



2020 Biological Science Technician (Wildlife/Fish) Seasonal Positions



USDA Forest Service, R-4 (Intermountain Region)
Ashley National Forest, UT

The Ashley National Forest will be filling Seasonal Biological Science Tech (Fish and Wildlife) positions in Duchesne, UT.

It is anticipated that the following position announcements will be posted on USAjobs.gov September 30, 2019 for the 2020 summer field season. If you are interested in any of the positions listed and described below, please contact the associated person (Ron Brunson, Bob Christensen or Dan Abeyta) to receive further information.

| Description | Duty Station | Supervisor |
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| Fisheries Biological Technician GS-0404-05 – Fisheries Technician Announcement# 20-TEMP1-C14-2296-5DT-BV1 Apply: September 30, - October 15, 2019 | Duchesne, UT | Ron Brunson Email: ronald.brunson@usda.gov Phone: 435-781-5202 |
| Wildlife Biological Technician GS-0404-05 – Wildlife Technician Announcement# 20-TEMP1-C14-2264-5DT-BV1 Apply: September 30, - October 15, 2019 | Duchesne, UT | Bob Christensen Email: robert.christensen@usda.gov Phone: 435-781-5232 |
| Wildlife Biological Technician GS-0404-05 – Wildlife Technician Announcement# 20-TEMP1-C14-2265-6DT-BV1 Apply: September 30, - October 15, 2019 | Vernal, UT | Dan Abeyta Email: daniel.abeyta@usda.gov Phone: 435-781-5130 |

Job Descriptions:

Title: Biological Science Technician (Fisheries), GS-0404-05

Vacancy Announcement #: 20-TEMP1-C14-2296-5DT-BV1

Duty Location: Duchesne, UT

Job Duration: June 7, 2020 –September 12, 2020

Work Schedule: 40hrs/wk., Monday-Friday

Pay Rate: \$16.27/hr.

For More Information Contact: Ron Brunson at 435-781-5202 or ronald.brunson@usda.gov

Position Description: Fisheries Technician in Duchesne: The anticipated start date is June 7, 2020 with an expected end of season date of September 12, 2020. These positions will entail conducting aquatic species and habitat surveys. This will include surveys for amphibians, fish, and aquatic macroinvertebrates beginning in

early June and continuing through August. Many survey locations will be accessed by hiking mountain trails to access high elevation basins within the High Uintas Wilderness. Surveys will require wading in streams and wetland areas to sample aquatic species and collect field data. Field work will typically be conducted with a crew of two to four technicians and the Fisheries Biologist. Limited time working alone may be required. Access to survey locations will be by four-wheel drive truck and hiking carrying a daypack. Approximately four trips of 3 – 4 days into the High Uintas Wilderness to access high elevation basins (10,000ft +) will require hiking carrying a daypack. Must possess a valid state driver's license and be able to hike up to 12 miles per day in rugged terrain carrying a 10 lb. daypack.

Housing: Seasonal government housing is available and will consist of a 20-person bunkhouse in Duchesne. Housing costs will be approximately \$6.05 per day.

Title: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-05

Vacancy Announcement #: 20-TEMP1-C14-2264-5DT-BV1

Duty Location: Duchesne, UT

Job Duration: May 31, 2020 – September 14, 2020

Work Schedule: 40hrs/wk., Monday-Friday

Pay Rate: \$16.27/hr.

For More Information Contact: Bob Christensen at 435-781-5232 or 435-790-7010; rchristensen@fs.fed.us

Position Description: This position will entail conducting wildlife species and habitat surveys. Species surveyed for include sage-grouse, migratory birds, northern goshawk, woodpecker, snowshoe hare, owls, and white-tailed ptarmigan. Surveys will require hiking/working outdoors independently or accompanied by the District Wildlife Biologist. Access to survey locations will be by four-wheel drive truck and backpacking. Two trips of 4-5 days into the High Uintas Wilderness to access high elevation basins for surveys will require backpacking. Must possess a valid state driver's license and be able to backpack up to 12 miles per day carrying a 30-40 lb. backpack. The anticipated start date is May 31, 2020 with an expected end of season date of September 14, 2020.

Housing: Seasonal government housing is available and will consist of a 20-person bunkhouse. Housing costs are approximately \$6.05 per day.

Title: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-06

Vacancy Announcement #: 20-TEMP1-C14-2265-6DT-BV1

Duty Location: Vernal, UT

Job Duration: April 26, 2020 - August 15, 2020

Work Schedule: 40hrs/wk., Monday – Friday

Pay Rate: \$18.13/hr.

For More Information Contact: Dan Abeyta at 435-781-5130; daniel.abeyta@usda.gov

Position Description: The Ashley National Forest is seeking a Biological Technician to work cooperatively with a two to three member goshawk crew from Utah State University for the 2020 summer field season. This position will require extensive field work, and some office time to complete inventory reports. The Northern Goshawk is a management indicator species for the Ashley NF and is monitored yearly to assess the effects of forest management activities. Office work may require familiarity with Microsoft word, Microsoft excel, GIS skills, and preparation for field work. Field work for this study will encompass monitoring Northern Goshawk territories in forest stands using an established monitoring protocol. This position involves performing nest checks, chick counts, and fledgling counts to known goshawk nests; goshawk inventory surveys using broadcast calling techniques; and conducting Three-toed Woodpecker and Flammulated Owl surveys to determine presence/absence of the species. Other activities involve nest searching, orienteering, raptor and songbird identification, and plant identification. A compass, GPS units, and maps will be used in the field for navigation to nest sites and calling stations.

This Field work will be conducted in remote areas, on uneven and rugged terrain, occasionally at night, and will require the safe operation of a 4X4 vehicle. Field work will be conducted in crews of two however situations may arise where work will have to be performed independently. Supervision and guidance will be provided by the supervising biologist.

Field work for this position is extensive and applicants must possess the physical fitness to hike several miles a day with a 30 lb. backpack in remote mountainous country and have the willingness and ability to learn off-trail navigation with a map, compass, and GPS unit. Applicants must be capable of working independently and with others. During the field season the incumbent spends considerable time outdoors where he/she will encounter variable weather conditions and exposure to insects. Applicants must also be willing to work long (and sometimes inconsistent) hours in the field, have a strong work ethic and enthusiasm, be able to tolerate harsh field conditions, and have the ability to collect precise and accurate data. Applicants must hold a valid state driver's license.

Housing: Not Available

More specific information about the local cities/towns can be found at the following websites:

About Duchesne, Utah <http://duchesne.utah.gov/>

About Vernal, Utah <http://www.utah.com/cities/vernal.htm>

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 or upload 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 you can use the advanced search function which allows you to search by vacancy announcement number or series and grade. 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. GS-3 positions are entry level positions. As the grades get higher (GS-4, GS-5, etc.), they require more specialized experience or qualifications.
3. **APPLY FOR JOBS** – Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes in your profile. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. **You must identify a duty location of Duchesne or Vernal, UT to be considered for the above positions.** If you do not choose the location you want, your name will not appear on the list of applicants we receive.
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. You may also contact agency personnel regarding the position. However, please note that we do not see your application until the vacancy announcement has closed and we have requested a list of candidates. Only those applicants that are qualified for the position will be referred to the hiring official.