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News:

GENERAL/CROSS AREA

RE-RUN -- Stimulus Package – Shovel Ready Reports at Finger Tips ala WFRP-MS

This insightful news item was presented in the February 2009 WFW Newsletter (last month). The internal (FSWeb) URLs were not included due to various concerns. We are sharing an abbreviated version of the article with the internal links. For those who can access the links, enjoy! See the table below.

Congratulations to everyone who entered information into WFRP-MS, reviewed it, improved it and championed the concept as well as the implementation. WFRP-MS has been a useful tool for years. Find “shovel ready projects” for the President’s Stimulus Package **immediately by using the WFRP-MS query tool**. Directors, Line Officers and other managers can query lists of projects – with NEPA in the bag – by state, Region, Forest or District.

Reports are available to anyone on the web (including those on the Hill) at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/managementsystem/index.html>. Opportunity Reports by single Region and/or Forest/Grassland are also a couple clicks away.

Check out the internal WFW site to query for projects based on NEPA completion, focus area, estimated costs, location and contacts; getting full lists of potential opportunities. For example, ask for "Show me 2009 wildlife opportunities that have photographs and NEPA ready". Results are below and there are some very good ones. Opportunities with photos and a good write-up really sell themselves! This query was done in less than 2 minutes.

TITLE	AUTHOR	PROGRAM	LOCATION
Non-forested habitat maintenance	Rob Hoelscher	Wildlife	Eastern Region, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest, VT
Winter Range/Shrubland Regeneration Implementation, DLRD	Theresa R Stone	Wildlife	Pacific Northwest Region, Umpqua National Forest, OR
Big Game Habitat Restoration, DLRD	Theresa R Stone	Wildlife	Pacific Northwest Region, Umpqua National Forest, OR
Battlement Bighorn Habitat Enhancement - Travel Lane III	Mary L Cunningham	Wildlife	Rocky Mountain Region, White River National Forest, West Zone/Blanco Ranger District, CO
Oak Ridge/Lost Park Coordinated Resource Management Plan	Mary L Cunningham	Wildlife	Rocky Mountain Region, White River National Forest, West Zone/Blanco Ranger District, CO
Bearcat Hollow Project	Ralph Odegard	Wildlife	Southern Region, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, AR
Sylamore Glade Restoration Project	Ralph Odegard	Wildlife	Southern Region, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, Buffalo Ranger District, AR

Database phobic or intimidated by queries? No worries. There are query experts in every WFW Regional office.

Contacts/Assistance: [Regional WFRP Coordinator](#) or Netta Grant (agrant@fs.fed.us) - POC in the WO.

Submitted By: Marc Bosch & Don Virgovic, USFS/WO/WFW

Call for Proposals – Group on Earth Observations

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO, www.earthobservations.org) issued a Call for Proposals "Earth Observations in Decision Support." The four themes are Health (**including Air Quality**), Water, Energy, and Agriculture (**including Forests**). Focused on promoting practical applications of Earth observations to improve decision making, and it seeks to highlight specific examples in which Earth observations provide societal benefit. There's a strong focus on helping developing countries to build capacity with Earth observations. While GEO doesn't have monies to directly fund the projects, GEO does have significant connections to experts, data providers, donor organizations, etc. GEO will work with selected projects to connect them with people that can help them develop a project. GEO will focus work with projects focused on developing countries to match them with donor organizations and Advisors. All these efforts represent a significant service and benefit to the proposing teams.

What can you do?

- If you know people/organizations in developing countries or working with developing countries, please send them the materials and encourage them to submit a proposal.
- If you know of organizations with successful examples of Earth observations applications (including your own), please send the materials to them and suggest they submit.
- Send the materials to people who would make good Project Advisors (including yourselves) and encourage them to serve as an Advisor.

The GEO Call for Proposals is also available through the GEO Website:
http://www.earthobservations.org/documents/cfp/200902_cfp_eodsp.pdf

Submitted By: Ann Acheson, USFS/WO/WFW

SOIL

Meeting Overview - Northeastern Soil Monitoring Cooperative

March 11 – 12, 2009

[PDF 21.5 KB](#)

This is a cooperative that is endeavoring to pull together soil monitoring data and research results for the northeastern United States. The group is composed of university, USGS, NRCS and Forest Service research and technical soil scientists. The group formed in 2006 and meets once a year.

Submitted By: Randy Davis, USFS/WO/WFW

WILDLIFE

Wildlife Management Institute and Quail Unlimited MOUs Signed

Two MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) were signed at the North American Conference in March. See our April 2009 WFW Newsletter for the rest of the story. Get a copy of the MOUs at our [WFW MOU web page](#).

Awards Season at the North American Conference!

We are pleased to announce the selections for the Lloyd Swift Sr. and Jack Adams Awards, and the Forest Service-BLM Conservation Partner and Conservation Project awards. The awards were presented on March 18, 2009 at the 74th North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference in Arlington, Virginia. On behalf of your Forest Service and BLM colleagues, we congratulate you on your awards and thank you for your stewardship of our public lands.

For detailed information, visit our [WFW award page](#).

Jack Adams Award – 2 Fabulous Winners!

This year, the 2008 Jack Adams Award was presented to two biologists, **Mary Sue Fisher**, Regional Budget and Long-term Planner, Pacific Southwest Regional Office and **Thomas Skinner**, Forest Fisheries/Wildlife Biologist of the Coronado National Forest. The Jack Adams Award is presented annually to the Forest Service biologist or botanist who best reflects the unique and outstanding professional and personal qualities of Jack Adams, a Forest Service wildlife biologist who lost a battle with cancer in 1984 at the height of an acclaimed career.



Mary Sue Fisher (right), Jack Adams Award recipient, poses with Joel Holtrop (US Forest Service Deputy Chief for NFS; center) and Anne Zimmermann (USFS/WFW Director; left).
Photographer: Cheryl Carrothers, USFS



Thomas Skinner (right), Jack Adams Award recipient, poses with Joel Holtrop (US Forest Service Deputy Chief for NFS; center) and Anne Zimmermann (USFS/WFW Director; left).
Photographer: Cheryl Carrothers, USFS

Lloyd Swift, Sr. Award – Jim Clarr

This year's award recipient, **Jim Claar**, National Carnivore Program Leader, selected for his national leadership role in carnivore conservation. Jim is the tenth recipient of this award. The Lloyd Swift Sr. Award is presented periodically to a current or past Forest Service employee who exemplifies the characteristics, accomplishments and qualities of Lloyd Swift Sr., a wildlife biologist for the Forest Service (1928 – 1963). As part of his long and illustrious career, Lloyd Swift served as the National Wildlife and Fisheries Director from 1944 through 1963.

The award recognizes an exceptional few who provided national or regional leadership in the management of fish, wildlife, and rare plants.



Jim Clarr (right) accepting the Lloyd Swift, Sr Award, posing with Anne Zimmermann, USFS/WFW Director (far left) and Joel Holtrop (US Forest Service Deputy Chief for NFS; center).
Photographer: Cheryl Carrothers, USFS

Conservation Partner and Conservation Project Awards

The Forest Service and BLM jointly sponsored two awards, the Conservation Partner and Conservation Project Awards.

The **Conservation Partner award** was presented to **Bat Conservation International** for its outstanding work in bat conservation.

The **Conservation Project award** was presented to the **West-slope Bighorn Mountains Cooperative Initiative** for over 10 years of cooperative work in big game and riparian habitat restoration in northern Wyoming and southern Montana.



Ed Arnett, BCI (3rd from left) accepted the Conservation Partner award. Presented by Anne Zimmermann, USFS/WFW Director (2nd from left), and Dwight Fielder, BLM (2nd from right). Joel Holtrop (US Forest Service Deputy Chief for NFS; far left), Jim Dryden (BLM; 3rd from right) and Mike Pool (Acting Director of the BLM; far right) were congratulators.
Photographer: Cheryl Carrothers, USFS



BLM-FS Conservation Project award presented to the West-slope Bighorn Mountains Cooperative Initiative. Accepted by Melanie Woolever, USFS (center left) and Steve Ferrell, (center right) Wyoming Game and Fish. Presented by Anne Zimmermann, USFS/WFW Director (not pictured), and Dwight Fielder BLM (not pictured). Joel Holtrop (US Forest Service Deputy Chief for NFS; far left) and Mike Pool (Acting Director of the BLM; far right) were congratulators.
Photographer: Cheryl Carrothers, USFS

Submitted By: David Pivorunas & Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

Awards Season at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation “Elk Camp”!

Elk Country Awards Recognize U.S. Forest Service Employees

Congratulations to the winners!

[Excerpted from RMEF news release](#)

U.S. Forest Service employees in California, Colorado and Oregon are earning special recognition for their work enhancing and conserving habitat for elk and other wildlife. Each has received a 2009 Elk Country Award presented by the Forest Service and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

- **California**—Modoc National Forest; Elk Country Award: Wildlife Habitat Management Achievement
- **Colorado**—Melanie Woolever, R2, Wildlife Program Leader; Elk Country Award: Individual Achievement
- **Oregon**—Mark Henjum, Umatilla National Forest; Elk Country Award: Partnership Achievement



Hank Kashdan (USFS/Associate Chief/Operations; left), Randy Moore (USFS/PSW Regional Forester; center) and Jack Blackwell (RMEF/Vice President of Lands and Conservation; right).



Hank Kashdan (USFS/Associate Chief/Operations), Melanie Woolever (center) and Jack Blackwell (RMEF/Vice President of Lands and Conservation).



Mark Henjum accepting award (left), posing with Tom Toman (RMEF).

Submitted By: Sandy Kratville, USFS & RMEF Liaison

Awards Season at the National Wild Turkey Federations!

February 20 – 22, 2009

The Making Tracks awards are presented annually at the National Wild Turkey Federation's annual Convention and Sport Show to people and projects that significantly improve habitat for the wild turkey and other species and accomplish the mission of the National Wild Turkey Federation. There are four award categories.

The **Habitat Management Projects** category is a single-year award for projects that benefit the wild turkey. The District Ranger, Beth LeMaster, of the Enoree Ranger District of the Sumter National Forest in Whitmire, S.C., received the Group Habitat Project award on behalf of her District, for various land management practices that created and improved habitat for Bobwhite Quail, several species of sparrows and other birds.

The **Habitat Management Program** category recognizes program accomplishments that benefit wild turkeys over several years.

Individual Habitat Program award - Danny Waldon of Mayhill, N. M., received the 2009 Individual Habitat Project award for his habitat stamp program and other projects benefiting the Lincoln National Forest during the last 19 years. Waldon's efforts helped create more than 118 watering tanks for wildlife and eight natural spring developments, and restore thousands of acres in New Mexico's Lincoln National Forest. Don DeLorenzo accepted the award.

Group Habitat Program award - Dave Zalunardo, Anne Roberts, Monty Gregg and the stewardship group of the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests in Oregon earned a Habitat Management Programs award. The scope of their projects is to restore watersheds that contain threatened, endangered and sensitive wildlife and plant species with the help of community and tribal leaders. Monty Gregg accepted the award.

Group Habitat Program award - Wildlife biologists Dave Newhouse, Heather Keogh, Chris M. Schumacher, Phillip Huber and Christopher L. Williams with Michigan's Huron-Manistee National Forests earned a Habitat Management Programs award for programs that provide a wide variety of habitat improvements, from brood rearing and early successional habitat development and maintenance to shrub plantings and water development. Dave Newhouse accepted the award.

The **Partnership Achievement** category recognizes accomplishments in strengthening and expanding the partnership between the Forest Service and the NWTF.

2009 Individual Project Achievement award - Rob Hoelscher with Vermont's Green Mountain and New York's Finger Lakes national forests received the 2009 Individual Project Achievement award. About 400 acres of the forests are affected every year from this partnership between the Forest Service and the NWTF. All projects are a cooperative effort among recreation, timber and engineering specialists, including NWTF chapters and volunteers. Erick Walker accepted the award.

2009 Group Partnership Achievement award - Organizers of the Wheelin' Sportsmen Savannah River Site Mobility Impaired Hunt earned the 2009 Group Partnership Achievement award. The 2008 event saw 27 hunters take advantage of the only turkey hunt allowed at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site. Seventeen turkeys

were taken during the two-day hunt. Scott Ray, Tal Mims and Keith Lawrence accepted the award.

The **Conservation Education** category recognizes conservation and education projects for wild turkey restoration, management and conservation.

The 2009 Conservation Education Award went to the Becky Ewing and Kari Kirschbaum of the Ironton Ranger District and Supervisor's Office of Ohio's Wayne National Forest, which has partnered with the local chapter of the NWTF to provide several events and new venues for sportsmen with disabilities in the national forest during the past five years. Kari Kirschbaum received the award.

The **Heritage Leadership Award** is presented to a Regional Forester in recognition of leadership and accomplishments that strengthen and expand the partnership between the Forest Service and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The **2009 Heritage and Leadership award** was presented to Corbin Newman, the Southwestern Regional Forester.

Submitted By: Ted Schenck, USFS & NWTF Liaison

Change of Leadership at Quail Unlimited

Excerpted from News Release

The Quail Unlimited Board of Directors announced March 16 that they accepted the resignation of President Rocky Evans. They expressed their deepest appreciation for his years of service and leadership of the organization. Evans was one of the co-founders and has served as one its leaders since 1981. Craig Alderman, the Director of Marketing for Quail Unlimited since 2006, is the new President.

[Link to article](#)

Submitted By: Gail Tunberg, USFS/R3/WFRP

Genetic Wildlife Sampling - NY Times Article

A nice article on non-invasive wildlife work through genetics in the NYTimes. Features Mike Schwartz at RMRS.

[Link to article](#)

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

Turtle Conservation and Health Concerns

Press Release (March 11, 2009) from Center for Biological Diversity

Conservation and Health groups petitioned eight state state wildlife and health agencies to end fresh water turtle harvests. The petition is asking for a ban on commercial harvest of freshwater turtles in all public and private waters. The petition states commercial-harvest regulations are needed to prevent further depletions of native turtle populations and to protect public health. Freshwater turtles collected and sold domestically as food or exported to international food markets are often contaminated with mercury, PCBs, and pesticides.

[Link](#)

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

Forest Service Websites on Global Climate Change – Effects on Birds & Trees

Forest Service's Northern Research Station in Delaware, Ohio, led by **Dr. Louis Iverson**, recently launched an updated, user-friendly version of their Global Climate Change Atlas that shows possible range changes for eastern tree and bird species as affected by the three most commonly used global climate change scenarios.

Climate Change & Tree Atlas --- http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/atlas/tree/tree_atlas.html

Climate Change & Bird Atlas --- <http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/atlas/bird/index.html>

Submitted By: Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

Hundreds attend global warming protest.
[looku.com]



Coming Events – Conferences & Meetings:

TES – Threatened and Endangered Species

2009 Bat Conservation and Management Workshop

Bat Conservation International is hosting a workshop on bat conservation and management.

Locations: Mammoth Cave, KY and Barree, PA

Dates: Kentucky: July 14 – 19, 2009 Pennsylvania: August 14 – 19, 2009

[More Information](#)

Contact: Peg Lau Hee, 512-327-9721 or workshops@batcon.org

NatureServe Conferences – Still Time to Register

Held in conjunction with the Northeast Natural Heritage Conference.

Gettysburg, PA

April 20-24, 2009

[More information](#)

[Northeast Natural Heritage Conference Agenda](#) (April 19-21)

[NatureServe Conservation Conference Agenda](#) (April 22-24)

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

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Technical Information & Publications:

GENERAL/CROSS AREA

National Forest Service Library – What Do YOU Want?

What journals, databases and other literature sources do you want access? NFSL is seeking input on future purchases and priorities. Items will be provided through the NFSL website. You need not send items already available through DigiTop/USDA as NFSL doesn't want to duplicate efforts.

Contact: Julie Blankenburg, jblankenburg@fs.fed.us

Submitted By: Julie Blankenburg, USFS/FPL/NFSL

National Forest Service Library – Traveling Booth at Your Meeting?

NFSL has a traveling information booth (about NFSL services) and they will come to your meeting! Help spread the word about literature sources like NFSL and DigiTop. You'd be surprised how many people don't know about these great resources (we sure are!).

Contact: Julie Blankenburg, jblankenburg@fs.fed.us

Submitted By: Julie Blankenburg, USFS/FPL/NFSL

WILDLIFE

Birds of Conservation Concern 2008 – Publication Available

Fish and Wildlife Service announced the availability of the publication, *Birds of Conservation Concern 2008*. This publication identifies species, subspecies, and populations of migratory and non-migratory birds in need of additional conservation actions. Intent is to stimulate coordinated and collaborative proactive conservation actions between Federal, State, tribal, and private partners.

[Download Birds of Conservation Concern 2008
Federal Register Announcement – Vol. 74, No. 49](#)

Submitted By: Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

U.S. State of the Birds Report Released

Excerpted from News Release

“Decline of Bird Species Signals a Warning”...Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today announced the release of the first ever *U.S. State of the Birds* report. Based on a new analysis of 40 years of data, the report was developed by a partnership among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, state government wildlife agencies and non-governmental organizations. The report documents the decline of bird populations in many habitats due to habitat loss, invasive species and other factors. At the same time, it provides heartening examples of how sustained habitat conservation and other environmental efforts can reverse the decline of many bird species.

Download Report: www.stateofthebirds.org

Submitted By: Jina Mariani, USFS/WO/WFW

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Training and Tools:

GENERAL/CROSS AREA

Webinar: Decision Analysis: Supporting Environmental Decision Makers

DATE: March 31, 2009

FREE

Joint EPA Board of Scientific Councilors/National Risk Management Research Laboratory workshop introduces the field of decision analysis and stimulate dialogue among leading thinkers within ORD about the value of quantitative analysis in informing research investment and prioritization decisions.

Workshop Agenda: <http://www.scgcorp.com/decision09>

Two Remote Participation Options:

1. Views slides on-line via webinar site and listen to presentations via the telephone.

<http://portal.epa.gov/webconference>

2. Download slides (PDF) prior to the workshop and listen to presentations via the telephone. Presentations slides (PDF) are available for download at two locations:

A. the workshop website, <http://www.scgcorp.com/decision09>

B. the webinar website, <http://portal.epa.gov/webconference>

Webinar Access:

Register for the webinar website prior to the workshop to enroll for the conference.

<http://portal.epa.gov/webconference>

Webinar Name: NRMRL/OSP Decision Analysis Workshop

Conference Key: 112233

Conference Code (morning session): 380405

Conference Code (afternoon session): 380410

Telephone Access: 1-866-299-3188

Telephone Code: 5135697635#

Supporting Information:

No cost to attend the workshop in person or join remotely.

In person participants should register in advance via the workshop website,

<http://www.scgcorp.com/decision09>

Submitted By: Julie Blankenburg, USFS/FPL/NFSL

Webinar Forest and Woodlands Ecosystem Seminar Series

Mondays – 2:00 pm EST

Broadcast via Video Conferencing and/or Web interface

Join RMRS for informal seminars highlighting some of the noteworthy research being conducted by Forest and Woodland Ecosystem (FWE) scientists and associates. Anyone is welcome to attend. Up coming presentations:

- April 6 - Initial changes on the forest floor in mulching fuel treatments
- April 20 - High elevation 5 needle pines
- April 27 - Mixed conifer fire history, climate, and comparison with Cheesman Lake fire history

Contact & Connection Instructions: Mike Battaglia, 970-498-1286 or mbattaglia@fs.fed.us

Submitted By: Marc Bosch, USFS/WO/WFW

Endangered Species Act for Line Officers

Dates: May 4 - 7, 2009

Location: San Diego, CA (one of the best priced travel deals around)

Vendor: Lewis & Clark College - Environmental & Natural Resource Law School (rated top in this arena)

[More Information](#)

[Lewis & Clark College workshop information](#)

[Part of our WFW Continuing Education program.](#)

Focus on provisions of ESA and other laws governing species management, agency policies, procedures, and taking action to prevent listings. Review of law and agency policy relating to the

management of threatened, endangered, and sensitive species. Particular attention will be paid to building appropriate administrative records of decisions, and the roles of all the players. Discuss Agency and Line Officer obligations for consultation and recovery under the ESA. Interactive lectures, roundtable discussions, exercises, a field trip, and panels are used to facilitate learning. Challenging case studies are used to explore managing TES species across landscapes and jurisdictions in an effort to develop best management practices.

Anyone wanting to register, but having problems with AgLearn are welcome to contact Shelly Witt; will get people registered in a few minutes.

FYI - filling out the SF182 in AgLearn does not "Register" you. It is a different process.

Submitted By: Shelly Witt, USFS/WO/WFW

AIR

Stream Water Sampling Training – Available Online

Over the past year, representatives from the Air Program have been working with Missoula Technology & Development Center (MTDC) to produce an on-line training video for stream water sampling, and it has been completed! The video is now available at the MTDC website or by clicking on the link below. MaryAnn Davies, MTDC, was the lead on this project. Ann Mebane, Barb Gauthier and Cindy Huber, with help from Louise O'Deen, John Potyondy and Bob Musselman, provided technical support as well as others. The program really appreciates all who helped by reviewing the **many** versions of the script and early cuts of the video. We hope you enjoy the product and find it useful.

FYI, MTDC will begin working on the companion lake sampling video later this spring and into the summer. These products will provide part of the training materials for the National Surface Water Chemistry Monitoring Protocol that the Air Program is overseeing.

[Internal/Intranet Stream Water Sampling Training Link](#)

Submitted By: Ann Acheson, USFS/WO/WFW

WILDLIFE

Wheelin' Sportsment NWTF Offering Training – Creating Hunting Opportunities

DATES: April 15-16, 2009

REGISTER: by April 1, 2009

Offered for any Forest Service employee to create disabled hunter opportunities on National Forests. Workshop introduces Forest Service employees to Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF and provides training enabling Forest Service employees to host quality outdoor activities on their National Forests. This training is facilitated by the National Wild Turkey Federation, USFS-Savannah River, and the Francis Marion National Forest.

Contact: Scott Ray, 803-725-8718

Submitted By: Rex Ennis, USFS/R8/BPR

Sharing Success:

Read success stories at our **USFS Success Story Reporting System**. Have a USFS Success? Share it through the USFS Success Story Reporting System.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/ssrs/index.php> - NOW ON WWW!

ARRA and the Forest Service – People Go To Work Reducing Wildfire Hazards

March 17, 2009, marked one month since President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the award of two contracts by the Deschutes National Forest to put forty people to work reducing hazardous fuels in Central Oregon. Six days later, the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests awarded two more contracts to hire another one hundred people.

By Leah Anderson

[More Information](#)

Vacancies/Employment Opportunities:

WO

WO/WFW – BAER/LaSER Program Leader – Out Reach

Physical Scientist - Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) and Large Scale Event Recover (LaSER and Large Scale Event Recovery (LaSER) Programs Leader
GS13/14 Series 0401/1301

This is a "Not to Exceed" two year virtual position.

This position is advertised Service-wide only

Contact: Ronald Dunlap at 202-205-1790 or rdunlap@fs.fed.us

REGION 3

Forest Wildlife Biologist - Apache-Sitgreaves NFs

The Apache-Sitgreaves NFs is re-advertising the Forest Biologist position GS-486-12. The announcement is open from March 17 to April 14, 2009.

ADS09-R3-AS-1137DP (P-CL) (DEMO) and ADS09-R3-AS-1137G (P-CL) (Govt-wide)

Contact: Deb Bumpus, dbumpus@fs.fed.us

www.usajobs.opm.gov

REGION 5

Deputy Forest Supervisor – Stanislaus NF – Out Reach

ADS07-WOJOBS-0031G

Apply to this vacancy announcement in AVUE Digital Services –

<http://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html>

Access the vacancy announcement through USAJOBS – <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov> - note you will be redirected to apply through the AVUE website.

When applying, YOU MUST SPECIFY "Sonora, CA" AS THE DUTY STATION

Contact: Susan Skalski, 209-532-3671 x232 or slbearden@fs.fed.us

REGION 6

Wildlife Biologist & Recreation Planner - Malheur, Umatilla & Wallowa-Whitman NFs

Recreation Planner, GS-0023-12; recreation, scenery, cultural, wsr, wilderness, roads & trails.

Announcement AD09-PACNW-REG-4364 (DN), it closes on 4/14. Duty station is Baker City.

Wildlife Biologist, GS-12; ADS09-R6WW-4380G (P-JL) GS-0401-12 opened today 3/19 and closes 4/16. Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision wildlife/fish position, duty station Baker City, Oregon.

Both are revision IDT core team positions and both are responsible for several resources.

The draft proposed action (the draft revised plan) has been sent in for RO/WO review. We hope to begin scoping this summer. We intend to use an EIS to approve our plan.

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REGION 8

Air Quality Specialist - National Forests in Florida

GS-0401-9/11, Air Quality Specialist position

Position located on National Forests in Florida, Tallahassee, FL. Want to be part of a great team? The air folks in Region 8 operate as a team although they are located on different Forests throughout the Region. This is a dynamic, innovative group of people addressing key air quality issues for the Agency.

Access announcement through [USA Jobs](#):

ADS09-NFFL-0992DP (PTMS), Closes 3/30/09 (OPEN TO US CITIZENS)

ADS09-NFFL-0992G (PTMS), Closes 4/13/09 (Open to Current Federal Employees)

The announcements contain the information on specific eligibility requirements.

Contact: Anthony Mathews, 850-523-8520, jmatthews@fs.fed.us

Wildlife Biologist – Ouachita NF – Outreach Notice

GS-0486-12, Wildlife Biologist

Position located on Ouachita NF, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Position is part of the staff of the Integrated Resource Management Unit. This is a non-supervisory position. The incumbent is supervised by the Staff Officer for Integrated Resource Management.

- Provides Forest-wide leadership and serves as Program Manager for all wildlife management programs including those for terrestrial endangered, threatened, or sensitive animals
- Provides Forest-wide budget coordination for negotiating/assigning targets, planning work, expending funds, and reporting accomplishments for wildlife programs.
- Serves as the senior wildlife subject matter expert and advisor for Rangers, Staff and Forest Supervisor.

Qualification requirements can be seen at

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/IORs/gS0400/0486.htm>, plus <https://www.opm.gov/qualifications/sec-iv/A/GS-PROF.asp>

More information on jobs with the US Forest Service, contact our website at www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs.

This vacancy will be announced through Avue Digital Services (AVUE) on www.usajobs.opm.gov

Wildlife Biologist – Ozark-St. Francis NF

GS-0486-12, Wildlife Biologist

Open Continuous Register

#ADS08-FSJOBS-(WldBio)-0043G & DP

Applications need to be created in AVUE by COB April 3, 2009

Contact: Gregory A. Hatfield, 479-964-7726

GIS Specialist - National Forests in Florida

Outreach for a Biological Scientist (GS-401-11)

Position located at the Osceola NF near Lake City, FL and will serve as the **Zone GIS Specialist** for the Osceola NF (50%) and Apalachicola NF (25%). In addition, the position will assist the Forest GIS coordinator in the implementation of a variety of national applications (e.g., FSVeg, FACTS, INFRA) and will assist with training GIS users forest-wide on the integration of National applications with GIS (25%).

Contact: Jason Drake, jasondrake@fs.fed.us

GIS Specialist/Trainee (GS 5/ 7/ 9)

USA Jobs (<http://www.usajobs.com/>)

Position located in the Supervisor's Office in Tallahassee, FL

GS-1301-5/7/9

Gov: ADS09-R8NFFL-1138G1 (PTMS). Control # 1508638. Closes 4/16/09 (Status Candidates)

DP: ADS09-R8NFFL-1138DP1 (PTMS). Control # 1508655. Closes 4/2/09 (Public)

GS-0401-5/7/9

Gov: ADS09-R8NFFL-1138G (PTMS). Control # 1508630. Closes 4/16/09 (Status Candidates)

DP: ADS09-R8NFFL-1138DP (PTMS). Control # 1508646. Closes 4/2/09 (Public)

Contact: Jason Drake, jasondrake@fs.fed.us

REGION 9

Wildlife Biologists - Hoosier National Forest - southern Indiana

The Hoosier is a small forest with a strong wildlife program; early successional habitat, barrens and dry forest restoration, karst and support to other programs.

www.usajobs.gov

ADS08-FSJOBS-(WildBio)-0040G for those who have career **status** with a federal government agency and **ADS08-FSJOBS-(WildBio)-0040DP** for those who do not have career status with a federal government agency.

GS-0486-11 at Tell City, IN

Position oversees the forest wildlife program, supervises Bedford RD biologist, a fishery biologist and a biological technician.

GS-0486-9/11at Bedford, IN

Position oversees the wildlife program on the Brownstown Ranger District and supervises one biological technician.

Contact: Gary Dinkel, 812-547-9237, gdinkel@fs.fed.us

OTHER VACANCIES

BLM

Fishery Biologist, GS-0482-12/13

Announcement No: ID-Merit-2009-0078

Opens: 03/12/09 Closes: 04/01/09

Location: ISO - Boise, ID

Area of Consideration: Open to any current or former Federal Employee with competitive civil service status, reinstatement, or special hiring authority eligibility.

To apply go to the website address: [Fishery Biologist](#)

For more information about BLM Idaho: [BLM Idaho Careers Page](#)

USGS

Wildlife, Terrestrial and Endangered Resources Program Coordinator

HQ-2009-0122, Biologist, GS-0401-15 (WY-MP) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

HQ-2009-0123, Biologist, GS-0401-15 (WY-DEU) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

HQ-2009-0127, Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-15 (WY-MP) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

HQ-2009-0129, Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-15 (WY-DEU) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

HQ-2009-0128, Ecologist, GS-0408-15 (WY-MP) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

HQ-2009-0130, Ecologist, GS-0408-15 (WY-DEU) March 11, 2009 - April 21, 2009

Link to program website: <http://biology.usgs.gov/wter/>

Link to USAJOBS: <http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Arizona

Natural Resources Manager & Cultural Resource Specialist

<https://secure.azstatejobs.gov>

Natural Resources Manager

Job ID: 1000047226

Req Name: WBG47226

Location: Phoenix

Department: Military Affairs & Emergency Management

Salary Range: \$33,000-\$56,000

Cultural Resources Specialist

Job ID: 1000047225

Req Name: WBG47225

Location: Phoenix

Department: Military Affairs & Emergency Management

Salary Range: \$33,000-\$56,000

Apply: Interested candidates must submit a resume at www.azstatejobs.gov. Preference will be given to first to DEMA employees and AZNG members, next to other State employees, and then to all others. Resumes are to be submitted no later than 03/31/09.

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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.

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