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Data Services Specialist (GIS) GS-301-07 – 2 Year Term Position

Fishlake National Forest
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Position Description

The Fishlake National Forest will soon be seeking applicants for a GS-0301-07 Data Services Specialist (GIS) – 2 Year Term Position located at the Supervisor's Office in Richfield, Utah. The incumbent provides a range of geospatial and information technical support; supports users in the application of GIS for their needs and works with teams in implementing standards and responding to issues. The primary duties of this position will be converting GIS data into a Geodatabase format in preparation for data migration into a national database. The work requires an advanced foundation of Geodatabases as well as concepts and principles of the conventional methodology of GIS. Other duties include operating computers for map digitizing and editing, for maintaining the GIS database, for conducting GIS analysis, for inputting map data into GIS, for verifying the accuracy of digital maps, and for producing map and list products. The incumbent will be responsible for manipulating and maintaining the geospatial data necessary to meet user requirements. They will gain functional knowledge of the geospatial data, provide assistance and technical support in data capture, conversion and manipulation, and extraction of information from the database. They will update and capture database information and metadata and complete documentation. They will work as a member of a team, assisting higher-grade specialists in various data integration, organizing, and conversion projects. They will manage and maintain geospatial and attribute database operations, follow security guidelines to ensure controlled access and maintain the integrity and confidentiality of the data. The position will be supervised by the GIS Specialists.

Location

The duty station will be Richfield, Utah.

The Community

Richfield, Utah is a mid-sized town (pop. 6,800) located in south-central Utah. The city lies along I-70, about 25 miles east of the junction with I-15. There is a strong, positive community spirit. It is a traditional small western town where activities center on families, school and church activities, rodeos, hunting and fishing. Richfield is the county seat for Sevier County. There are many small nearby communities, all within a 25-mile commuting distance. Provo, the closest major city, lies approximately 115 miles north of Richfield, while Cedar City lies about 120 miles south. Salt Lake City lies about 160 miles north of Richfield, and contains the Salt Lake City airport. These major cities are easily accessed using the major interstates and highways.

Climate and Weather

Richfield lies at 5,330 feet elevation, and the climate is moderate. Snowfall does occur in winter, but rarely more than 12 inches. Average annual precipitation for Richfield is about eight inches per year. The average low temperature in summer is 50 F, and 16.1 F in winter. The average high temperature in summer is 90 F, and 43 F in winter.

Housing

Average housing rent start at about \$450. Homes range from \$70,000 to \$300,000. Building lots range from \$25,000 to \$45,000. Government housing is not available.

Shopping

Richfield shopping facilities includes a variety of businesses and merchants to meet most needs, including large grocery chain stores, lumber, hardware, and sporting good stores, convenience stores, furniture and clothing stores, and a Super Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, and JC Penney catalog sales merchant. Other facilities include a variety of restaurants/cafes, plenty of motels, gas stations, banks, credit unions, two privately owned campgrounds and many other small shops and services.

Education

Richfield schools include two elementary schools, a middle school and two high schools. Richfield is home to the southern campus of Snow College and offers a variety of academic and technology classes.

Health Care

Community care is provided by (an Intermountain Health Care affiliated organization), Richfield Clinic, Family Specialty Clinic, Sevier Valley Hospital and numerous visiting doctors and specialists. There are several chiropractors, optometrists, dentists, physical therapists as well as three assisted living facilities and care centers. Sevier Valley Hospital has a 24-hour, staffed emergency room.

Churches

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is the predominant religion in the area. Other churches serving the community are Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Community, Faith Baptist, Assembly of God, and Jehovah's Witness.

Civic and Service Organizations

Civic and service organizations include Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Elks Lodge and Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Business and Professional Women's Club.

Social and Cultural Events

Several cultural events occur in the Richfield area throughout the year, including the annual Rocky Mountain ATV jamboree, Festival of the Arts, Sevier County Fair, and Christmas Tree Lane. The Snow College Events Center is the site of numerous concerts, social and athletic events. Local attractions include: Fremont Indian State Park, Cove Fort, Big Rock Candy Mountain, and Monroe Hot Springs. Other attractions in the central Utah area include the annual Snow Goose Festival (the arrival of the snow geese to Delta suggesting winter's end), and the Sundance Film Festival, an internationally recognized celebration of independent motion pictures, held annually in central Utah.

Recreation

Richfield sponsors many athletic programs such as Little League baseball, soccer, Junior Jazz basketball as well as adult softball and basketball. Richfield hosts an eighteen-hole golf public golf course, municipal swimming pool, and movie theatre. There are numerous mountain bike, ATV, and equestrian trails and camping sites for the outdoor enthusiast. Fishing areas include Otter Creek Reservoir, Piute Reservoir, Fish Lake and many small lakes and reservoirs located in close proximity to Richfield and small surrounding communities. Major winter sports including downhill snow skiing, snow boarding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. The Manti-La Sal and Dixie National Forests lie directly adjacent to the Fishlake National Forest. Arches, Bryce, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, and Zion National Parks are within a day's drive of Richfield.

Additional Information

For more information about the area, please contact or visit the Richfield Chamber of Commerce, 250 N. Main, P.O. Box 327, Richfield, UT 84701, (435) 896-4241, www.richfieldareachamber.com.

Contact Information

For additional information about the position, contact GIS Specialist, Jenneka Knight (435) 896-1083.

If interested in the position, please complete the attached Outreach Notice Form.

Outreach Notice Form
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Yes, I'm interested in the Data Services Specialist (GIS) – 2 Year Term position and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement.

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Thank you for your interest!