



## Coronado National Forest

# Vacancy Notice



*Join our team on the Coronado National Forest!*

**Natural Resource Specialist,  
Temporary Promotion, GS-0401-12**

The Coronado National Forest in southern Arizona will soon be detailing a temporary promotion **Natural Resource Specialist** position Not To Exceed 120 days. This outreach notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. The position workstation will be at the Supervisor's Office in Tucson, Arizona. We are a complex Forest with a multitude of challenges and opportunities that bring national attention. We are seeking a dynamic, innovative and motivated individual willing and able to contribute creatively and collaboratively to reclamation project design and management.

### **APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION**

We expect this position to be filled sometime in March. Interested applicants should complete the attached outreach form by **March 6, 2020**, and email it, along with a resume, to Emma Williams at [emma.williams@usda.gov](mailto:emma.williams@usda.gov). Interest packages will be considered until position is filled.

### **Position:**

This is a temporary project manager position responsible for performing planning, coordination, and oversight for an ongoing large scale reclamation and revegetation project of degraded mine lands administered under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**Duties (not all inclusive):**

Responsible for gathering all the appropriate information in order to develop, budget, and effectively implement the immediate and long-range reclamation and restoration plans in the assigned area. Serves as contact for facilitating the project planning efforts between inter- and intra-agency and non-government organizations. If changes are required to the unit plan components, recommends changes based on founded results or new technical data.

Applies required expertise in botany, restoration ecology, soil fertility, physical and biological properties of soil, and floodplain and wetland delineation and restoration to develop project goals, objectives and implementation design methods consistent with national, regional, state, and forest standards, policies, and guidelines. Examples of project activities include, but are not limited to: site preparation for native plant seeding and planting including substantial earth work, installation of erosion control measures, soil quality assessments, and prescribing soil amendments; assessment of active revegetation priorities and development of native restoration seed species pallets, application rates and timing, and application techniques in unique sky island vegetation communities on large disturbance footprints; obliteration of temporary roads in sensitive areas; development of environmental documents for watershed restoration and range improvement projects under NEPA.

Apply experience as Contracting Officer Representative to facilitate proper development of contract requirements and ensure contractors meet commitment of their contracts.

Collaborate with existing partners and develop new partners to leverage local resources for successful and efficient project outcomes.

Coordinate and consult with interdisciplinary teams of engineering, hydrology, wildlife, range, archeology, and fire management specialists to manage complex projects with multiple resource objectives.

Coordinate, direct, and oversee on-site implementation conducted by heavy equipment operators, technicians, partners, and volunteers to ensure activities follows specification of implementation design methods quality standards. Mentor trainees and partners on evaluating compliance with critical quality control standards for a variety of implementation methods.

### **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.

## **Priorities**

Biological diversity  
Quality outdoor recreation opportunities  
Fire protection and management  
Public relations and collaboration  
Organizational effectiveness

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; non-Government organizations; 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.

## **THE TUCSON COMMUNITY**

Tucson is a wonderful place to experience the culture and traditions of Southern Arizona. Education, real estate, shopping, and entertainment opportunities are comparable with other major US cities of similar size (over 500,000 people live within the Tucson city limits, and the greater Tucson area is home to almost one million people). Tucson has been continuously settled for over 12,000 years.

Tucson celebrates a diversity of cultures, architecture, and people. It is recognized as the premier health services center for the Southwest, the astronomy center of the world, home of a premier research institution - The University of Arizona - and a popular tourism destination.

Tucson is also one of the oldest towns in the United States. Today's city was originally an Indian village called *Schookson*, meaning "*spring at the foot of a black mountain.*" In 1775, the Tucson Presidio was established and August 20, 1775, is considered Tucson's birthday. Spanish settlers arrived in the area in 1776, and Tucson officially became part of the United States with the Gadsden Purchase of 1854. Tucson served as capital of the Arizona Territory from 1867 to 1877.

Tucson's rich cultural heritage centers on a unique blend of Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American influences. Blessed with the natural beauty of the Sonoran

Desert and an unsurpassed climate of 300 sunny days a year, Tucsonans embrace a unique lifestyle and are committed to preserving that quality of life.

Additional information about Tucson, AZ, can be found at these websites:

[www.visittucson.org/visitor/about/relocation/](http://www.visittucson.org/visitor/about/relocation/)

<http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/>

[www.city-data.com/city/Tucson-Arizona.html](http://www.city-data.com/city/Tucson-Arizona.html)

**Climate:** Tucson's climate varies from the 2,400-foot Sonoran Desert Basin to the 9,100-foot forests of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The city's dry desert air and winter sunshine make it a popular health and winter resort. More information on climate and links can be found at: [http://wc.pima.edu/~bfiero/tucsonecology/climate/climate\\_home.htm](http://wc.pima.edu/~bfiero/tucsonecology/climate/climate_home.htm)

**Education:** The Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) is the second-largest district in Arizona and the 52<sup>nd</sup> largest district in the United States. The district operates 74 elementary schools, 20 middle schools, 10 high schools and 9 alternative programs. To meet the needs of 63,000 children, over 8,000 regular employees work for TUSD. The University of Arizona main campus is near downtown Tucson, Pima Community College provides six campuses distributed across the city, and independent institutions such as the University of Phoenix and ITT Technical Institute offer flexible education in business and technology applications.

**Housing:** A wide variety of housing options exist in Tucson and adjacent communities with home prices ranging from \$150,000-\$550,000 and up. Median new home prices are about \$235,000 and median rent is \$658, but can range significantly higher depending on location. Census bureau data for housing can be viewed at:

<http://www.infoplease.com/us/census/data/arizona/tucson/housing.html>

**Churches:** Churches of most denominations can be found within a 10-mile radius, including but not limited to: Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Seventh-Day Adventist and Non-Denominational. A complete listing of churches and a search engine can be found at:

<http://www.church.org/church-directory/tucson-arizona-churches/>

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## Outreach Interest for Natural Resource Specialist

Please respond by March 6, 2020

Please indicate your interest in this position by completing and submitting this form by email to Rachael Hohl, rhohl@fs.fed.us. This will help us determine the level of interest of prospective candidates in this opportunity. Thank you.

### **Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Work History**

Are you a current federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Employed with: USFS \_\_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type of appointment: Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Current Region/Forest/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Title/Series/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, please indicate your eligibility to be hired under any of the following authorities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Persons with Disabilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran
- \_\_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Are you a student? \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N

If yes, part or full time \_\_\_\_\_ P/F

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Y/N

Degree or Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe why you would be a strong candidate for this position.**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS CAREER OPPORTUNITY!***