



**Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands
Wall Ranger District
Rangeland Management Specialist
GS-0454-05/09
Full-Time Permanent Appointment
Outreach Notice**



Pre-Announcement:

The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands is outreaching to fill a full-time permanent position for a Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-05/09, on the Wall Ranger District in Wall, South Dakota. Please use the attached outreach response form to be considered for this opportunity.

The Position:

This position serves as support to the district Rangeland Management Specialist with responsibility for assisting in developing an overall ecosystem based rangeland management program utilizing resource management plan goals, objectives and decisions and rangeland project decisions as necessary to implement actions that help achieve land management plan goals and objectives on the Wall Ranger District. The position will review rangeland conditions to identify and resolve rangeland management problems. The Wall Ranger District has a complex range program with over 60 grazing allotments and over 80 permittees (40+ direct permittees and 2 grazing associations).

Primary duties include administering grazing agreements and permits by inspecting range allotments for compliance with management plans and operating instructions for number of livestock, forage utilization, riparian impacts, range improvement maintenance, and the need for additional range improvements such as fences or water developments. Complete any permit renewals expiring and process annual grazing authorized use bills. Keeps accurate records on the results of inspections, transects, and samples and updates required databases. Responsibilities also include assisting the district's weed program. The position may participate in controlling weeds using chemical, biological, and/or mechanical methods. Duties may include construction and re-construction of fences and water developments. The successful candidate may conduct NEPA analysis of range allotments and act as an ID Team member on NEPA projects.

Qualification Requirements:

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the 0454 series that is covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions -- GS-0454 Rangeland Management Specialist. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available for review on the Internet at Qualifications for the 0454 series can be found here: <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/classifying-general-schedule-positions/occupationalhandbook.pdf>.

Additional Information:

For additional information about the position or the Forest, please contact Patrick Champa, Rangeland Management Specialist (605) 279-2126 or pchampa@fs.fed.us.

Quick facts about the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands

- Responsible for the management and sustainability of the Bessey Nursery, the Nation's oldest Federal Nursery and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Home to the largest hand-planted forest in the western hemisphere, second only to Johannesburg South Africa.
- Internationally known Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center, which encompasses the largest extinct bison bonebed in the world, adjacent to it is the Toadstool Geological Park.
- Hosts the National Grasslands Visitor Center.
- Supports a diverse wildlife program with numerous partnership agreements for habitat improvement that support species like the Black Footed Ferret, Burrowing Owl, and Black Tailed Prairie Dog.
- Habitat for significant populations of huntable and viewable wildlife, such as, wild turkey, mule and white-tailed deer, and elk.
- Manages the Soldier Creek Wilderness, two proposed Grasslands Wilderness Areas, and the Pine Ridge National Recreation Area, along with developed campgrounds and over 100 miles of hiking trails.
- Administers permits for over 300 grazing allotments, 60 direct permittees, and seven grazing associations.

The NNFG encompasses over 1.1 million acres of land in both Nebraska and South Dakota, including five Ranger Districts and one Nursery. The Pine Ridge Ranger District includes part of the Nebraska National Forest and all of the Oglala National Grassland in the northwest corner of the state. The Bessey Ranger District includes a portion of the Nebraska National Forest in west-central and the McKelvie National Forest in north-central NE. The Bessey Nursery is co-located with the Bessey Ranger District at Halsey, NE. The Fall River Ranger District and Wall Ranger District share management of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland across southwestern South Dakota. The Ft. Pierre National Grassland is managed by the Ft. Pierre Ranger District and is situated in south-central South Dakota.

The NNFG has 85 permanent employees and typically hires approximately 35 temporary employees. The Supervisor's Office is located in Chadron, Nebraska and is co-located with the Pine Ridge Ranger District. The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located 10 miles south of Chadron and is a close partner with the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.

More information regarding the Forest is available through the internet at: www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska

Duty Station Information:

Wall Ranger District is located in beautiful Wall, South Dakota. Wall is located 55 miles east of Rapid City and is adjacent to Interstate 90. It is about 400 miles northeast of Denver, Colorado and 400 miles west of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The population is approximately 875.

Temperatures are seasonal, with warm, dry summers and cold, sometimes snowy winters. Average annual precipitation is 15 inches and average annual snowfall is 20 inches. The average January temperature is 31 degrees and an average July temperature is 90 degrees.

Wall offers four churches, ten motels, two banks, one clinic, a dentist, one grocery store, a public library, a weekly newspaper, and a post office. The city is served by a full time police department, volunteer fire department, and an ambulance service. Two day care centers and many tourism businesses are located here. Wall has one public school building for grades K thru 12. Total school enrollment is 260. Major employers in or near Wall include Golden West Telecommunications and the Wall School District. Badlands National Park headquarters is 40 minutes southeast of Wall. Commercial airline service is available at Rapid City Regional Airport, 50 miles to the west. Government housing is available on a short term basis. More information about the community of Wall can be found at the Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://www.wall-badlands.com>.

Rapid City, with population of over 70,000, is the major population and retail center for the region. It is a full service community with a Regional Hospital, Regional Eye Clinic, National American University, scores of local and national chain restaurants, 90 churches, two public high schools, four middle schools, seventeen elementary schools, and several shopping malls. Ellsworth Air Force Base and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology are also located here.

The Black Hills area provides a wide range of recreation opportunities. Hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife watching, boating, swimming, skiing, snowmobiling, and other activities are available in the immediate vicinity. Wall is within an easy drive of Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, and Wind Cave, Jewel Cave, and Badlands National Parks.

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**Please send your response to Patrick Champa
by September 30, 2018**

Type of Appointment: Permanent, Full Time

Point of Contact: Patrick Champa @ (605) 279-2126, or via email at pchampa@fs.fed.us

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City/State: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Current title/series/grade: _____

Duty station location: _____

**Type of appointment you are currently under
(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-
ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc.)** _____

Are you currently a Federal employee: YES _____ NO _____

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position and your dates of availability (Please attach optional resume to better determine your KSA's):

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