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## MONTHLY WFW STAFF NEWSLETTER

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**Submit your information**  
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## National in Scope:

- **DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSION**

Announcements are FLYING for our National **Fish** Program Leader and National **Wildlife** Program Leader positions.

Please network this information through your networks and encourage great applicants. The links and information sheets are in the [VACANCIES](#) section. Announcements close January 9, 2007.

- **GENERAL/CROSS AREAS**

**Netta Grant – Approved Leave Recipient**

Netta Grant, our WFW newsletter editor and IT Project Manager is approved as a leave recipient. Due to unexpected stomach surgery and extended hospital care, Anoinetta (Netta) has exhausted all her leave. In addition, she will require an additional surgery in the very near future. If you would like to make a donation, please complete the AD1043 and send it to [Cynthia Hale](#), [Carol Cavaney](#) or [Melvin Frazier](#). If you are in the 'use or lose' status please consider making a donation.

Submitted By: Bonnie Wyatt, USFS, WO/WFW, Weather Program Leader

**Comments Due: Open Space Conservation Strategy & Implementation Plan**

**Due Date: December 8, 2006**

Comments are due this week. This proposal has important wildlife implications. Public Comments are welcome via Federal Register Notice. Comment period closes 12/13.

<http://frwebgate1.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=16668535309+0+0+0&WAISaction=retrieve>

**Contact:** Larry Payne at [openspace@fs.fed.us](mailto:openspace@fs.fed.us)

Submitted By: Jonathan Haber, USFS, R1, Regional Conservation Planner

**Energy Policy Act :: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report**

Fourth quarter EPACT accomplishments for FY 06.

[www.fs.fed.us/biology/main/wfw\\_newsletter/pubs/epa\\_accomplishments\\_4th.doc](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/main/wfw_newsletter/pubs/epa_accomplishments_4th.doc)

**Contact:** Paul Johnson, USFS, WO/M&G, Energy Liaison 703-605-4793

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS, WO/WFW, National TES Program Leader

**Updated FedTraveler Transaction Fees**

Effective 11/12/06

<http://www.myfedtraveler.com/news/newCLINCommunication110106.pdf>

Submitted By: Melvin Fraiser, USFS, WO/WFW, Admin Support Assistant

### **Northern Research Station RWU Consolidation**

Consolidation efforts are ongoing at the Northern Research Station (formerly North Central and Northeast). Several Wildlife, Fish, Soil, Water, and Air Research Work Units will be integrated/consolidated. Take a look at the proposed scenarios and think about how this may positively impact (or not) our NFS programs. Dr. Nislow provided a narrative to go along with a perspective of how this might unfold. To me, this may serve as a model for integration of strategic program areas (in research). My first impression of consolidation of RWU's (of interest to our WFW staff) is the focus on Land-Water interactions and the resulting interaction effects on biota (terrestrial and aquatic, plant and animal).

[NRS Phase II](#)      [Proposed Work Group](#)

Submitted By: Nick Schmal, Ph.D., USFS, WO/WFW, Acting National Fish Program Leader

### **CFC – Wrapping Up**

Combined Federal Campaign is wrapping up for the season. Need to make donations by the end of December (due dates vary on location, apparently). Contact your local coordinator for the form and information.

[www.opm.gov/cfc/](http://www.opm.gov/cfc/)

Submitted By: Jean A. Thomas & Bob Glasgow, USFS, WO/WFW

### **AWARD NOMINATIONS – New Announcements**

These awards are “National In Scope/Cross Areas” because **you** can nominate someone for one of these awards.

#### **22ND Annual Jack Adams Award**

**Due Date: January 22, 2007**

The Jack Adams Award is presented annually to a Forest Service wildlife biologist, fisheries biologist, or botanist who exemplifies the characteristics and qualities of Jack Adams, wildlife biologist for the Forest Service (1961-1984). These characteristics include steady hard work and dedication to balanced resource management of the national forests, and ensuring that wildlife, fisheries, and rare plants needs are fully reflected in all management decisions.

**Contact:** [David Pivorunas](#), USFS, WO/WFW Assistant TES Program Leader

[Call Letter 47 KB](#)

[Criteria and Guidelines 53 KB](#)

#### **2007 Lloyd Swift Award**

**Due Date: January 22, 2007**

Presented periodically to a current or past Forest Service employee in the field of wildlife, fisheries, and rare plants who exemplifies the characteristics, accomplishments, and qualities of Lloyd W. Swift Sr., a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service (1928-1963). Nominees for this award must have demonstrated a lifetime of dedication, commitment, and leadership in management of the wildlife and fisheries resources of the United States. The career of the nominees should include examples of leadership that have contributed substantially to fisheries and wildlife conservation on national forests and grasslands.

**Contact:** [David Pivorunas](#), USFS, WO/WFW Assistant TES Program Leader  
[Call Letter 47 KB](#)  
[Criteria and Guidelines 53 KB](#)

### **2007 FS - BLM Conservation Awards - Partner & Project**

**Due Date: January 22, 2007**

Presented annually to recognize development and implementation of a joint FS-BLM project with outstanding conservation accomplishments for fish, wildlife and/or native plants and their habitat on public lands, and/or facilitates their use, enjoyment or appreciation. The project can be at either a local, Regional, or national level.

**Contact:** [David Pivorunas](#), USFS, WO/WFW Assistant TES Program Leader  
[Call Letter 47 KB](#)  
[Criteria and Guidelines 53 KB](#)

### **Wings Across the Americas: Bird Conservation Award Nomination**

**Due Date: December 15<sup>th</sup>** (extended)

[www.fs.fed.us/global/wsnew/](http://www.fs.fed.us/global/wsnew/)

For all Forest Service employees and bird conservation partners.

Nominate programs, projects and partnerships that contribute substantially to bird conservation in the United States and across the Americas. Nominations are sought in **all** areas of the Forest Service. Awards will be considered for the following categories: 1) Research and Management Partnership Award; 2) Habitat Conservation Award; and 3) International Cooperation Award.

Submitted By: Christina Vojta, USFS, WO/WFW Acting Wildlife Program Leader

### **AWARD NOMINATIONS – Reminders**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Elk Country Awards**

**Due Date: December 12, 2006**

[Nominations](#) are invited recognizing outstanding projects, programs, and individual achievement in the conservation of elk and elk habitat.

**Contact:** [Sandy Kratville](#), FS Liaison to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

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#### **Rise To The Future (RTTF) Award Nominations**

**Due Date: December 15, 2006**

[RTTF Awards](#) honor leaders in implementing our fisheries program.

**Contact:** [Rick Henderson](#), USFS, WO/WFW, Acting Assistant National Fish Program Leader

#### **National Wetlands Awards**

**Due Date: December 15, 2006**

The National Wetlands Awards Program honors individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of our nation's wetlands. [www.nationalwetlandsawards.org](http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org)

Submitted By: Karen Solari, USFS, WO/EMC

## **SAFETY**

### **MSDS – Material Safety Data Sheets**

Hazard sheets on nearly any product.

<http://www.ilpi.com/msds/index.html>

Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS, WFW-WO, Safety Coord & Appeals/Planning

### **Cruise Control & Wet Roads Don't Mix**

Verified at Truth or Fiction: [www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/c/cruisecontrol.htm](http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/c/cruisecontrol.htm)

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. She was traveling between Gladewater & Kilgore, TX. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydroplane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence! She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on and your car begins to hydroplane -- when your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed and you take off like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred. The patrolman said this warning should be listed on the driver's seat sun-visor - **NEVER USE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY**, along with the airbag warning. The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS, WFW-WO, Safety Coord & Appeals/Planning

### **Be Deer Aware**

The story with the names removed to protect the people. This person has the best guardian angel! While driving a road paralleling a western river at about 3 PM, the driver swerved to miss a deer on the road and ended up driving on the shoulder. The front tire on the truck he was driving hit a hole and blew out, the truck spun sideways and went off the road. The truck rolled and landed in the river, driver side down, in about 8 ft of water. The driver released his seat belt, was able to push out the passenger side window, and swam to shore.



Submitted By: A colleague of a friend with another agency.

- **AIR**

### **WY Ozone Study Upwind of Bridger Wilderness**

Ozone in the Jonah Oil and Gas Field of WY is at or above the national ambient air quality standard in winter. This is not often observed in the winter in rural areas. Wyoming DEQ is contracting with Environ study the ozone situation; starting in Jan 07. The USFS WO Air Program will be engaged as a study reviewer.

### **Surface Water Data Entered into NRIS by the End of CY06**

The USFS WO Air Program submitted a 'final' CD to NRIS containing about 20,000 records of surface water chemistry and bulk deposition data taken in or near many of the class I areas nationwide. These data will also be available at a GIS-based public website soon to be released by the WO Air Program.

### **Rick Graw Joins the R6 Air Program**

Rick Graw, a meteorologist modeler and formerly a consultant in the private sector, joined R6 in Portland. He has been assigned a wide range of air quality related duties and is already engaged on limited issues at the national level. **Welcome Rick.**

### **Water Lab Accepting 2007 Clients**

The USFS WO Air Program-operated Water Lab, in Fort Collins, is open for business. The Water Lab is designed to analyze water chemistry from lakes and streams on public lands affected by atmospheric deposition. Passive ozone filters will also be analyzed. Check [www.fs.fed.us/waterlab](http://www.fs.fed.us/waterlab) for more information.

Submitted By: Rich Fisher, USFS, WO/WFW, Air Program Manager

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### **Wally Murphy – Moves to New Mexico Ecological Services/FWS**

Lets all congratulate Wally Murphy on his selection as the New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office Supervisor for the FWS. He has done an outstanding job as the R3 TES Program Leader and has contributed greatly to the Forest Service, interagency T&E species efforts and our collaborative relationships. We on the WFRP Staff are sorry to see him. Congratulations Wally.

Wally's start date at the NMESFO was November 26.

Submitted By: Don DeLorenzo, USFS, R3: Wildlife, Fish, Rare Plants - Director

### **Detail Extended -- Acting National Wildlife Program Leader**

Christina Vojta is the Acting National Wildlife Program Leader from November 6 to January 26. This is an additional month extension.

## **Coming Events – Conferences & Meetings:**

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### **National Wild Turkey Federation Convention**

Date: February 22 – 25, 2007

Location: Gaylord Opryland Resort – Nashville, TN

Hear world-class callers, see some of the most unique turkey calls ever made, meet outdoor television show legends, shop for the latest hunting gear and share turkey-hunting stories with other hunters from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

**Want to attend?**

- Review the [agenda](#) to decide what you would like to attend.
- [Register online](#) for NWTf events. You may also [download a registration form](#) to complete and submit by fax or mail.
- Note: If you register before Dec. 30, your name will be entered into an early bird drawing and you just may win a free gun of the year.
- Call the [Opryland Hotel](#) and make a reservation at (888) 777-6779. You may also make your reservation online. Enter the password NWT07 and click the "submit" button. This will take you to the Gaylord Opryland's [online reservations page](#).

Submitted By: [Ted Schenck](#), USFS, National *Making Tracks* Coordinator

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**GeoSpatial '07 Conference – FREE Training :: Posters & Papers “Call”**

Date: May 7 – 11, 2007

Location: Portland, Oregon

“Building Bridges to Information Sharing”. Forest Service and BLM invite employees and selected guests to attend. [Limited room in training.](#)

**Contacts:** [Kim Rivard](#) (FS) and Terry Hobbs (BLM – 503-808-6194)

[Registration](#)

Submitted By: Michele Huffman, USFS, R6-Data Resources Management

## Technical Information & Publications:

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### **DigiTop – 492 New Journals via Springer Archive**

DigiTop purchased the Springer archive, adding 492 listings to DigiTop; showing the additional years of coverage. Check it out:

[www.nal.usda.gov/digitop](http://www.nal.usda.gov/digitop)

Submitted By: Julie Blankenburg, USFS/Forest Products Laboratory

Reminder – visit [www.fs.fed.us/biology/resources/literature.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/resources/literature.html) for links to the various literature sources for you. You must use a USDA computer to access some sources.

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### **Peregrine Falcon – Monitoring Results**

13 Oct. FWS Notice on 2003 Monitoring Results for Peregrine Falcon

"Additional data collected by States and others indicate that there were 3,005 nesting pairs of American peregrine falcons in the United States, Canada, and Mexico in 2003, compared to approximately 1,750 pairs at the time of delisting. Additionally, 92 percent of pairs nest on natural substrates in all regions except the Midwestern/Northeastern region, where only 32 percent nest on natural substrates. Our estimates of the nesting parameters and the additional data from across the United States indicate that the peregrine falcon population is secure and vital. The next coordinated nationwide monitoring effort, scheduled for 2006, is underway."

Delisting occurred in 1999. The report is available at:

[www.fws.gov/endangered/recovery/peregrine/](http://www.fws.gov/endangered/recovery/peregrine/)

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-17009.pdf>

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS, WFW-WO  
National Endangered Species Program Leader

### **Piscicide Applications on NFS Lands**

FR 16 Nov. 2006

"The proposed amendment to the rule would result in three changes. The principle change, in part 241, would establish criteria for State piscicide use on National Forest System lands, outside designated Wild and Scenic Rivers or Congressionally designated Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas."

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/E6-19197.pdf>

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS, WFW-WO  
National Endangered Species Program Leader

### **“Un Loved Shrub” -- Sagebrush Steppe & Ecosystem :: Video**

Al Winward, former FS ecologist out of Ogden, is featured in this short video on sagebrush in Wyoming. Submit comments about the video or sagebrush. Note other familiar names that have done so already.

[www.thesnaz.com/2006/09/21/no-love-for-the-shrub-2/](http://www.thesnaz.com/2006/09/21/no-love-for-the-shrub-2/)

Submitted By: Numerous folks forwarding ala email grapevine

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### **2006 Suggested Practices for Birds and Powerlines :: New Release**

The new 2006 suggested practice guide for birds and powerlines is at:

[www.aplic.org](http://www.aplic.org)

The updated suggested practices volume now provides utilities with step-by-step technical instructions that can help them implement some of the electrocution avoidance measures that might be called for in their Avian Protection Plans. It reflects the latest and best expert knowledge of engineers, industry specialists, and our best understanding of the biology and behavior of birds.

Some forest plan amendments dealt specifically with using the previous version.

**Contacts:** Joan Moody, (DOI) 202-208-6416

Nicholas Throckmorton, (FWS) 202-208-5636

## **Training – Tools – Interesting Information:**

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### **Announcing New Client Product :: ESRI Image Server**

Talked about as an alternative to Google Earth.

ESRI Image Server is now available for your use through USFS, RSAC

This application will give you access to several FS Geospatial Clearinghouse image and raster data sets including 1 meter and 15-meter color imagery covering the entire lower 48 states. ArcGIS v 9.1 is required to run Image Server. To find out more about this application and what it can provide, please go to the RSAC web site at:

<http://fsweb.rsac.fs.fed.us/imageserver/imageserver.html> and select the 'Image Server Information'.

The Geospatial Advisory Committee (GAC) sponsored the Image Server application development. In addition, the Northern Research Station FIA Program supported the acquisition of the 1-meter ortho-rectified imagery. We will continue to add imagery and raster data sets to this application.

**Contact:** Tom Bobbe, USFS, RSAC, Center Manager (801) 975-3751

Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS, WFW-WO, Safety Coord & Appeals/Planning

## **NatureWatch Viewing Site Inventory - Update**

- 113 sites entered, from about 15 National Forests
- ~110 National Forests remaining
- Expecting well over 1000 sites total

Remember this is a joint effort with recreation and fish/wildlife/botany!

The sites already entered are fantastic! Existing products from the Nature Watch program:

- CD-ROM resource of NatureWatch materials - transferring to new website.
- "Find-a-Photo": A photo library continues growing - now over 3700 photos.
- Two Pilot Live Cams - eagle and salmon
- A new website on the way - will release as soon as the inventory is completed.
- Future product: USFS festivals and educational programs.
- Major marketing with state tourism pending inventory and website completion. Pilot effort will be with Washington.

Letter: [Director of Recreation and Director of WFW requesting NatureWatch View Sites inventory completion.](#)

Submitted By: Donald J. Virgovic, USFS, National NatureWatch Program Leader

## **Nature Tourism (WWW) in Washington State :: Marketing YOUR Viewing Sites**

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/tourism/index.htm>

You or your community can investigate, develop or manage, and market wildlife viewing sites (on public or private land). This website can assist you and/or your partners with your NatureWatch program development and management too - it answers commonly asked questions about target audiences and demographics...and much more. Share with your co-workers in PAO, Recreation, Line Officers.

Submitted By: Donald J. Virgovic, USFS, National NatureWatch Program Leader

## **TRAINING**

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#### **WFW – Continuing Education Program: Open to Everyone**

The WFW Continuing Education program's workshops still have openings. Don't delay – register now in AgLearn.

**Contact:** [Shelly Witt](#), USFS, WO/WFW, Continuing Education Program Leader

#### **Plain & Simple! Document Writing**

March 13 – 15, 2007 (Davis CA)

\$180 (3 days) plus 6 months post workshop consultation.

Learn to write clearly. Write what you mean to say! You will **stop dancing around your point** and starting over with yet another mish-mash endless sentence. This will be one of your top 10 career training investments.

[www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/psdw/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/psdw/index.html)

### Wildlife Conservation & Management

Online & Onsite (Blended Delivery Methods)

Online: April 2 – May 11, 2007

Onsite: May 14 – 18, 2007

[www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/whpm/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/whpm/index.html)

### Natural Resource Policy, Values & Economics

May 7 – 11, 2007

[www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/rpve/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/rpve/index.html)

### Endangered Species Act for Line Officers

May 7 – 10, 2007

[www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/esal/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/education/workshops/esal/index.html)

### **Defensive Driving Training -- MANDATORY**

Defensive Driving refresher is required every three years. The Forest Service's Defensive Driving Site has been updated. The web address is [www.safetyserve.com/usdafs](http://www.safetyserve.com/usdafs). It is already set up; all you need to have is the site and the log-in information. A current Defensive Driving certificate is required for anyone who drives USFS vehicles, vehicles under contract to USFS, rental vehicles driven during assigned duties, and even POV when used on official business.

**Contact:** Rhonda Stewart (WO/WFW) for the access code. The Access Code expires on **February 20, 2007** and all users must complete their training by that date.

Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS, WFW-WO, Safety Coord & Appeals/Planning

### **USDA MANDATORY Online Training/AqLearn – DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Ethics, No Fear Act, Purchase Card

Deadline extended December 29, 2006. Log on over the holidays, drink some eggnog and get them all done and maybe even get ahead (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Performance Management, Security Awareness).

### **USFS Executive Education – Leadership Development**

Submit prioritized nominees by: December 29, 2006

Announcing two additional executive education courses as part of the Leadership Development Opportunities Program for 2007: **Foresters Becoming Executives** and **Executives Learning about Forestry**. These courses are taught at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies' Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry (GISF).

Tuition: \$7500/course.

Contact: [Glen Van Zandt](mailto:Glen.VanZandt@usfs.gov), USFS, WO/HCM 703-605-0876

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### **Bat Conservation & Management Workshops :: 2007**

Bat Conservation International hosting annual Bat Conservation & Management workshops for 2007. Hosting in Arizona, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

[www.batcon.org/home/index.asp?idPage=30](http://www.batcon.org/home/index.asp?idPage=30).

**Contact:** Kari Gaukler, BCI, Education & Workshops Coordinator,  
[kgaukler@batcon.org](mailto:kgaukler@batcon.org)

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### **USDI/FWS – NCTC**

#### **An Introduction to Conservation CSP2101**

January 22-26, 2007

Tuition: \$850

Register: <http://doilearn.doi.gov>.

Select “Public Catalog Login” at the opening page. Use the course code CSP2101 to search the site.

**Contact:** Karene Motivans, NCTC, 304/876-7458

#### **Public Participation & Informed Consent Part I OUT 8127**

Bleiker Approach for Public Officials to Complex Problem Solving

January 16-18, 2007

Register: <http://doilearn.doi.gov>.

Select “Public Catalog Login” at the opening page. Use the course code OUT 8127 to search the site.

**Contact:** Angela Graziano, NCTC, 304/876-7479

## **Regional Round Up**

Share the great (or not so great) events or achievements going on in your Region.

## **Vacancies & Employment Opportunities:**

- **AQUATIC/FISH**

### **National Fish Program Leader - ANNOUNCEMENT**

Application Due Date: **January 9, 2007**

GS-0482-13/14. Announcement is open for the USDA Forest Service National Fish Program Leader position, for the Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plant Staff (WO/WFW). This permanent, full-time position located in the Nation's capital, is open to all federal employees, or those with re-instatement rights, who qualify for a GS-13 or GS-14.

**[Announcement Link](#)**

**[Position Information DOC 408 KB](#)**

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**National Wildlife Program Leader - ANNOUNCEMENT**

Application Due Date: **January 9, 2007**

GS-0486-13/14. Announcement is open for our USDA Forest Service [National Wildlife Program Leader](#) position, for the Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants staff (WO-WFW). This permanent, full-time position located in the Nation's capital, is open to all federal employees, or those with re-instatement rights, who qualify for a GS-13 or GS-14.

**[Announcement Link](#)**

**[Position Information DOC 417 KB](#)**

**Wildlife Biologist – R2: Arapaho/Roosevelt NFs & Pawnee NG/OUTREACH**

Preliminary Outreach: GS-0486-11 Wildlife Biologist position on the Canyon Lakes District, (vice Lynne Deibel). Please reply, if interested, by **Nov. 3** (yes, the 'interest' date is past, but be aware the job will eventually be advertised.)

**Contact:** [Ellen Hodges](#) 970-295-6715

**Botanist – R8: Alabama NF**

The National Forests in Alabama are located across 5 ecoregions, and deal with rare natural communities such as glades, bogs, mountain longleaf, canyons, hemlock/spruce, fall-line, deep sandylands, blackwater rivers, low elevation boulderfields, and appalachian streams. A bountiful botanical array of native plants species including endemics, locally rare and federally listed species can be found on the NF in Alabama.

Direct link for those already in federal service

(Job Announcement ADS07-R8-NFAL-011G):

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=50564895>

Direct link for you to apply if not in federal service

(Job Announcement ADS07-R8-NFAL-011DP):

[http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=50571522&AVSDM=2006%2D11%2D20+14%3A04%3A15&Logo=0&jbf574=AG11&lid=322&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency\\_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=118&SUBMIT1.y=12](http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=50571522&AVSDM=2006%2D11%2D20+14%3A04%3A15&Logo=0&jbf574=AG11&lid=322&FedEmp=N&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency_search.asp&SUBMIT1.x=118&SUBMIT1.y=12)

The Main Link for USA Jobs is: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

Application must be submitted through the electronic AVUE system.

**Wildlife Biologist – R5: Angeles NF/OUTREACH**

GS-0486-11/12. Located in Arcadia CA.

<http://outreach.fsr5.com>

Contact: [Clem Lagrosa](#), 626-574-5256

- **OTHER – OUTREACH**

**Program Specialist - USFS PSW Research Station/OUTREACH**

GS-0301-12. Outreach. Incumbent serves as the Executive Assistant to the Station Director. The incumbent is responsible for providing advice and guidance to the

Station Leadership Team to support and implement organizational policies and programs. The incumbent is also responsible for managing the office and supervising the executive support staff of the Director and the Station's Executive Leadership Team. Interested applicants will receive the Vacancy Announcement upon listing.

**Contact:** [Rochelle Selvin](#)

### **Forestry Technician – Lands & Minerals - USFS Klamath NF/OUTREACH**

GS-462-7/8/9. Located at Happy Camp RD, Happy Camp CA

Respond by January 7, 2007

Outreach. Incumbent processes special use applications, including on-the-ground investigation of site suitability; inspects special uses, mineral operations and other land uses for compliance with terms of use permit; accepts and processes small tracts act requests, and prepares environmental assessments associated with lands and minerals proposals. Prepares mineral material permits, advises in preparation of plans of operation; and administers mineral proposals (lode, placer, and recreational dredging).

**Contact:** [Jan Ford](#) 530-841-4483 or [Penny Melum](#)

### **Forest Service Geospatial Portal (FSGeoportal) – Vacancy Announcements**

In November GSTC added a feature showing scores of geospatial jobs on USAJOBS- some quite interesting (location wise...). Let us know what needs improvement.

<http://fsweb.geoportal.fs.fed.us/>

**Contact:** Barry Napier, USFS, GSTC, Deputy Manager 801-975-3498(v)

## **Catch of the Day**

- **NATUREWATCH**

### **Eagle & Salmon Cams – PNW Winter Experience from a Critter's Perspective**

A special treat – visit the live eagle cam and see the cascades right now - a winter wonderland. [http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/find\\_a\\_photo.nsf/eaglecam](http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/find_a_photo.nsf/eaglecam)

Notice new section/link "view behind the scenes photos" (located to the right of the viewing cam screen). It shows some pre-recorded footage of the cam and photos of the work it took to get the cams up and running.

Look at what happened to the salmon cam during our recent rains and flooding...

[http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/find\\_a\\_photo.nsf/salmoncam](http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/find_a_photo.nsf/salmoncam)

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If brevity and clarity are a struggle for you, we recommend the "[Plain & Simple! Document Writing](#)" workshop instructed by Dr. Jud Monroe.

Vacancy Positions listed are for outreach purposes only and are not full announcements. Interested individuals should contact the units referenced or consult the [USAJOBS website](#).

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