The USDA Forest Service, R5-Pacific Southwest Region, is planning to fill a permanent position for a **Social Scientist GS-0101-11/12** for the Regional Office Ecosystem Planning Staff.

A description of the duties, point of contact, and an outreach reply form for the position are provided. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know by returning the reply form by **June 20, 2016**.

**For further information on this position, please contact:**

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**Duties:**

- Plans and designs social analyses for assigned projects or plans, including a framework for collection and analysis. Determines the methodological feasibility of analysis efforts, defines objectives, formulates questions, analyzes knowledge gaps, selects collection and analysis methods, and develops appropriate research instruments such as interview protocols and surveys. Conducts ethnographic research, methodology, and analysis. Analyzes the project area against ethnographic research, methodology, and analysis. Analyzes the project area against socio-economic and socio-cultural data.

- Performs as a member of interdisciplinary teams to assess socio-economic analysis needs, design methodologies, conduct analyses, and provide recommendations to incorporate measures to address social-economic concerns in land management planning and implementation proposals and decisions. Develops written reports of analyses which describe findings and recommendations for understanding by both experts and those with no background, education, or training in the field. Includes engagement and collaboration with stakeholder communities; special interest groups; federal, state, and local government agencies; Tribal governments; and members of the public to identify and interpret relevant socio-economic issues and concerns to ensure quality analytical products. Provides guidance and recommendations for the consideration of socio-economic concerns to lower graded specialists and to non-specialists.

- Completes analysis processes and documentation in compliance with NEPA, NFMA, and/or other applicable laws, regulations, and policies. Ensures that methods of collection and analysis processes utilized are compliant with current professional standards.
**Duty Location:**  Vallejo, CA

**Community Information:**

- The Pacific Southwest Region of the USDA Forest Service manages National Forest lands in California and assists the State and Private forest landowners in California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. The Pacific Southwest Region is commonly referred to as Region 5 (R5). The R5, Pacific Southwest Region is comprised of 18 National Forests with a combined size of over 20 million acres, or approximately one-fifth of California's land base. Information about the R5, Pacific Southwest Region can be found at website: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/).

- The Regional Office is located on Mare Island in Vallejo, California. Vallejo is located at the north end of San Francisco Bay, 30 miles northeast of San Francisco, 60 miles west of Sacramento and approximately 20 miles from the Napa Valley. For those considering retirement in a few years, locality pay is included in the base considered for the High-3 in retirement calculations.

- Housing: The median price for a single family home is approximately $300,000 - $650,000 (may be lower, based on the market). Rentals range from $800 - $3000 per month. For additional information on housing check the following website: [http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/GovSite](http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/GovSite) and [http://www.visitvallejo.com](http://www.visitvallejo.com).

- Schools: Public schools kindergartens through grade 12 are provided through the Vallejo City Unified School District. There are public and private schools, day care, preschool and after school care facilities located in the surrounding areas of Mare Island. Secondary and Post-secondary schools include: Touro University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Health and Science, located on Mare Island and Solano County Community College, which offers two-year vocational programs. In addition, the Bay Area is home to many world-renowned schools including the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University in Palo Alto with other educational opportunities existing through colleges and universities within a short distance of Vallejo.

- Transportation: Vallejo is served by State Highways 29 and 37 and Interstate highways 80 and 780. The Vallejo Baylink Ferry operates daily between Vallejo and San Francisco, a one-way trip takes about 50 minutes. Greyhound, Continental Trailways and Baylink provides bus service to regional points from Vallejo. Nearby airports include Oakland International (30 miles southwest) and San Francisco International (40 miles southeast) also Sacramento International (60 miles north) of Vallejo.

- Cultural and Recreation Opportunities: Vallejo's waterfront and municipal marina provide a spectacular backdrop for sailing, fishing, wind surfing, jet skiing and more. There are many golf courses in the area. Vallejo is located near the Pacific Ocean. It is two hours from the Sierra Nevada Mountains and less than an hour from the Napa Valley wine country. San Francisco and the greater Bay Area are home to several professional football, baseball, hockey and soccer teams. The Bay Area is famous for its many excellent restaurants and nightclubs, its world-class ballet, symphony, opera, theaters and museums of many types and are available throughout the Bay Area.
OUTREACH REPLY FORM
USDA-FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION (REGION 5)
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Please respond by June 20, 2016

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WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH? _______________________________

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This outreach form does not constitute an application

Submission of this form is voluntary, but is encouraged.
Thank you for your interest!

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