



OUTREACH NOTICE
USDA Forest Service
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
GS-0101/0401/0807-9/11 Social Scientist/Natural Resource
Specialist/Landscape Architect-Recreation Planner
Permanent Full Time
Everett, Washington (Negotiable)
Please Respond by January 29, 2024



About the Position:

This is a challenging position. The MBS is a relatively small unit in terms of permanent staff and manages one or the larger and more complex recreation programs in the Northwest. This position serves as the recreation planning specialist for the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest: provides professional advice and support in the planning, designing, development, implementation, and evaluation of recreation program/project activities and provides recreation planning expertise to the unit. The MBS is actively engaged in several recreation and related planning efforts from Comprehensive River Management Planning to collaborative trails planning at the watershed scale, to planning to support implementation of National Forest Foundation Treasured Landscape Initiatives, Innovative Finance feasibility studies, and potential outyear GAOA implementation.

The MBS relies on effective partnering and grants for over 50% of program accomplishment. This position develops and maintains critical external cooperative relationships with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, conservation groups, private foundations, and others interested in partnering with the Forest Service.

The MBS strives to work as a unified unit. We have a high expectation of coordination across Ranger Districts, and a high expectation of strong relationships between Districts and with the Supervisor's Office. A successful candidate in this position will be adept at collaborating and will be responsible for coordinating collection of recreation site, trails, wilderness, visitation and other data, and ensuring recreation sites and facilities databases are up to date forest wide. This position will also mentor and serve as the work lead for a Wild and Scenic Rivers-focused Resource Assistant.

We cultivate strong relationships with Forest Service Research partners, as well as with local Universities. An expectation for applicants, is a demonstrated ability to utilize Forest Service data sets from NUVM to INFRA, in conjunction with current academic and agency research, and to apply these data sources to solving current and emerging recreation challenges.

Outreach Response:

If you are interested in this position, please respond using the OUTREACH DATABASE, additionally you will need to email a copy of your resume and the completed OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM to **Amy Linn** at amy.linn@usda.gov before the “Reply By” date above.

Individuals with non-competitive hiring authority should also provide supporting documentation.

INDIVIDUALS WITH NON-COMPETITIVE HIRING AUTHORITY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE TO RESPOND TO THIS OUTREACH. POSITIONS MAY BE FILLED OUTSIDE OF A USAJOBS VACANCIES ANNOUNCEMENT FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

For additional information or questions related to Non-Competitive Hiring Authorities contact Donald Rakes at donald.rakes@usda.gov

About the Forest:

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest comprises 1.7 million acres of land extending 140 miles along the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains from the Canadian border to Mt. Rainier National Park. The Forest covers portions of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties. Together, these counties contain over 55 percent of the state’s total population. Nearly five million people live in or near the Puget Sound metropolitan area. Another two million people live in southwest British Columbia and make frequent use of the Forest. This coupled with the fact that four major mountain passes cross the Cascades through the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, makes this one of the most visited National Forests in the country.

For additional information on the area check the following link:

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest webpage: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mbs>

Everett, Washington

The Forest Supervisor’s Office is located in Everett, Washington. Everett is located along Interstate 5, approximately 20 miles north of Seattle, and home to 110,000 people. The city offers full services and the surrounding suburbs offer the amenities of a large metro area, often mixed with the benefits of rural settings. Recreational opportunities are plentiful, including hiking, whitewater rafting, kayaking, skiing, hunting, and fishing. The cost of living in the area is high; however employees with a duty location of Washington receive a locality pay adjustment (29.57) and there is no state income tax in the State of Washington.

Snoqualmie Ranger District

The District has two offices, one located in North Bend and the other in Enumclaw.

North Bend has a population of 6,300 and is a small town located off Interstate 90 nestled in the western foothills of the Cascade Mountains. North Bend is about a 30-minute drive from downtown Seattle.

Enumclaw is a little larger than North Bend (population around 10,000) and is located on Highway 410 which is one of the main arteries into Mt. Rainier National Park. The region is probably best known for its recreation opportunities, including Mt. Rainier, Crystal Mountain Ski Area, Snoqualmie Pass Ski Area and Alpine Lakes Wilderness and numerous opportunities for back country hiking and camping. Within commute distance are a variety of diverse and world renowned academic, athletic, intercultural, and social facilities/amenities/opportunities not commonly enjoyed in other Forest Service duty stations.

The District manages and/or has over 102,000 acres of wilderness, 38 multi-user type trailheads (wilderness and non-wilderness settings), 7 campgrounds (concessionaire & force account operated), 6 picnic areas, 2 ski resorts (Crystal Mountain & Summit At Snoqualmie) and approximately 400 dispersed oriented recreation sites entirely on National Forest System lands. We have a robust and growing front country and backcountry volunteer programs that continues to grow with this demand and exceeds 10,000 hours annually.

The District also supports vegetation management (timber), wildlife and fisheries programs that covers National Forest lands from Snoqualmie Pass all the way down to the border of Mt. Rainier National Park. The South Zone Fire and Engineering organizations are based out of North Bend as well.

Skykomish Ranger District

Within a 1½ hour drive from the Puget Sound Metropolitan area, the Skykomish Ranger District is a very active recreation area. Hiking, camping, mountaineering, kayaking, hunting, fishing, and backpacking are among popular recreational activities in the Puget Sound area and the Skykomish Ranger District is one of the largest suppliers of these opportunities. The district includes 219,000 acres of in three different wilderness areas, approximately 220 miles of trail - including a segment of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, the Stevens Pass Greenway (US Highway 2), Stevens Pass Ski Area, five developed campgrounds, and two historic fire lookouts. The duty station is located at Skykomish, Washington, population 198, which is located on US Highway 2, approximately 15 miles west of Stevens Pass and 75 miles northeast of Seattle. The small town offers limited services and a K-12 school. Recreational opportunities are plentiful, including hiking, whitewater rafting, kayaking, skiing, hunting, and fishing. Monroe, which is a full-service community, is located west of Skykomish about 35 miles. It offers a hospital, a variety of schools and churches of all major denominations, banks and numerous other retail establishments. The cost of living in the area is high; however employees receive a locality pay adjustment. But there is a wide variety of housing available in the valley communities. Current real estate listings start at \$150,000 and go up from there. Rentals are available in some of the local communities. Recent listings show monthly rental rates in the \$1000/month range. For additional information on the area check the following links: Skykomish Data: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Skykomish-Washington.html> The Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce: <http://skyvalleychamber.com/>

Mt. Baker Ranger District

The Mt. Baker Ranger District office is in the Skagit River Valley in the town of Sedro-Woolley, WA (pop. 9,080). The office is co-located with the North Cascades National Park and North Cascades Institute. The district covers over 500,000 acres of land stretching from the Canadian border to just south of the Skagit National Wild & Scenic River and is in eastern Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The area provides ample opportunities for hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, mountain climbing, river rafting, bird watching, berry picking, camping, picnicking, hiking and world class alpine mountain scenery. The Skagit River is widely known for its fishing opportunities and hosts one of the largest concentrations of bald eagles in the country. The glacier-clad Mt. Baker provides a scenic backdrop for alpine hiking and internationally known, mountain and ice climbing opportunities. The nearby Salish Sea provides another whole realm of sailing, fishing, clamming and related saltwater experiences. Local events include annual Bald Eagle festival, logging shows, and urban centers that provide opportunities for concerts, professional sports events (baseball, football, and hockey) and a wide array of museums, art events, festivals and restaurant and food options. The state of Washington does have sales tax, but no income tax.

Darrington Ranger District

Darrington is a town in Snohomish County, Washington, United States. It is located in a North Cascades Mountain valley formed by the Sauk and North Fork Stillaguamish rivers. Darrington is connected to nearby areas by State Route 530, which runs along the two rivers towards the city of Arlington, located 30 miles to the west, and Rockport. The U.S. Forest Service, Darrington Ranger District manages the area's timber, recreation, fish and wildlife, air and water quality, wilderness, minerals, and energy resources. The Forest Service and its

employees are active participants in community life in Darrington and have contributed by obtaining grants for diverse projects including a non-profit early childhood learning center, informational kiosks in the town park, and preserving some of Darrington's oldest buildings.

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Telephone Number:	
If current Federal employee, type of appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Term <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Current Position Title, Series, Grade:	

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special employment authorities?

- PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- 30% COMPENSABLE VETERAN
- VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM CONVERSION
- OTHER (please identify) _____

Thank you for your interest!