



Job Announcement: Trails Recreation Technician

Position Title - Forestry Technician (Recreation), GS-0462-05

Employer – Feather River Resource Conservation District

Status – Non-Exempt/Full-time Seasonal

Location – Quincy, CA

Compensation – \$16.95 – \$22.04/hour

Primary roles – Trail maintenance and monitoring

Organizational Background

The Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a non-regulatory, local government entity which advocates for resource conservation through education and collaborative efforts with willing landowners and organizations that promote economic and ecological sustainability. In existence since the 1940s, RCDs are local grassroots conservation delivery systems that identify local conservation problems and guide solutions on a voluntary basis. The RCD covers 86% of Plumas County, and includes the majority of the Upper Feather River Watershed.

The RCD is exclusively grant and contract funded. The RCD is governed by a board of directors that is comprised of local landowners in the District. We offer a friendly and flexible work environment where our team of 5 dedicated professionals work together to benefit our community and its natural resources. Our mission is carried out through various programs and projects that are consistently growing. For more information visit our website at www.frrcd.org

Position Summary

This position is located on a Forest Service unit performing a variety of duties in support of the unit's wilderness program in the area of recreation, ecology, data collection, trails and fire.

Major Duties

Serves as a member, trails maintenance team, to maintain, repair, and build trails throughout the Forest Service unit to ensure protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in addition to improving recreational access to forest lands.

Builds trails with gravel and associated materials, restores impacted areas, and replaces signage as needed.

Prepares construction materials, ensures proper tool maintenance, and reports work completed.

Plans and implements the logistics of projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction projects. May performs trail log, condition, and prescription surveys.

Explains regulations concerning trails maintenance specific to the Wilderness Act. Inspects assigned areas to determine compliance with regulations or specifications. Patrols wilderness to ensure that areas are operated, used, and maintained in accordance with wilderness management plans. Maintains visitors use records and prepares visitors use information for data processing.

Oversees routine maintenance of trails at dispersed recreation sites including cleanup and naturalizing.

May interact with forest visitors and when assigned, educates visitors covering trail maintenance and cleanup.

Assist agency law enforcement personnel with violation information. Collects evidence and provides documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas. Documents destruction to or impacts on campsites. Analyzes ways to educate users.

Identifies restoration projects for planning future restoration projects. Performs routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing.

Oversees routine maintenance at dispersed recreation sites including site cleanup and naturalizing. Job involves daily driving in a Forest Service vehicle.

Qualifications

Knowledge of forest resources involved in the development and coordination of trail maintenance to ensure access to forest recreation resources.

Ability to identify soil type, direct site preparation, and to determine appropriate conservation practices to ensure proper trail maintenance and construction.

Skill in using construction tools (i.e., crosscut saws, adze, axes), and ability to instruct crews, if necessary, in their proper use in repairing and building trails.

Skill in communicating principles and philosophy to the public. Knowledge and ability to monitor management activities.

Skill in planning on a day-to-day basis to schedule, carry out and accomplish assignment in an orderly manner.

Supervisory Controls

The supervisor assigns work, provides general instructions, and sets the overall goals and standards of performance in coordination with USFS Recreation Staff. USFS Recreation staff is available for consultation and advice on new or unusual aspects.

Employee is expected to carry out work independently, and resolve problems of a type previously encountered while receiving more specific instruction for new or more complex assignments.

Completed work is reviewed for adherence to instructions and procedures. Assignments new to the incumbent are reviewed in more detail.

Guidelines

Guidelines include manuals, handbooks, project work plans, and established procedures, which are generally applicable to the work, assigned.

The incumbent must use judgment in selecting the appropriate guidelines and procedures and in making minor deviations to adapt guidelines to field conditions.

Complexity

Assignments consist of performing a variety of standard procedural tasks. Duties assigned often have steps or processes, which vary, depending on the field conditions encountered.

The incumbent must exercise judgment in recognizing differences, choose the right course of action, and then select and execute the tasks involved completing the work.

Scope and Effect

Purpose of the work is to conduct wilderness management procedures and monitor use of the areas. The incumbent executes specific rules, regulations, methods and procedures, which typically comprise a complete segment of an assignment or project of broader scope.

The work affects the accuracy, reliability, and acceptance of further processes and services.

Personal Contacts

Personal contacts are diverse. Contacts occur with Forest Service and other land and resource management agency employees, forest volunteers, and forest users. The personal contacts are established to: exchange information about procedures, schedules, or operating problems; clarify information on records; report on the results of studies; explain the steps involved in operating equipment; explain the reason the work is being performed; or other similar exchanges of factual information. The facts or information exchanged may range from easily understood to technical.

Physical Demands

The work requires walking and climbing in steep, uneven terrain, exposure to adverse weather and insects, performing physical labor, bending, lifting and carrying up to 50 pounds or more, and dealing with problem visitors.

Work Environment

Work is performed outdoors where there is exposure to extremes of weather and temperature. Work area varies from established administrative areas to wilderness areas. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as tools, gloves, goggles and hard hat.

Season

The position start date is May 10th and goes through October 30th.

How to Apply

Please submit a cover letter that indicates which recreation technician position you are applying for (developed, trails, OHV, or any combination – a single application for all is acceptable), resume, and three (3) references in PDF to bgraevs@frrcd.org with “Rec Tech Application 2021” in the subject line. Applications are due by April 11, 2021 at 11:59pm.

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