



2017 Timber Seasonal Positions



USDA Forest Service R-4
Ashley National Forest, UT

The Ashley National Forest will be advertising and filling several timber seasonal positions for the Vernal, UT office.

The Ashley National Forest is anticipating advertising temporary (three to six month) employment opportunities for the 2017 field season for several positions.

The following positions are being advertised under specific announcement numbers that can be found at www.usajobs.com. In order to be considered for the following jobs you **MUST** select the Duty Station of the position you are interested in to be considered.

Forestry Technician (GS-0462-05) Timber Sale Prep: (up to 2 positions)

Independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals, situations on the ground that are inconsistent with guidelines. Acts as a certified timber cruiser. Independently applies the instructions issued in a cruise plan. Takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality, and determines defect. Prepares and computer processes cruise data. Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species. Traverses harvest unit boundaries, road locations, and determines area. Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, etc.

Duty location: Vernal, UT

Contact: James McRae, 435-781-5123, jmmcrae@fs.fed.us
Tyler Ballard, 435-781-5192, tylerballard@fs.fed.us

Application Open Period: 4/14/17-4/20/2017

Announcement Number: 17-TEMP-S4-0462-5TSPRP-DT

Lead Forestry Technician (GS-0462-05) Timber Sale Preparation: (up to 1 positions)

This position performs timber sale preparation duties that include timber marking, timber cruising, sale layout and provides supervision to a small team of employees who are part of the timber organization for the Ashley National Forest. Under supervision of a professional forester, and using pre-established marking rules, selects and marks trees to be harvested or left uncut. Lays out boundaries of cutting areas, considering variables such as accessibility, steep slopes, stream protection, nesting tree protection, wildlife impacts, fuels management and regeneration requirements. Completes various forest resource inventories. Performs supervisory duties 20% or less of the time. Plans the work to be accomplished, assigns work to employees, and establishes production and quality standards. Reviews safety procedures with the crew and promotes safe work practices.

Duty location: Vernal, UT

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Announcement Number: 17-TEMP-S4-0462-5FTLEA-DT

Forestry Technician (GS-0462-06) Timber Sale Preparation: (up to 1 positions)

This position performs timber sale preparation duties that include timber marking, timber cruising, sale layout and provides supervision to a small team of employees who are part of the timber organization for the Ashley National Forest. Under supervision of a professional forester, and using pre-established marking rules, selects and marks trees to be harvested or left uncut. Lays out boundaries of cutting areas, considering variables such as accessibility, steep slopes, stream protection, nesting tree protection, wildlife impacts, fuels management and regeneration requirements. Completes various forest resource inventories. Performs supervisory duties 20% or less of the time. Plans the work to be accomplished, assigns work to employees, and establishes production and quality standards. Reviews safety procedures with the crew and promotes safe work practices.

Duty location: Vernal, UT

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Application Open Period: 4/14/2017-4/20/2017

Announcement Number: 17-TEMP-S4-0462-6TSPRP-DT

About the Forest

Ashley National Forest has its headquarters in Vernal, Utah. The Forest is comprised of 1.3 million acres located in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. These National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people.

The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over half a million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to insure a continuing supply and a quality environment. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Forest landscapes range from the arid high desert country to lush high mountain meadows. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet at the summit of Kings Peak – the highest peak in Utah!

Topographical diversity and intensive land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include unique and inspiring places such as Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River and Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area.

About Vernal, Utah

Vernal has a population of approximately 10,000 people and the surrounding Uinta Basin population is approximately 20,000 according to 2012 census bureau data. The Uinta Basin is greatly influenced by the oil and gas industry, which is in the middle of a job boom, so the population numbers have noticeably increased over the past 6 years.

Vernal is situated in northeast Utah about 35 minutes from the Colorado border (and Dinosaur National Monument) and 1.5 hours south of the Wyoming border. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area on the Ashley National Forest is a neighboring district that is a good reference point for locating the area since it is easily discernable on most maps. Vernal is approximately 2 hours from ski resorts such as Park City, UT and Steamboat Springs, CO; and approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from cities along the Wasatch front like Salt Lake City and Provo, UT.

The Vernal area has year-round recreation throughout the Uinta Mountains and Uinta Basin including fishing, hiking, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, motorized and non-motorized boating, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and more. The variety and beauty of the surrounding geology and landscapes make Vernal an incredible place to adventure and explore.

For more information go to: <http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

HOW TO APPLY

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements will be posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/.

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to request a user ID and password. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. **You must identify Vernal, UT as locations specific to the above listed positions.**
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.
4. Manage Your Career - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.

Please refer any and all questions regarding job positions or the application process to the listed contact. We are glad to help!