



**Ashley National Forest Service  
Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area  
Flaming Gorge Ranger District**

**OUTREACH**

**Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)  
GS-0401-09/11  
OR  
GS-0301-09/11**

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Ashley National Forest will soon be advertising a vacancy for a permanent Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation) position GS-401-9/11 **OR** GS-301-9/11.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate series, recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g., target grade and service-wide, region-wide government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.*

*Although not mandatory, responses from Outreach Notices help us determine how to advertise the position and which candidates will be considered. If interested, your response is greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in further information or in receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens is advised to complete the attached Outreach Response Form.*

The full performance level of this position is GS-0401-11 or GS-0301-11. The incumbent will initially serve in a developmental capacity at the GS-09 level. After meeting additional training, time-in-grade, and specialized experience at the GS-09 level, the incumbent will be non-competitively promoted to the target GS-0401-11 or GS-0301-11 level.

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity please complete the attached form and return to Rowdy Muir [rmuir@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmuir@fs.fed.us) by close of business **April 22, 2016**.

**Position Title:** Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation) GS-0401-09/11 or GS-0301-09/11

**Location:** Ashley National Forest, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, located in Wyoming and Utah.

**Duty Station:** Manila, Dutch John, Vernal, Utah. If Vernal or Dutch John is chosen as your preferred duty stations then travel to the Manila office would be would 20% or two days a week Monday through Friday.

**About the Position:**

This position is an integral part of the Flaming Gorge District special use permits administration program, and recreation management on the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. The position will participate with land management planning processes, lands, recreation, trails and NEPA associated activities. Emphasis is on administration of special use permits for lodges, marinas, campgrounds, outfitters, and guides (lake, river, and high country). Permit administration involves review and processing of critical documents, interaction with permittee's, field visits, and inspections. This position requires strong writing skills, knowledge of NEPA, and attention to detail, good interpersonal skills, and the ability to work in an interdisciplinary team environment.

**About the Forest:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>

The Ashley National Forest encompasses almost a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to over 13,500 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands, all contain a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep. Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary. The Ashley has three major recreation attractions of national significance:

The High Uinta Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises nearly one-half million acres in the Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes.

**About the District:** [http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/recreation/flaming\\_gorge/index](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/recreation/flaming_gorge/index)

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is 91 miles long, and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters. The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous trout stream. Sheep Creek Geological Area is located about 5 miles south of Manila, in the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Sheep Creek Canyon is filled with twisted and folded rock formations that expose 600 million years of the earth's history. Towering rock spires flank the road.

**About Manila Utah:** <http://www.manilautah.com/>

The region is known for its heritage in ranching, agriculture, mountain-man rendezvous' and hideouts for renegades of the old west like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Recreation is now an important part of Manila's future, as is the balance with preserving the regions immense heritage. This includes elements now used by recreationalist including vast geographical formations, the abundance of wildlife, and those precious star lined skies that people have been enjoying since even before Lewis and Clark made their expedition down the Green River, originally naming what we all now know as the Flaming Gorge Recreational Area.

**About Daggett County:** <http://www.daggettcounty.org>.

Daggett County is a very scenic county, from the red rock cliffs of Sheep Creek bay to the splendor of the Uinta Mountains. Cutting through the eastern Uinta Mountains is the Green River. In the late 1950's and early 1960's the United States Government constructed the Flaming Gorge Dam, which created a lake 91 miles long with varying widths.

**About Daggett School District:**

Daggett School District offers three schools include Manila Elementary, Flaming Gorge Elementary and Manila Jr.-Sr. High School. There are approximately 150 students that attend

these schools. Our schools also serve students from McKinnon and Washam Wyoming, areas which lie just north of the state line.

**About Vernal:** <http://www.vernalcity.org/>

Vernal, the county seat and largest city in Uintah County, is located in northeastern Utah about 175 miles east of Salt Lake City and 20 miles west of the Colorado border. As of the 2010 census, the city population was 9,089. The population has since grown to 10,844 as of the 2014 population estimate. Vernal is located in the Uintah Basin, bordered on the north by the Uinta Mountains, one of the relatively few mountain ranges which lie in an east-west rather than the usual north to south direction. Vernal's economy is based on extracting natural resources, including petroleum, natural gas, phosphate, and uintaite (more commonly known as Gilsonite). This has led to the establishment of branch offices of companies such as Halliburton and Schlumberger. Tourism also plays a role in Vernal's economy due to the town's roots in the Old West and being a large site of ancient dinosaur fossils. Vernal and the surrounding area are popular among outdoor enthusiasts as they are situated near plentiful spots for fishing, fly fishing, hunting, and other outdoor activities. Vernal's schools include Ashley Valley Education Center, Uintah High, Vernal Junior High, Vernal Middle, Ashley Elementary, Discovery Elementary, and a branch of Utah State University. In 2007, Uintah School District built new buildings for two elementary schools, Maeser and Naples Elementary, in the nearby communities to accommodate increased enrollment and eliminate unsafe older buildings. Other area schools include Davis Elementary, Lapoint Elementary, Eagle View Elementary and Uintah Basin Christian Academy (preK-8). The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) Rocky Mountain Branch. In 2015, the Terra Academy opened up as a K-12 charter school. The city's Vernal-Uintah County Airport has scheduled air service to Salt Lake City (SLC) provided by Delta Connection with these nonstop flights being operated by SkyWest Airlines.

**Health Care:** A doctor (fulltime) and clinic are in Manila to see patients. Dentists, doctors and medical centers, are available in Rock Springs, Green River, and Vernal. Hospitals are located in Rock Springs and Vernal. Manila and Dutch John are served by volunteer EMT's, ambulance, and emergency 911. A volunteer fire department serves the area and law enforcement is handled through the Daggett County Sheriff's Department.

**Cultural Events:** Presentations are organized by local groups, such as high school and drama clubs. The 4th of July features fireworks celebration in Dutch John and the annual Daggett Daze celebration fills the Labor Day weekend with a variety of activities. The Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo is an annual rodeo held in Vernal in July. It is the most famous event held in Vernal and has been running for years

**Churches:** Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is available in Manila and Dutch John, along with a Baptist church in Manila. Many other denominations are available in Rock Springs, Green River and Vernal.

**Housing:** Government housing may be available in Manila or Dutch John. There are few homes for sale in Manila and Dutch John. Many homes to choose from in the Vernal area.

**Application Process:** Those individuals who respond either by email, US postal mail or Fax will be contacted when the vacancy announcement is available in [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

Individuals who are interested in apply for this position is encouraged to apply through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) as well. An account, profile, and resume may be completed prior to the vacancy announcement.

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Ashley National Forest**  
***Natural Resource Specialist GS-11***

If you are interested in this position, please complete the information below and attach it to an e-mail and return to: [rmuir@fs.fed.us](mailto:rmuir@fs.fed.us). You may also complete the form and send via US Postal Service mail to Rowdy Muir, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, Box 279, Manila, Utah, 84046 or by FAX at 435-781-5295. **Please reply no later than April 22, 2016.** If you have questions, contact Rowdy Muir at (435) 781-5258.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us how we can contact you:

Postal Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street city state zip code

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

IF YES: Current Agency and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment: \_\_\_\_Permanent \_\_\_\_Term \_\_\_\_Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate whether you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

\_\_\_\_Person With Disabilities \_\_\_\_Veterans Recruitment Act \_\_\_\_Former Peace Corps  
Volunteer \_\_\_\_Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability \_\_\_\_Student Intern Program  
\_\_\_\_Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998\_\_\_\_Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position: