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FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST & MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST Forest Fire Management Officer

February 6, 2012

The Position

The Fishlake National Forest and the Manti-LaSal National Forest are recruiting for a GS-13 Forest Fire Management Officer (FMO). In July and August of 2011 the two Forests outreached for one position on each Forest. At this time we are proceeding with filling only one position at the GS-13 level. The position will report to the Forest Supervisor of the Fishlake National Forest.

Interested applicants should apply to the open contionius roster vacancy announcement number: OCRP-301-FFMO(H)-12/13G. We expect to pull a referral list the week of March 6th, 2012.

The incumbent may chose to be located at the Supervisor's Office in Richfield, Utah, or the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price Utah. The position will work directly for the Fishlake Forest Supervisor, and is a member of the Forest Leadership Team. The entire forest fire organization is organized under the Forest Supervisor. Fire management personnel from both fuels and suppression are also located at the four District Offices, and still report to the forest supervisor through the Forest FMO. The FMO directly supervises approximately 6 individuals. In addition there are several positions in the fire organization that are shared with the Dixie National Forest. The fire program on the Fishlake National Forest is diverse with a ten year average of 61 fires per year, 6,351 acres burned per year, and 3 fires over 100 acres per year on National Forest system lands. In addition the fuels management program on the forest includes mechanical fuels reduction and prescribed fire. The prescribed fire projects range from a few small timber sale activity fuel burns to stand replacement prescribed burns that may exceed 1,000 acres in size.

In addition, the Fishlake National Forest fire personnel work within the Central Utah Interagency fire Organization. Operational resources in fire suppression work in a blended response of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service personnel. We also have strong working relationships with Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in fire suppression operations. Central Utah Interagency Fire operates with a board of directors that includes the Forest Supervisor, two BLM area Managers, and the Area Manager for Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands. The FMO is a member of the FMO group for Central Utah Interagency Fire where they are involved in sharing resources, prioritizing fire suppression efforts, and coordinating across administrative boundaries.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest fire personnel work within the Southeast Utah Interagency fire Organization, with the all fire management activities being coordinated through the Moab interagency Fire Center. Partners within the Southeast Utah Interagency Fire Organization include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service, Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands in fire suppression operations, National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest is a very unique and diverse landscape where the full range of fire management activities can be applied providing the incumbent with a full range of challenges and opportunities in a moderate complexity environment. We are looking for an incumbent with a solid background in fire suppression, fuels, supervision and partnerships. An individual bringing new perspective, along with the ability to incorporate perspectives of internal and external partners/agencies for the betterment of the Forest, Southeast Utah Interagency Fire Organization and the environment.

The ideal FMO would have the following traits:

- Skilled in complex fire suppression operations
- Have innovative ideas for fuels treatment and fire management
- A good supervisor
- Build strong partnerships with other agencies.

The Fishlake National Forest

The Fishlake National Forest, first known as the Fish Lake Forest Reserve, was established by President William McKinley on February 10, 1899. The Forest rises as a green oasis above the junction of I-15 and I-70 in central Utah. The Forest spreads through nine counties with 1,540,572 gross acres. There are four ranger district locations at Fillmore, Loa, Beaver and Richfield. The mountains and plateaus that form the Fishlake invite you to enjoy the highly spectacular and widely varied scenery, and enjoy cool climatic relief from the hot desert valleys. The Forest provides 76 streams and 60 ponds and reservoirs for fishing.

The Fish Lake-Johnson Valley areas, near the east side of the Forest, receive 25 percent of the recreation use on the Forest. This is a 13,700 acre area with 3,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs, four campgrounds, seven picnic areas, one boating site, and three resorts. Several species of trout, splake, and large Mackinaw can be caught year-round. A full range of public services and facilities is available year-round from the three resorts.

The Tushar Mountains with loop roads, places for camping, fishing, hiking, sight-seeing, and dramatic landscapes also affords solitude along the Skyline National Recreation Trail on the southwest end of the Forest.

The Fishlake National Forest is the home of the Paiute ATV Recreation Trail, welcoming visitors from around the United States and many foreign countries. The local communities and the Forest host two ATV Jamborees during the summer season.

The Community

Richfield 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 50⁰ F, and 16.1⁰ F in winter. The average high temperature in summer is 90⁰ F, and 43⁰ F in winter.

Housing

Average housing rent is about \$450. Homes range from \$70,000 to \$250,000. 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, Home Depot, 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), the Shakespearean Festival is held annually in Cedar City, 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. Major winter sports including downhill skiing, 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. The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is also nearby.

For More Information

For more information about the position, contact the Forest Supervisor, Allen Rowley (435) 896-1001.

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.

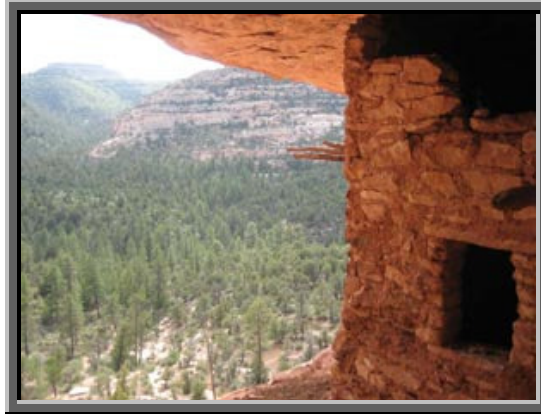
About the Manti La Sal National Forest and South Eastern Utah



Whatever your location on the [Manti-La Sal National Forest](#), you are at a starting point for adventure. Within a few minutes drive you can be in the Forest or traveling picturesque sandstone deserts.



Lake on the Manti La Sal NF



Dark Canyon Wilderness

The Manti-La Sal National Forest's 1.4 million acres are scattered through some of the most wide-open spaces in Utah and parts of Colorado (about 17,000 square miles). It features high forested areas, with glacial bowls and alpine peaks, and lower desert elevations strewn with remnants of ancient cultures. The Forest includes the [Dark Canyon Wilderness Area](#) and is bordered by [Arches National Park](#), [Canyonlands National Park](#), and the [San Rafael Swell](#). It is not far from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and [Lake Powell](#).

Rock climbers come from throughout the world to test their skills on the conglomerate rock walls of [Maple Canyon](#) in the Sanpitch Mountains of central Utah. [Snowkiters](#) have discovered the unique pairing of wind currents and large snowbowls on the Wasatch Plateau. Not far away, [Joos Valley](#) is loved by bouldering enthusiasts and kayakers. To the southeast, cyclists take to the trails of the

beautiful [La Sal Mountains](#), which provide an island of cool green towering above the red rock deserts of Moab. American Indians revere many sacred sites in the [Abajo Mountains](#) found in the far reaches of southeastern Utah.



Rock Climbing in Maple Canyon



Skyline Snowkiting

This area of Utah is rich in ancient artifacts. The area is littered with pieces of pottery, stone, fiber and bone that tell the story of people who lived a thousand years ago. Rock cliffs hide granaries and ancient dwellings. Rock faces are often galleries for pictographs and petroglyphs. Archeological surveys indicate there are more prehistoric artifacts on the Manti-La Sal National Forest than any other national Forest.



Grainary near Blanding, Utah



Puebloan Pots

The Forest is also renowned for coal production. Most of the coal mined in Utah comes from the Wasatch Plateau coal field, where the Forest is located. This amounted to 14,241,000 tons in 2007. The coal is primarily used to produce electricity in three local power plants which generate 2,621 megawatts of power.

Traditionally the Forest has provided forage for cattle and sheep grazing. Utah ranks seventh in the nation for sheep production and the Forest contributes significantly to the necessary forage. In addition, about 20,000 cattle graze on Forest lands.

The Manti-La Sal is the principal water source for surrounding communities. Because of the desert climate, the Forest watershed is vital to life and livelihoods in central and southeastern Utah. Riparian areas and wetlands are precious ecosystems in an otherwise arid landscape.

[Ephraim, Utah](#)

The Sanpete District Office is in Ephraim, Utah, a beautiful pastoral community located in central Utah, at the foot of the Wasatch Plateau. Historic stone homes and buildings give it a rich sense of pioneer heritage with a strong Scandinavian influence. Agriculture is the basis of the economy and families are the basis of the culture. Ephraim has a population of 4,962. There is an elementary, middle school, and the high school is 12 miles south in Manti. Snow College is a focal point for the city. The average housing price is \$120,000. A variety of medical services are available. To learn more, see www.sanpetecounty.org, <http://www.ssanpete.k12.ut.us/>, <http://www.ephraimcity.org/>, www.snow.edu

[Price, Utah](#)

The Supervisor's Office is located in Price Utah, at the foot of the Book Cliffs and southeast of Salt Lake City. Although founded by Mormon pioneers, the railroad and coal mining boom in the late 1800s brought an influx of immigrants, which gives Price a unique flavor among Utah towns. Their descendants create a vibrant community and diverse culture. Historically, coal was king in Price. Now, Price has become a destination community, providing government services, a regional hospital, health services, and shopping opportunities. Price has a population of about 8,500, two elementary schools, a junior high, high school, and community college. The average home sales price is \$143,825. For more information see: <http://www.priceutah.net/>, www.carbon.k12.ut.us, <http://www.carbon.utah.gov>, <http://www.ceu.edu/>

[Ferron, Utah](#)

Ferron is a quiet town set amid the foothills of the Wasatch Plateau, at the mouth of Ferron Canyon. One of the most attractive communities in the area, Ferron is surrounded by alfalfa fields and farms. It was settled by Mormon pioneers in the mid-1800s and the influence is felt in the community. Historically, fruit orchards and dairies were vital to its economy. Now most residents are employed in coal mining, trucking or energy production. Ferron has a population of 1,576. There is an elementary school, a regional junior high school, and students are bused 15 minutes away to Emery High in Castle Dale, Utah. The average home sales price is \$100,000. The city is located in Emery County, where many services are shared or consolidated among communities. Learn more at <http://www.ferroncity.org>, www.emerycounty.com, or www.emery.k12.ut.us.

[Moab, Utah](#)

If you're an outdoor adventurer, you know Moab, Utah. Whether you mountain bike, hike, raft, or photograph spectacular scenery, you'll love this town. Set in a stunning red rock valley at the foot of the towering La Sal Mountains, there are few places so scenic in the West. Moab is the gateway to Arches National Park and only minutes from Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. Uranium mining was the primary driver of the economy during the 1950s, but tourist dollars fuel the economy today. The population of Moab is 4,845. There are three schools: Grand High School, Grand Middle School and Red Rock Elementary. Also, Utah State University has an Extension campus in Moab. The average home sales price is \$225,000. Moab Regional Hospital and various health care providers are available locally. To learn more see <http://www.grandschools.org/>, <http://www.grandcountyutah.net/>, <http://www.moab-utah.com/>, <http://distance.usu.edu/?campuses>

[Monticello, Utah](#)

Cowboys and Indians were the real thing in Monticello. Its early history is colored with conflict between cowboys, settlers and American Indians. Now it's a peaceful little community at the foot of the Abajo Mountains and at the crossroads of southeastern Utah. It is the southern gateway to Canyonlands National Park and is 60 minutes south of Arches National Park. Lake Powell is to the south. It is the highest of the communities where the Manti-La Sal has offices, with an elevation of 7,069 feet. Agriculture is important to the economy and culture, but most jobs are found in government, followed by the tourism industry. Monticello has a population of 1,958. Home sales prices range between \$87,000 and \$275,000. There is an elementary school and a high school, (grades 7-12). Medical services are provided by San Juan Hospital, a pharmacy and health professionals. For more information see: <http://www.monticelloutah.org/services.html>, <http://www.sanjuanschools.org/default.aspx>
<http://www.southeastutah.org/>
<http://www.cityofcortez.com>

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GS-13 Forest Fire Management Officer

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Mailing Address: _____

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E-mail: _____

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Please list your exact work address:

Your Current title/series/grade: _____

Submit completed form to: arowley@fs.fed.us Thanks for your interest!