



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## OUTREACH NOTICE

National Forest System  
Biological and Physical Resources  
**Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-13**  
Permanent, Full-Time Opportunity  
Duty Station Negotiable

The Biological and Physical Resources (BPR) staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, National Forest System (NFS) will soon advertise a key position to provide national leadership to wildlife habitat conservation and management throughout the agency. This position is your opportunity to join the small, deeply committed team providing guidance to the overall wildlife management program, including devising policies and strategies, lending professional expertise, facilitating consensus, and advising senior management officials. Your ideas and recommendations will influence and improve the conservation of terrestrial wildlife and biological diversity, as well as help to evaluate the consequences of resource management policies and decisions on NFS lands.

Strong candidates will have well demonstrated written, verbal, and analytical skills, and ability and experience with the key functions associated with the mission of NFS, including: 1) building effective coalitions and/or partnerships with other agencies and non-governmental organizations to enhance the delivery of Forest Service's multiple-use mission; 2) collaborative problem-solving with external and internal stakeholders to resolve contentious natural resource-related issues; 3) assisting policy and decision makers in understanding complex, cause and effect relationships between fish and wildlife species, their habitats, and management activities; and, 4) coordinating and monitoring strategically important initiatives, partnerships, and/or projects. Work experience that demonstrates a progression of responsibilities from local to regional or national levels, with evidence of effective participation in and leadership of multi-disciplinary teams provides the necessary foundation for success in this position.

We anticipate advertisement of this position to post in USAJobs.gov by Fall 2022.

### The Position

The incumbent biologist, in concert with key national fish and wildlife biologists and ecologists, plays a pivotal role with the Forest Service's management of a suite of critically important natural resource management issues on a national scale. Major responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to, planning, developing, evaluating, and administering aspects of the wildlife conservation and management programs necessary to meet the Forest Service's mission to sustain the health and diversity of the national forests and grasslands. An important part of the position's duties is serving as a natural resource "consultant" to national and regional staff by providing professional expertise and technical guidance in the solution of unique, challenging wildlife and/or biological diversity-related issues. In addition to a professional background in wildlife science, management, and/or conservation, thorough, practical understanding of the pertinent Federal public lands and resources laws (such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Endangered Species Act) is vital to the position. And most importantly, we are looking for an individual with well demonstrated collaborative leadership skills.

*\*Bargaining Unit status will be determined by candidate selected, based on position organization and duty location. For specific direction, reference the [Forest Service Master Agreement](#).*



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### The Duty Location

Your input will be valuable to help shape how and where this position will be advertised. At this time, the advertisement will likely identify four (4) potential duty station location options, including: Fort Collins, Colorado; Missoula, Montana; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Washington DC. Please note your duty station location preference in your response; this will greatly help us decide how to identify one or more duty station locations in the vacancy announcement. Other possible locations may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Telework eligibility will be available pursuant to the USDA's current telework policy.

### How to Apply for the Outreach

If you are interested in this position, please respond by **September 4, 2022**, by utilizing one of the following links. If you are having technical issues with responding to this outreach, please contact Sarah LaDell, Assistant Manager (Business Administrative Support Services), at [sarah.ladell@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.ladell@usda.gov).

- [Current Federal Employees](#)
- [Non-Federal Employees](#)

Your input will be valuable to help shape how and where this position will be advertised. Depending upon the extent and type of responses, this position may be advertised under either Merit System (Federal government-wide) or Demonstration Project (DEMO) authorities. Under DEMO authority, interested individuals need not have present or previous status as a federal employee to apply for this position.

For questions and/or more information about this position, please reach out to either, **Chris Worth**, Assistant Director (Wildlife, Threatened & Endangered Species, and Ecosystem Planning) by phone at (202) 308-5429 or via e-mail at [christopher.worth@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.worth@usda.gov), or **Rob Harper**, Director, at (202) 603-3044 or [robert.harper@usda.gov](mailto:robert.harper@usda.gov).



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All potential applicants who respond to this outreach will be sent a link to the vacancy announcement when it is available. The vacancy announcement position will be posted for five (5) days at <https://www.usajobs.com>.