



Coronado National Forest

Outreach Notice



Join our team on the Coronado National Forest!
Pathways Intern Range Management, GS-0499-5

The Coronado National Forest is looking to hire a Student Trainee (Biological Sciences with Range Management emphasis), GS-0499-5. The Coronado National Forest is one of the most diverse National Forests in the nation, with a multitude of issues and opportunities that bring national attention to the Forest. We are seeking an innovative and motivated individual willing and able to continue our efforts in being an employer of choice.

APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION

You must be currently enrolled in a degree program leading to a graduate degree in natural resources and range ecology. Current students interested in the available position should apply on USAJOBS.gov March 11-15. The announcement number in USAJobs is **19-NCH-SRM-499-345-454-INT**. Applicants should choose Nogales AZ as their duty station.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Pathways Internship position is located at the Nogales Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest in Nogales, Arizona and serves as an Intern in support of the District Range Management Program. Specific disciplines covered in this position include range and invasive species management, but may include other natural resources as needed. **This is an indefinite intern position that does have conversion potential to a full-time Rangeland Management Specialist.** This position will give the intern valuable land management experience.

This position performs professional work conserving, developing, and managing rangelands. The primary duties for this position include assisting the District Staff Rangeland Management Specialist with the management of the Rangeland Management

and Invasive Plant Species programs. Administration of grazing permits includes allotment and pasture inspections, trend and condition monitoring in upland and riparian settings, annual utilization monitoring, and documentation of allotment visits and conversations with permittees. Communication with grazing permittees is a key part of this position. The specialist will record allotment inspections, conversations, and monitoring information for use in decision making. The specialist will cooperatively develop Annual Operating Instructions with permittees for the grazing season. The specialist will provide recommendations on range improvement projects, order materials within budget constraints and ensure the projects are completed to Forest Service standards

On a scheduled basis, following the Pathways Participant Agreement, the intern will receive assignments in various Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences functions to gain an understanding of the various program concepts and operations, develop an understanding of the total mission as well as organizational/functional interrelationships, and develop a foundation for more specialized application of knowledge gained from on-the-job training assignments.

ABOUT THE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST

The Coronado National Forest consists of five Ranger Districts and a Supervisor's Office. One District office is located in each of the following Southern Arizona communities: Douglas, Nogales, Safford, and Sierra Vista. The Santa Catalina District office is located in Tucson, as is the Supervisor's Office.

Mission Statement

Our Forest mission is to sustain the unique biodiversity of the Sky Island ecosystems and provide a variety of high quality visitor opportunities and services within the capabilities of these ecosystems. We promote the use of prescribed fire as an important tool in maintaining healthy ecosystems. We will continue to enhance our organizational effectiveness and community partnerships.

Vision

The Sky Islands of the Coronado National Forest are healthy ecosystems with an abundant and diverse flora and fauna. They provide an array of high quality outdoor recreation opportunities with an emphasis on enhancing visitor understanding and enjoyment of the Forest's special natural and cultural resources. Rural communities and urban residents collaborate with the Forest Service. Our employees are highly valued as conservation leaders.

The importance of working together to manage all the natural resources grows every year. Partnerships and volunteers increase the Coronado National Forest's stewardship capacity by connecting people within communities and meeting natural resource goals. Today, collaboration has become essential to fulfilling the Forest Service mission of "Caring for the Land and Serving People." Communities, landowners, corporations, non-profit organizations, and citizens are critical components. They help develop long-range management plans and implement conservation and stewardship projects.

Working with other federal, state, and local agencies; user groups; and unique organizations such as Customs and Border Patrol, who want to be involved in public land management, is critical to provide the setting and products available on the Forest.

ABOUT THE NOGALES RANGER DISTRICT

The District is diverse in landscapes and vegetation. It is primarily a high desert mixed of Cacti, Mesquite, brush and Oak with rolling hillsides of grass in the lower elevations, Juniper and Manzanita predominating in the middle and higher elevations ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and aspen in the Sky Islands upper elevations. The District occupies approximately 380,000 acres; 10,000 acres of this is located inside the Santa Rita Mtns Wilderness.

The district supports different species of anadromous fish, engages in numerous ecosystem restoration activities, small firewood sales, retains grazing allotments for cattle, participates in local model watersheds, maintains trails, campgrounds, roads, performs reforestation and fuel reduction improvements activities, develop native grass seeding programs, implement prescribed fire projects, and more.

DUTY STATION: District Office, Nogales, Arizona

LOCATION: The Coronado National Forest comprises the southern most part of Arizona. It is a series of sky Island mountain ranges, desert rolling hills, and grassland, and dominated by agricultural uses such as various

recreation use, ranches, and cattle. Tucson, Arizona houses the Coronado National Forest Supervisor's Office approximately 80 miles to the north of Nogales.

Nogales is about 80 miles south of Tucson, and is the largest town in Santa Cruz County. It is a full service community of approximately 35,000 residents with a hospital, primary care center, dentist, chiropractor, numerous churches, grocery store, five banks, hotels, eating establishments, gas stations, pharmacy, hardware store, several small businesses, museum, and a library. Just to the south of I-19, Nogales borders Nogales, Mexico.

The nearby mountains and desert lakes provide for several outdoor recreational opportunities such as camping, hunting, fishing, boating and hiking. Local recreation opportunities include a city park with a tennis court, swimming pools, and golf courses.

EDUCATION: The public school system in Nogales and Rio Rico have very good marks for the quality of education provided in grades K-12. There are several colleges in the surrounding area such as Pima Community College, Cochise Community College, University of Phoenix (with a branch in Tucson), and the University of Arizona.

HOUSING: Government housing is not available. Apartments rent from \$350-\$700 a month, house rentals are available and rent is \$500-1,000. Housing to purchase is available and range from \$90,000-\$200,000.

CLIMATE: The Santa Rita Mountains range in elevation from approximately 3,500 feet in Nogales to 9,800 feet at Mtn Wrightson Wilderness. Northwest and Southwest weather patterns influence local climate, which extends over most of the Forest with hot dry summers and cool winters. Average precipitation ranges from 8 inches in Nogales to 14

inches on the District, falling mainly from July through September. In the higher elevations this is mostly in the form of snow in the winter months.

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