The Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District, Blairsden, CA will soon be advertising a GS-1315-7/9 Hydrologist position. This will be a Detail/Temporary Promotion NTE 1 year and may be extended totaling no more than 5 years. However, this position MAY BECOME PERMANENT without further competition. Anyone requesting further information or receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to Antonio Dueñas at tduenas@fs.fed.us by May 6, 2016. For more information about the position call Antonio Dueñas at 530-836-7156.

The vacancy announcement will eventually be posted at [https://www.usajobs.gov/](https://www.usajobs.gov/). You may establish a profile at USA Jobs at any time.

THE POSITION
This position works directly for the Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District Hydrologist.

Description of the duties associated with this position:

**Collects and Analyzes Hydrology Data:**
Conducts full stream surveys regarding water characteristics. Estimates and forecasts water supplies, floods, or droughts. Collects on-site data in a watershed, e.g., characteristics of river or stream water. Gathers data from radar, satellites, aerial photographs, maps, rain gauges, or other sources. Conducts water resource inventories following established procedures to assemble databases required to support management programs and forest planning.

**Carries Out Hydrology-Related Study Procedures:**
Exercises independent judgment to perform moderately difficult and responsible work projects. Follows prescribed methods and guidelines, recognizing conditions and results that affect the findings. Surveys areas needing restoration or stabilization following disturbance by other resource activities. Prepares and carries out water quality monitoring programs, including preparation of plans, collection and analysis of samples, and interpretation of data.

**Prepares Hydrology-Related Reports and Recommendations:**
Records study results in accordance with established procedures. Writes complete and accurate reports, which include evaluation of the data, identification of trends, and forecasts. Makes recommendations to improve processes, estimates project costs, and prepares environmental analysis reports for restoration projects being considered for implementation.
Reviews Hydrology-Related Literature and Develops Study or Testing Methodology:
Selects standard methods, techniques and procedures in planning and carrying out routine work. Exercises independent responsibility for applying established technology in routine ways to well-defined, moderate-sized projects, or in support of a larger project. Normally uses standard guides, methods or precedents; recognizes when standard guides, methods or precedents are not applicable and selects appropriate methods and techniques. Works within a prescribed project plan.

AREA DESCRIPTION:
The Plumas National Forest encompasses over a million acres of tree-covered mountains, filled with hundreds of high alpine lakes and thousands of miles of clear running streams. Elevations range from 3,000 to 8,000 feet. The area has four seasons with warm to hot days and warm to cool nights in the summer, and periodic snowstorms in the winter. Average annual precipitation is about 35~40 inches a year. Within a half day or less drive are Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sacramento, Susanville, San Francisco, Redding, Chico, California coast, Lake Shasta, Lassen Volcanic National Park and a vast variety of activities and opportunities. Popular activities within Plumas County and the Plumas National Forest include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, boating, white water rafting, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and wildlife viewing.

Blairsden/Graeagle/Portola, CA:
The community of Blairsden/Graeagle is located 60 miles west of Reno, NV, and 20 miles east of Quincy at an elevation of approximately 4,400 feet. Local community services include a market, hardware store, bakery, deli, pizza parlor, one full service gas station, physician’s clinic, dental office, post office, and several restaurants and motels. There are four 18-hole championship and two 9-hole golf courses within five miles of the office. Johnsville Ski Area is a local historic downhill ski area which hosts two long board-racing events per year as well as public downhill skiing. Rentals for a two bedroom/two bath condominium start around $1,000 per month and housing costs for a three bedroom/two bath start around $180,000. Since housing is expensive in the Blairsden/Graeagle area many employees live in Portola or Quincy. The community of Portola (ten miles east of Blairsden/Graeagle) has a population of approximately 2,000 with services including a hospital with physician's clinic, a public library, one elementary school, one middle/high school, a variety of churches, a supermarket, a health club, and several restaurants and motels. Rentals for a two bedroom/one bath start around $600 per month and housing costs for a three bedroom/two bath start around $80,000.

The Blairsden/Graeagle, and Portola communities offer a variety of cultural events, and year-round sporting activities are available for all ages in a picturesque mountain setting. The area has four seasons with warm days/cool nights in the summer and periodic snowstorms in the winter. Average annual precipitation is 35~40 inches. Within an easy half day or less drive are Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, Redding, Chico, Lake Shasta, Lassen Volcanic National Park, and a vast variety of activities and opportunities.

The community of Quincy is the Plumas County seat and has a population of approximately 5,000. Quincy is located at an elevation of 3,400 feet in a small mountain valley in the northeastern Sierra Nevada. Area vegetation is typically mixed conifer. Year-round county population is approximately 25,000. Local community services include: a hospital, a limited service airport, a public library, a theater, a junior college, a high school, two public elementary schools, one private elementary school, a variety of churches, two supermarkets, a bowling alley, a public pool, a health club, and numerous restaurants and motels.
Reno, NV
This city is located 45 miles southeast of Blairsden/Graeagle. Located at 4,500 feet in elevation, this area receives less than 8 inches of precipitation a year, with winter lows in the 20’s and summer highs in the 90’s. Reno, NV offers all the amenities of a large city, including 84 gaming establishment which host a variety of entertainment. Major hospitals, universities, an international airport, shopping centers, year round art and cultural entertainment, and job opportunities are just some of what Reno has to offer.
To learn more about Reno, NV go to: www.reno-sparkschamber.org

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Assistant Hydrologist (GS-1315-7/9)
PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST
Beckwourth Ranger District
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