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News:

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The 2008 Franklin Institute Awards

The Franklin Institute Environmental Science prize was awarded to Luna Leopold and M. Gordon Wolman, fondly known as “Reds”. Here is a nice short video of the work of these two giants of geomorphology.

www.fi.edu/winners/2006/LeopoldWolmanWeb.mp4

Root page: www.fi.edu/franklinawards/multimedia.html

Submitted By: Michael Furniss, PSW/USDAFS

AQUATIC/FISH

Forest Service Contributed to Conference Success

Nick Schmal, Region 9 Fish and Aquatic Ecology Program Manager, served as a Fisheries Program Committee member for the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held December 7 – 12, 2007. Over the past year or so, the wildlife and fisheries program committees were tasked with developing workshops, symposia, and general sessions that addressed important aquatic and terrestrial wildlife issues. Many scientific papers about current and emerging issues were presented and discussed. Not only was the Forest Service a key financial sponsor of the event, but nearly 40 Forest Service employees attended the conference. Many of these employees offered up their time to help out on various tasks before and during the event.

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Submitted By: Nick Schmal, USFS/R9/WFW

Free Fly Fishing Demonstrations at two recreation areas on the Allegheny NF: Hone your fly fishing skills with local guide

Allegheny Site Management, Inc. is sponsoring free fly-fishing demonstrations at two recreation areas on the Allegheny National Forest in May 2008. Each demonstration starts at 1:00 p.m. on a Saturday. Mike Paterniti of Pro Fly Fishers will be at Buckaloons Recreation Area on May 10th and at Willow Bay Recreation Area on May 31st. Mike, a local guide, will explain different fly types and demonstrate various fly-fishing techniques.

Mike Paterniti is a certified master instructor of fly fishing techniques. Additional information may be obtained at www.proflyfishers.com.

Submitted By: Nick Schmal, USFS/R9/WFW

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SOIL

The Smithsonian announces its Summer Soil Exhibit

See website for details!

<http://forces.si.edu/soils/>

Submitted By: Randy Davis, USFS/WO/WFW

TES

American Songbirds Being Wiped Out by Banned Pesticides

Pesticides are affecting bird species and bird habitats, and (of course) the human environment.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/american-songbirds-are-being-wiped-out-by-banned-pesticides-804547.html>

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

Checklist for Ecological Management of landscapes

It's unfortunate that at this point, it still is not obvious to managers and the public:

"Manage both species and ecosystems. Single-species and ecosystem conservation are not competing approaches. Rather, a range of conservation strategies will nearly always be required: some focused on individual species, others on suites of species and yet others on entire landscapes or ecosystems, and there will be inter linkages among all of these."

Key future need:

"(4) How can the findings from the enormous body of knowledge from landscape ecology, conservation biology and restoration ecology be better translated into on-the-ground management of landscapes? Methods such as meta-analysis and systematic review are valuable, but much research has little bearing on practice; the knowledge transfer process itself requires deeper exploration. If more effective knowledge transfer can occur, it will be important to increase the number of scientifically based landscape planning and management examples that encompass true active adaptive management experiments. This will ensure that opportunities are taken to gain new knowledge about landscape management."

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Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

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WILDLIFE

73rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, 2008: Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Awards Ceremony

This year, Sally Collins, Associate Chief, USDA Forest Service, and Jim Caswell, Director, USDI Bureau of Land Management attended the FS-BLM ceremony to help present the 2008 awards to individuals or groups.

Conservation Leadership Partner Award 2008: National Wild Turkey Federation

The joint Conservation Leadership Partner Award honors an organization for their outstanding leadership in developing and implementing conservation programs and activities that benefit fish, wildlife or native plants. This year the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management jointly recognized the National Wild Turkey Federation during the 73rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

For more than 20 years, the National Wild Turkey Federation's (NWTF) staff, and their local Chapters and volunteers, have shown outstanding leadership in natural resource conservation. The Federation is known for its innovative programs and activities that directly benefit wildlife, native plants, and aquatic habitats on public lands. Since 2000, the FS and NWTF have restored or enhanced over 900,000 acres of wildlife habitat, and our partnership with the NWTF has promoted greater public understanding of cooperative conservation, nationally. Collectively, all these efforts have produced natural resource benefits that the public enjoys everyday.

We know that our collaborative efforts with the National Wild Turkey Federation's staff, and local chapters and volunteers, will continue to restore important wildlife habitat, foster outdoor education for children and adults, and strengthen efforts to preserve our hunting heritage. We plan to keep "Making Tracks" with the National Wild Turkey Federation, and are counting on this partnership to help us meet the conservation challenges that lie ahead.



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Norm Weiland Receives Jack Adams Award for 2008

Jack Adams Award: The Jack Adams Award is presented annually to a Forest Service wildlife biologist, fisheries biologist or botanist who, over their career, has exemplified the characteristics and qualities of Jack Adams, which include steady hard work and dedication to balanced resource management while ensuring that wildlife, fisheries, and rare plants needs are fully, reflected in all management decisions.

This year the U.S. Forest Service presented the Jack Adams award to recent retiree Norm Weiland, former Wildlife Program Leader for the Eastern Region. With a career that spanned 30 years and across several regions and states, Norm brought enduring value to the Forest Service. His dedication to the agency, approach to balanced resource management, and mentoring of numerous wildlife and fisheries biologists will be felt for many. Substantial benefits to wildlife and their habitats have resulted from the many lasting partnerships Norm forged over the years, both externally and internally.

Norm's entire career has been marked by "lead by example". With a quiet confidence, professional attitude, and strong personal commitment to wildlife conservation, Norm made all the programs and projects he touched a success worth emulating. In the words of one of his former supervisors, "Norm had a truly self-less determination to make the Forest Service be at its best." Norm Weiland embodies the attributes that signify a Jack Adams award winner. Already we miss Norm's leadership, but more importantly, we are grateful for his 30 year contribution to the Forest Service, natural resource conservation, and the wildlife program.



Tom L. Darden Receives Lloyd Swift Senior Award for 2008

Lloyd Swift Senior Award: The Lloyd Swift Senior award is presented to a current or past Forest Service employee in the field of wildlife, fisheries and rare plants, who have demonstrated a lifetime of dedication, commitment and leadership in management of the wildlife and fisheries resources of the United States.

This year's Lloyd Swift Senior award was presented to Tom L. Darden, recently retired Director of Cooperative Forestry for the Southern Region. Tom Darden is a legacy conservation leader, mentor, and role model.

Tom Darden's 33 years with the Forest Service began in Mississippi in 1974, where he served as both a biologist and forester on four national forests. In 1983, Tom became the Southern Region's first regional ecologist, and later became the regions first wildlife program manager. In 1989, Tom assumed the role of National Wildlife Program Leader, and then Assistant Director for Wildlife, in Washington, DC. In 1997, Tom became the Southern Region's Director for Wildlife, Fish, and Range (WF&R), Atlanta, GA. Toward the end of Tom's Forest Service career, he became Director of the Southern Region's Cooperative Forestry program, where he built new coalitions around resource conservation on private lands in the South.

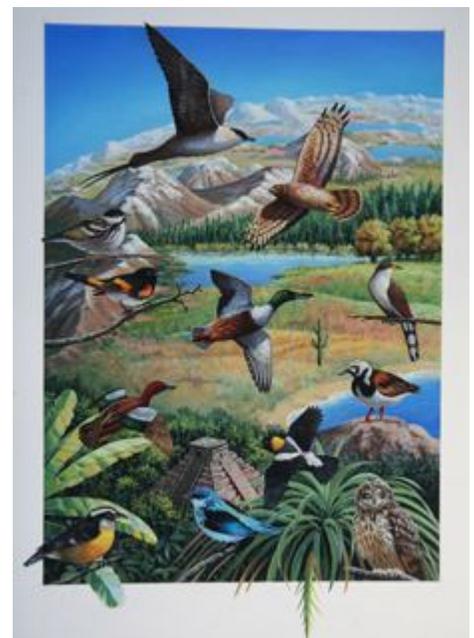
Tom is widely known for his collaborative approaches to natural resource conservation, and his unique ability to motivate and energize internal and external partners. Throughout his career Tom has received numerous awards for building strong partnerships and coalitions, and for setting in motion a number of national policies and programs that directly benefited natural resource conservation and the Forest Service.

Following Pinchot's admonishment to serve the public in fair and open ways, Tom has been resolute in supporting the application of science in the management of national forests, and highly effective at building diverse coalitions and collaborative approaches to natural resource conservation and management. Tom has multiplied his effectiveness many times over by coaching and mentoring young biologists and influencing Forest Service Leadership. As with Lloyd Swift, Sr., Tom's leadership, commitment and innovative approaches to resource management has been a driving force for wildlife conservation across National Forest System lands and beyond.

Submitted By: Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

Approaching Fast: International Migratory Bird Day, 2008

"Tundra to Tropics: Connecting Birds, Habitat and People," is the theme for International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), 2008. This year IMBD will investigate the birds that make these extraordinary journeys, the habitats on which they depend, and the people who are important to the conservation of birds and their habitats. While most events will take place on May 10, 2008, events can be planned when it best suits you and the birds. In Latin America and the Caribbean, IMBD is celebrated in the fall, when migratory birds have returned to non-breeding grounds. There are a number of Forest Service field units that host annual events or have employees that participate in IMBD celebrations. By visiting www.birdday.org you can learn more about this year's theme, gather ideas for sponsoring your own event, register an event, or locate an event near you.



Submitted By: Jina Mariani/ USFS/WO/WFW

Coming Events – Conferences & Meetings:

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National Get Outdoors Day

Building on the Forest Service's strong traditions and successes in supporting special events to engage people in their public lands, the Forest Service is pleased to be part of the first ***National Get Outdoors Day***. This unique event will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008, and will target new and first-time visitors to our country's magnificent public lands.

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Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS/WO/WFW

Natural Areas Association Conference

This year's Natural Areas Association conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee, October 14-17, 2008. I am attempting to co-organize a symposium on Federal Natural Area Programs again this year (along with Jeff Krause, Army Corps of Engineers), and we are having trouble getting invited papers for it. There are three time slots available (30 minutes each), from 1:30-3:00 pm on Fri. Oct. 17 (not an ideal time slot for travel etc., I realize). If you are interested in presenting a paper for this symposium, please let me know as soon as possible. The call for papers information is below. The conference web link is <http://www.naturalarea.org/08conference/>.

I am also working with Jeff to set up a Federal program roundtable, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 14th. This will be a chance for Federal NA program folks to network, etc. Jeff is working on some topics for that meeting - stay tuned for more information. If you are planning to attend the conference, we hope to see you at the roundtable.

Note also that the USFS will be a major sponsor of the conference this year (as in the past), and we may have up to 10 free registrations available for FS attendees. Just letting you know about that, in case it influences your decision to attend and/or present a paper.

Thanks, and if you have any questions, please contact me at 406-329-3041 or sshelly@fs.fed.us.

Submitted By: Steve Shelly, USFS/R1/WFW

AIR RESOURCE

Annual National Air Resource Management Meeting

The annual FS national Air Resource Management meeting will occur this year in Missoula MT (May 6 - 10, 2008). The theme of this year's meeting is "Changing Climates" referring both to changes in the biophysical world as well as the organizational world. At the meeting, air program staff from across the country will be sharing information on current events and issues,

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evaluating our organizational capacity and identifying the role the program plays in climate change and other resource issues. The week also includes tours of the Fire Lab and Missoula Technology and Development Center as well as an evening session to outline a potential smoke modeling course which could be tailored by Regions to meet their specific needs. See you in Missoula!

Submitted By: Ann Acheson, USFS/WO/WFW

Technical Information & Publications:

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Black Outdoorsman Magazine released.

Black Outdoorsman Magazine (BOM), is an online magazine that highlights the outdoor adventures and activities of African-American men and women, and continues to become the primary outdoor resource for African-Americans by showing its readers, new and experienced, what awaits them in the great outdoors. Some of the issue highlights and departments are:

- African American woman summits Mount Everest
- The best camping, fishing, and fun places to visit
- Kids Korner
- Outdoor cuisine
- Product Reviews

Find out more about Black Outdoorsman Magazine at www.blackoutdoorsman.com.

Submitted By: Rhonda Stewart, USFS/WO/WFW

Minorities in Birding

Wings-on-Disk, the publisher of John C. Robinson's new book entitled, *Birding for Everyone*, has reserved a limited supply of copies of the book for distribution to those individuals, agencies, and conservation groups who are interested in encouraging more people of color to become birdwatchers and enjoy nature. The book identifies outreach programs that invite more people of diverse cultures to enjoy nature through birds. Foreword by Kenn Kaufman. To receive your complimentary copy, while supplies last, contact Wings-on-Disk at Logshrike@Comcast.net.

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Submitted BY: Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

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New Publication!

The Role of Observer Variation in Determining Rosgen Stream Types in Northeastern Oregon Mountain Streams, by Brett B. Roper, John M. Buffington, Eric Archer, Chris Moyer, and Mike Ward, published by the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

"Consistency in determining Rosgen stream types was evaluated in 12 streams within the John Day Basin, northeastern Oregon. The Rosgen classification system is commonly used in the western United States and is based on the measurement of five stream attributes: entrenchment ratio, width-to-depth ratio, sinuosity, slope, and substrate size. Streams were classified from measurements made by three monitoring groups, with each group fielding multiple crews that conducted two to three independent surveys of each stream. In only four streams (33%) did measurements from all crews in all monitoring groups yield the same stream type. Most differences found among field crews and monitoring groups could be attributed to differences in estimates of the entrenchment ratio."

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Submitted By: Brett Roper, USFS/WO/WFW

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RMRS Publications – Hard & Electronic Copies Available

- ***Northern Goshawk Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide***
- ***Development of Protocols to Inventory or Monitor Wildlife, Fish or Rare Plants***
- ***Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide***

The Rocky Mountain Research Station has the following Washington Office publications available in single or bulk orders: I announced these 3 publications in October 2006, ran out of WO GTR-72, but now we have hard copies of all 3 on hand for distribution.

1. Woodbridge, B.; Hargis, C. D. 2006. *Northern Goshawk Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide*. 2006. Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-71. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. (CD included in back folder)

This technical guide provides biologists with a full range of inventory and monitoring protocols for the northern goshawk that are scientifically credible and statistically sound. Chapter Two of this guide describes the Northern Goshawk Bioregional Monitoring Design.

This is also online at: http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_other/wo_gtr071.pdf

2. Vesely, David; McComb, Brenda C.; Vojta, Christina D.; Suring, Lowell H.; Halaj, Juraj; Holthausen, Richard S.; Zuckerberg, Benjamin; Manley, Patricia M. 2006. *Development of protocols to inventory or monitor wildlife, fish, or rare plants*. Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-72. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. 100 p.

The purpose of this technical guide (hereafter referred to as the Species Protocol Technical Guide) is to provide guidelines for developing inventory and monitoring (I&M) protocols for

wildlife, fish, and rare plants (WFRP) using the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service technical guide format.

This is also online at: http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_other/wo_gtr072.pdf

3. Manley, P.N.; Van Horne, B.; McKenzie, M. M.; Roth, J. K.; Zielinski, W. J.; Weckerly, F.W.; Weller, T. J.; Vojta, C.D. 2006. *Multiple Species Inventory and Monitoring Technical Guide* Gen. Tech. Rep. WO-73. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service.

This technical guide:

- provides a scientifically credible approach for collecting and analyzing wildlife information
- provides a framework for the development of broad scale wildlife monitoring programs
- will facilitate greater collaboration between the Forest Service and other agencies in

monitoring wildlife.

This is also online at http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs_other/wo_gtr073.pdf

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Training & Tools:

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Innovative Approaches to Wildlife and Highway Interactions

Date: May 21 - 23, 2008

Location: Shepherdstown, WV -- FWS/NCTC

Tuition: \$510

Upon completion of this course, you will...

- explain how highways affect terrestrial wildlife
- demonstrate tools to identify and reduce highway-related impacts to wildlife
- explain the highway planning process, including large scale connectivity analyses
- develop interdisciplinary networking opportunities

Topics include an overview of wildlife issues relative to pre-existing highways and future highway planning; differences in impacts and solutions between low volume and high volume roads; structural and nonstructural solutions to wildlife mortality and habitat connectivity; mitigation and funding for existing highway impacts to wildlife including loss of habitat connectivity and vehicle-caused mortality; and an introduction to current resources on wildlife/highway crossings and interactions

Of special interest to Forest Service employees will be discussions on the use of statewide habitat connectivity workshops to provide a framework to identify and prioritize linkage areas in an interagency context, and the current transportation bill's mandate to involve the resource agencies in integrating transportation and conservation planning...these are practical ways Forest Service employees can influence the 'loss of open space' and its effects on adjacent national forests.

Hosted in partnership with USDI Fish & Wildlife Service.

Contact: Shelly Witt (switt01@fs.fed.us)

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Submitted by: Shelly Witt, USFS/WO/WFW

Sharing Success:

GENERAL/CROSS AREAS

Region 9 New Partnership with Cabela's enables the urban outreach program to connect with scores of citizens.

By: Katie Armstrong, R9 – RO



Detroit Urban Connections engaged and educated thousands of visitors to Cabela's in Dundee, Michigan, over two weekends in March. The partnership was initiated by Student Career Experience Program participant Wytosha Thacker and was held in conjunction with Cabela's Spring Days.

The Forest Service display was staffed by Katie Armstrong and Wytosha Thacker (Detroit Urban Connections), as well as Ken Arbogast, David Riegle and Becky Riegle from the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Booth staff informed customers

about the fun experiences that await them on Michigan National Forests. Additionally, messages concerning fire, employment, recreation and Urban Connections were shared.

Every weekend Cabela's gets an average of 5,000 visitors from throughout the region.

Many visitors to Cabela's are new to outdoor recreation. Both the experienced and those who were simply curious stopped by the Forest Service booth to ask questions and pick-up some of the many education pieces that were available.

Cabela's is the third largest retail store in the world. Cabela's showrooms feature educational and entertainment attractions, animal displays, huge aquariums and trophy animals interacting in realistic re-creations of their natural habitats.

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This experience at Cabela's was beneficial for the Forest Service as well as to the visitors to Cabela's. This experience was very positive and we look to expand our partnership in the future. The Forest Service received several complements on our display and presence at this event. The store manager of Cabela's in Dundee Scott Kegerreis and Steve Zollar extended an invitation to the Forest Service to take part in future events and have a steady presence in-store. The friendliness and cooperation of Cabela's will make for a mutually beneficial partnership for years to come.

For more information about Detroit Urban Connections:

www.fs.fed.us/r9/urbanconnections/cities/detroit/

Submitted By: Nick Schmal, USFS/R9/WFW

AIR RESOURCE

Protecting Air Quality on the Superior National Forest Means Looking Inside and Outside Forest Boundaries over the Years

Air pollutants have the potential to degrade forest resources in a number of ways, including visibility impairment, mercury contamination of fish, acid deposition, and direct injury to vegetation. The Superior National Forest (SNF) addresses these concerns with a twofold approach: monitoring conditions on the Forest and participation in the air quality regulatory process.

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Submitted By: Ann Acheson, USFS/WO/WFW

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Hydrologists Awarded

On February 25, 2008, Anne Zimmermann, the WO-WFW Staff Director, awarded 2006 Wagon Wheel Gap awards to Greg Bevenger, Al Todd, and Mike Furniss at the Water Resource Management for Line Officers workshop in Sedona, AZ. This award is named in honor of the first watershed experiments in the United States at the Wagon Wheel Gap Experimental Forest on the Rio Grande National Forest. The Wagon Wheel Gap Award recognizes a high level of performance by hydrologists and hydrologic technicians



Submitted By: John Potyondy, USFS/WO/WFW

SOIL

Soil Monitoring Report

The Rio Grande National Forest successfully completed their soil monitoring report. Congratulations on a job well done - this is a 'show case' effort. The report is titled, Soil Compaction Monitoring of the Pool Timber Sale, Rio Grande National Forest, Colorado 16 Years after Logging.

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Submitted By: Randy Davis, USFS/WO/WFW

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Vacancies/Employment Opportunities:

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NTE 2 year - Fish Biologist or Hydrologist, Wildlife Biologist, Biological Scientist and IT Specialist - 4 positions

Questions and notification of interest in these 4 detailer positions should be sent to Peg Watry, Dave Hohler or Mike Sieg. These positions are also described in the FS outreach database. The vacancy announcements for these positions should be posted within 60 days.

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Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

Region 4 Outreach for SO Wildlife and Fish Program Manager

The Bridger-Teton National Forest will soon be filling a GS-12 Wildlife and Fish Program Manager position in the GS-482 or GS-486 series. This position is located in the Forest Supervisor's Office in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The position serves as the Program Manager, responsible for developing and allocating the NFWF budget, coordinating the development of the long term and annual program of work, and providing the primary expertise in wildlife and fish management for the Forest.

Respond by May 9, 2008

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Submitted By: Lee Jacobson USFS/R4/WFW

AIR RESOURCE

Region 9 Outreach for 2 Air Specialists Vacancies

Two positions are being outreached to serve as zone air quality specialists in Region 9. One position will be located on the Green Mountain National Forest as the Northeastern Zone Air Quality Specialist, serving the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes, White Mountain, and

Allegheny National Forests. The other position will be located on the Monongahela National Forest serving as the Eastern Region - Southern Zone Air Quality Specialist for the Monongahela, Wayne, Hoosier, Shawnee, and Mark Twain National Forests. These positions will have responsibility for providing leadership, coordination, guidance and advice as a member of the Eastern Region's Air Resource Management (ARM) Team, including Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit review, smoke management, inventory & monitoring of Class I Areas' Air Quality Related Values, and review of State Implementation Plans associated with regional haze, ozone, and particulate matter. While many air resource management responsibilities within the Eastern Region are carried out in a collaborative atmosphere with other ARM Team members, the position will act independently as the primary contact for multiple forests within the Eastern Region. Previous knowledge and experience with land management issues associated with air quality are preferred selection criteria. For further information contact Chuck Sams, at 404-347-4083.

Submitted By: Ann Acheson, USFS/WO/WFW

WILDLIFE

Region 9 Outreach for Regional Wildlife Biologist

Region 9 is delighted to announce that they will soon be advertise their GS12/13 Regional Wildlife Biologist position for the Eastern Region. Please help spread the word and let them know of potential interest and applicants. Please access the FS vacancy/outreach database for the outreach notice.

The position is part of the Renewable Resources staff, which includes, Wildlife, Fish, Botany/Non-native Invasive Species, Ecology, Range, Silviculture, Genetics and Forest Management program leadership for the Eastern Region. We are looking for an individual who will provide regional leadership and have excellent communication skills to work with internal and external partners.

For additional information, please contact Paul Momper, Director of Renewable Resources at the Regional Office in Milwaukee, WI at 414-297-3655 or pmomper@fs.fed.us or Nancy Berlin at 414-297-1868 or nberlin@fs.fed.us.

Submitted By: Nancy Berlin, USFS/R9/WFW

Federal job announcements can be found at: http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/agency_search.asp

WFW Newsletter Contact Information: Disclaimer – Non Discrimination Statement

WFW Newsletter is a monthly newsletter without a clever name and is provided by the National Forest System Watershed-Fish-Wildlife-Air-Rare Plants staff (including Soils and Meteorology) of the USDA Forest Service. Contributions are welcome and should be submitted to Netta Grant at agrant@fs.fed.us or your favorite Program Leader no later than the 20th of each month. We reserve the right to edit contributions for clarity and brevity. Emphasis on brevity. Links to detailed URLs or documents are great – include them in your information contribution. If photos are included in your submission please provide alternative text with each photo. Alternative text should not repeat captions but describe the scene shown in the photo.

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

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