the near future. This is a term position opportunity not to exceed one year, with the possibility of extension of up to four years depending on funding and availability of work. At the end of the term, the incumbent will be terminated.

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity. **If interested please respond no later than September 27th**. You may also obtain a copy of the announcement after the position has been advertised by contacting Julie Whicker – Administrative Support Assistant at (435) 865-3716 or e-mail jwhicker@fs.fed.us.

Description of duties...

Incumbent is responsible for wildlife program management, policy and planning, inspection and evaluation of wildlife, and conducting and reviewing wildlife surveys and studies.

In addition to the above duties the incumbent serves as a key member of the Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team working on three major electrical transmission line projects across Utah National Forests. Position must be able to build relationships with remote Interdisciplinary colleagues within the Forest Service, other agencies, and private sector environmental consultants. Position provides some additional projects staff assistance for the agency project leader.

Location...

The duty station for this position will be either, Cedar City UT (Dixie National Forest), Richfield UT (Fishlake National Forest), or South Jordan UT (Uinta/Wasatch Cache National Forest)

The position...

The tour of duty will be full time not to exceed 4 years (40 hours a week).

This position will be reviewed at the end of each year and may be extended for up to 4 years depending on funding and availability of work.

Approximate salary...

The grade level GS-11 salary starts at \$57,408 per annum.

For more information...

For information about the application process, you may contact Julie Whicker, Administrative Asst. at 435-865-3716, or by email at jwhicker@fs.fed.us

Interested...

Interested candidates, or those desiring further information about the position, should contact Kenton Call, at 435-865-3730 or by email at ckcall@fs.fed.us

To receive a copy of the vacancy announcement, please complete and submit the Outreach Notice Form, attached to the end of this document, and mail to Dixie National Forest, ATTN: Julie Whicker, 1789 N. Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721 or by email to jwhicker@fs.fed.us.

The vacancy announcement advertising this position will be released over the next several weeks and will be available on the USA Jobs website at <http://www.usajobs.gov> (the U.S. Government's official website for jobs and employment information).

About The Dixie National Forest. . .



The Dixie National Forest occupies almost two million acres and stretches about 170 miles across southern Utah. The Forest straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. Elevations vary between 2,800 feet near St. George to 11,322 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. Comprising the southern rim of the Great Basin above the Colorado River, the Dixie is loved for its spectacular scenery, from high mountain meadows and lakes to multicolored cliffs and steep-walled gorges. Vegetation on the Dixie changes from sparse, desert plants at the lower elevations to stands of low-growing pinion pine and juniper dominating the mid-elevations. At higher elevations, aspen and conifers such as pine, spruce and fir predominate.

The headquarters of the Dixie National Forest is the Supervisor's Office in Cedar City. The Forest has five Ranger Districts; they are located in St. George, Cedar City, Panguitch, Escalante, and Fremont River (managed by the Fishlake National Forest). The Dixie employs about 125 permanent employees and between 100 and 150 seasonal employees.

Camping facilities are available across the Forest, and in three National Parks and two National Monuments adjacent to the Forest. The scenic beauty for which the national parks were established prevails over much of the Dixie. The Dixie has three designated wilderness areas.

About Cedar City, Utah . . .

A large number of single-family homes, condominiums, and apartments are available. Most housing sells in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range.

Health Care:

Acute care health service is available at Valley View Medical Center, a 48-bed, full service, primary-care facility with some secondary medical care services. There is also an Instacare facility.

Population and Elevation:

Population is about 32,000. Elevation is 5,800 feet.

Housing, Churches, Schools and Childcare Facilities:

Area churches represent a variety of denominations: Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Catholic, Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Community Presbyterian Church, Baptist, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Valley Bible Church, etc. Public schools are administered by the Iron County School District and consist of seven elementary schools K through the 5th grade, two middle schools (6th and 8th grades), and two high schools (9th through 12th grades). There are also several private schools in the area. Southern Utah University is a four-year institution with master's programs in accounting and in elementary education. Associate degrees and vocational education are also available. Cedar City has several day care facilities.

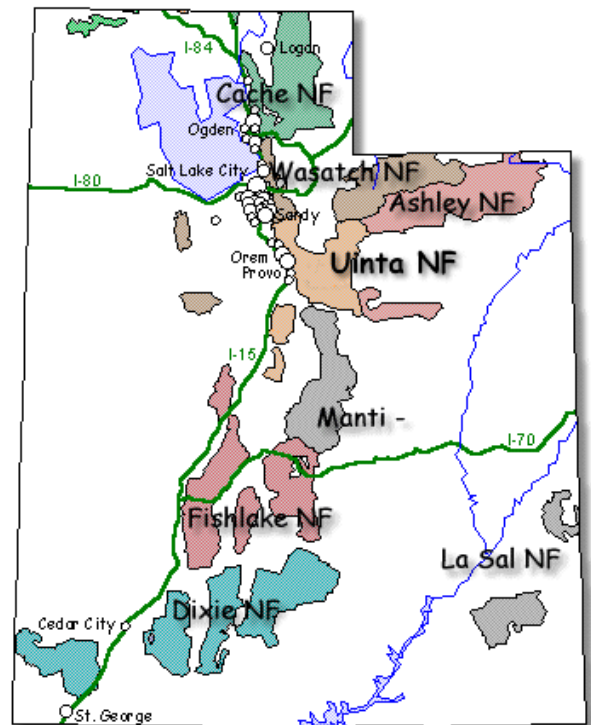
The Arts, Entertainment, and Sports:

Southern Utah University (SUU) hosts the nationally acclaimed Utah Shakespearean Festival. It attracts thousands of visitors to Cedar City annually during summer and early fall. Cedar City community takes pride in being known as the "Festival City."

Cedar City is also home to the Utah Summer Games, which previews athletes for Olympic competition. SUU has a strong sports program offering football, basketball, baseball, track and field, swimming, golf, etc. Iron County boasts four museums, three libraries, the professional Shakespearean theater, three amateur theaters, and two art galleries. There is plenty of recreation in Iron County with two movie theaters, seven parks, 12 ball fields, three rodeo grounds, an 18-hole golf course, three swimming pools, fitness centers, 10 tennis courts, and bowling.

Local Climate:

The average "annual" temperature in Cedar City is 50.4 degrees; in January 41.5 degrees and 89.9 in July. The average annual precipitation is 10.6 inches with a light average snowfall of 45.4 inches. Most snowfall will come and go, with a small amount of snow pack over the winter. The sun shines often in winter.



About The Fishlake National Forest...

The Fishlake National Forest located in south-central Utah, encompasses 1.5 million acres in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne Counties. The Forest features majestic stands of aspen encircling open mountain meadows that are lush with a diverse community of forbs and grasses. Fish Lake, from which the forest takes its name, is considered by many to be the gem of Utah. The largest natural mountain lake in the state, it offers trophy fishing and bird watching. The mountains of the Fishlake are a source of water for many of the neighboring communities and agricultural valleys in the region. Hunting, fishing and OHV use are among the most popular forms of recreation enjoyed by forest visitors. A "working forest," the Fishlake is managed for livestock grazing and timber management. In the coming years, increased interest in mineral, oil and gas reserves may extend to portions of the Fishlake National Forest.

There are four ranger districts on the Forest; Beaver, in Beaver; Fillmore, in Fillmore; Fremont River in Loa; and Richfield. The Supervisor's Office is collocated with the Richfield Ranger District in Richfield. Allen Rowley is the Forest Supervisor.

Richfield, Utah...

Richfield is a mid-sized town (pop. 6,800) located in south-central Utah. The city lies along I-70, about 25 miles east of the junction with I-15. There is a strong, positive community spirit. It is a traditional small western town where activities center on families, school and church activities, rodeos, hunting and fishing. Richfield is the county seat for Sevier County. There are many small nearby communities, all within a 25-mile commuting distance. Provo, the closest major city, lies approximately 115 miles north of Richfield, while Cedar City lies about 120 miles south. Salt Lake City lies about 160 miles north of Richfield, and contains the Salt Lake City airport. These major cities are easily accessed using the major interstates and highways.

Climate and Weather

Richfield lies at 5,330 feet elevation, and the climate is moderate. Snowfall does occur in winter, but rarely more than 12 inches. Average annual precipitation for Richfield is about eight inches per year. The average low temperature in summer is 50 F, and 16.1 F in winter. The average high temperature in summer is 90 F, and 43 F in winter.

Housing

Average housing rent start at about \$450. Homes range from \$70,000 to \$300,000. Building lots range from \$25,000 to \$45,000. Government housing is not available.

Shopping

Richfield shopping facilities includes a variety of businesses and merchants to meet most needs, including large grocery chain stores, lumber, hardware, and sporting good stores, convenience stores, furniture and clothing stores, and a Super Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, and JC Penney catalog sales merchant. Other facilities include a variety of restaurants/cafes, plenty of motels, gas stations, banks, credit unions, two privately owned campgrounds and many other small shops and services.

Education

Richfield schools include two elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools. Richfield is home to the southern campus of Snow College and offers a variety of academic and technology classes.

Health Care

Community care is provided by (an Intermountain Health Care affiliated organization), Richfield Clinic, Family Specialty Clinic, Sevier Valley Hospital and numerous visiting doctors and specialists. There are several chiropractors, optometrists, dentists, physical therapists as well as three assisted living facilities and care centers. Sevier Valley Hospital has a 24-hour, staffed emergency room.

Churches

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is the predominant religion in the area. Other churches serving the community are Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Community, Faith Baptist, Assembly of God, and Jehovah's Witness.

Civic and Service Organizations

Civic and service organizations include Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Elks Lodge and Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Business and Professional Women's Club.

Social and Cultural Events

Several cultural events occur in the Richfield area throughout the year, including the annual Rocky Mountain ATV jamboree, Festival of the Arts, Sevier County Fair, and Christmas Tree Lane. The Snow College Events Center is the site of numerous concerts, social and athletic events. Local attractions include: Fremont Indian State Park, Cove Fort, Big Rock Candy Mountain, and Monroe Hot Springs.

Other attractions in the central Utah area include the annual Snow Goose Festival (the arrival of the snow geese to Delta suggesting winter's end), and the Sundance Film Festival, an internationally recognized celebration of independent motion pictures, held annually in central Utah.

Recreation

Richfield sponsors many athletic programs such as Little League baseball, soccer, Junior Jazz basketball as well as adult softball and basketball. Richfield hosts an eighteen-hole golf public golf course, municipal swimming pool, and movie theatre. There are numerous mountain bike, ATV, and equestrian trails and camping sites for the outdoor enthusiast. Fishing areas include Otter Creek Reservoir, Piute Reservoir, Fish Lake and many small lakes and reservoirs located in close proximity to Richfield. Major winter sports including downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. The Manti-La Sal and Dixie National Forests lie directly adjacent to the Fishlake National Forest. Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Zion National Parks are within a day's drive of Richfield. The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is also nearby.

About the Uinta Wasatch Cache National Forest...

The Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forest encompasses over 2 million acres in northern and north-central Utah, and southwestern Wyoming. It is divided into seven Ranger Districts: Salt Lake,

Kamas/Heber, Ogden, Pleasant Grove, Spanish Fork, and Logan in Utah; and Evanston/Mountain View in Wyoming.



The Forest adjoins the largest population center within the State of Utah, which is known as the Wasatch Front. The Forest is heavily influenced and impacted from over a million people living nearby and because of this, is considered an urban Forest.

The Forest includes a variety of ecosystems ranging from high western desert to lofty mountain peaks. It offers unlimited recreational opportunities throughout the year. Whether you enjoy skiing, snowboarding,

snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking, camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, swimming, horseback riding, etc., you can find the recreational experience you are seeking. Because of the abundance of recreation opportunities and the large urban population along the Wasatch Front, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest is one of the most heavily visited in the entire National Forest system. There are nine Wilderness areas on the Forest. Though urban, the Forest supports the full range of multiple uses including a timber and grazing programs, oil and gas exploration and production, and a significant recreation program. Watershed management is also an important emphasis on the Forest.

Utah, known for the "Greatest Snow on Earth", was selected for the location of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Five world-class ski areas: Alta, Brighton, Snowbird, Snow Basin and Solitude are located on National Forest System lands administered by the Forest.

To find out more information about the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, visit our web site at <http://fsweb.r4.fs.fed.us/forests.shtml>.

Northern Utah and southwestern Wyoming enjoy four distinct seasons. Temperatures range from an average low in the mid-teens in the winter to average highs in the summer in the low '90's. Annual precipitation averages approximately 16 inches.

About South Jordan, Utah...

South Jordan is in the south part of the Salt Lake Valley. More than 1 million people live along the Wasatch and Davis Front. The cities of Ogden, Logan, and Provo are within an 80-mile radius of Salt Lake City. Within a short drive, there are countless destinations for weekend adventures.

The University of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, and Westminster College are all in Salt Lake City. Other universities in close proximity are Weber State in Ogden, Utah State University in Logan, Utah Valley University in Orem, and Brigham Young University in Provo.

Salt Lake Valley hosts several professional sports teams including the [Utah Jazz](#) (NBA basketball team), the Bees Baseball Team and Real Salt Lake, a professional soccer team in Sandy. The internationally acclaimed Utah Opera, Utah Symphony and Ballet West present remarkable performances year round. The renowned Sundance Film Festival is an annual event in nearby Park City, with some films being shown at Salt Lake venues.

Detailed community information can be obtained at <http://www.saltlakechamber.org>. Real estate information can be obtained at <http://www.utahrealestate.com/>. Select "Salt Lake County" which will bring up Salt Lake City and surrounding areas for real estate information.

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MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: ____ USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: ____ PERMANENT ____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM

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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
- _____ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!