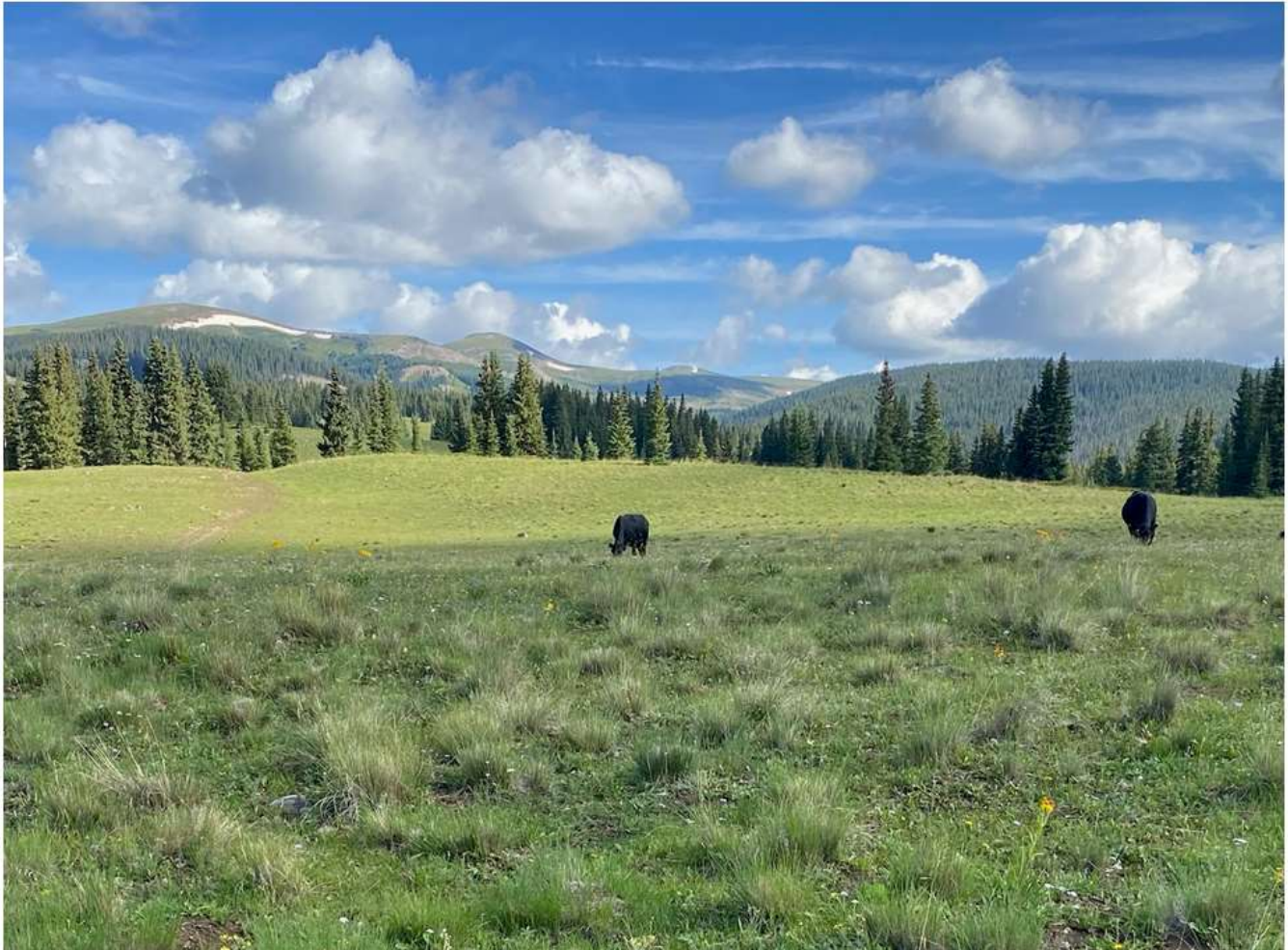


**USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests**



Gunnison Ranger District



Rangeland Management Specialist

GS-0454-09/11

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT

PLEASE REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Position:

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests located in Western Colorado is seeking a Permanent Candidate to serve as the District Range Staff with a duty station in Gunnison, CO. This outreach notice is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the opportunity and to establish the appropriate method and area of consideration for the advertisements.

Program Background: The GMUG has one of the largest range programs of any forest in the Rocky Mountain Region. The program encompasses 2.6 million acres in 150 allotments across five ranger districts, 211 permittees, authorizing 248,297 AUMs and 239,696 head months (2020 Annual Grazing Statistical Report). Forest rangelands include a diversity of ecosystems, from desert salt shrub, to pinyon/juniper, oakbrush, ponderosa pine, aspen, mixed conifer, spruce-fir and alpine tundra.

Gunnison Ranger District: The Range program covers over 1.2 million acres with an array of management situations and ecological settings including 8 designated wilderness areas. The program administers 71 allotments and 41 permittees. These allotments include both cattle and sheep grazing authorizing approximately 56,072 Animal Unit Months from late spring until late fall.

Major Duties: The Rangeland Management Specialist will supervise three permanent full time Rangeland Management Specialists and one permanent Range Technician as well as additional field seasonal support.



Major duties include the administration and oversight of the Gunnison Ranger District Range Program. Specific tasks associated with this position will require the incumbent to perform and supervise the administration of grazing permits, develop and adhere to Allotment Management Plans, coordinate with staff and permittees on Annual Operating Instructions, maintain and track the District's Noxious Weed Program, plan and analyze implementation and effectiveness monitoring, manage the District stock program, provide leadership and support for local NEPA efforts, as well as other duties as assigned.

What we are looking for in a Candidate: The District Ranger is looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, excellent communicator, outdoor-oriented person to join our team. The physical setting is stunning, and the work is diverse and challenging. To be successful in this job you must be a self-starter and have a demonstrated track record of competently working in challenging resource and social settings in an ever-changing dynamic environment.

About the GMUG Forest: The GMUG National Forest encompasses 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: Grand Valley with offices in Grand Junction, Paonia office is located in Paonia, Gunnison office is located in Gunnison, Ouray office is located in Montrose, and Norwood office is located in Norwood.

The GMUG contains 3,163,131 acres with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. The climate at lower elevations is warm and arid while the high country is cold in the winter and warm most of the summer months. The Forest is an ideal winter and summer recreation area. The Forest has three ski areas, 43 communities, and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a 250,000 population. Cost of living is one of the lowest in the country in lower elevations and among the highest in the country near the ski areas. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: <http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/> and external web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/>



Community Information:

About Gunnison: The town of Gunnison sits at an elevation of 7,703' on the Western Slope of Colorado, along the beautiful Gunnison River and Tomichi Creek. Gunnison is home to roughly 6,700 residents and is the county seat for Gunnison County which has a population of about 17,000 people. Gunnison provides services to the rural county, including a top 100 critical access hospital, Gunnison Valley Health. The Town of Crested Butte is located 28 miles north of Gunnison and boasts a funky and vibrant community scene.

The Gunnison area – locally known as Gunnison Country – is widely known for its ranching history, endless public land access,

and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. Such activities include world renown hiking and mountain biking; hundreds of miles of motorized trails; horseback riding, eight spectacular wilderness areas; rock climbing; rafting the Taylor River and Gunnison town run; kayaking at the town whitewater park; skiing at Crested Butte Mountain Resort and Monarch Ski Area; Nordic skiing on the many miles of groomed ski trails maintained by the local Nordic clubs; fishing miles of public water or sportfishing for the largest trout in the state on Blue Mesa and Taylor Park reservoirs; golfing at 2 beautiful private courses; and hunting in some of the most coveted units in the state.

Gunnison is a full- service community with various small shops and restaurants. There are 2 major grocery stores and a small Walmart. The Gunnison Art Center hosts many creative community events and live music opportunities. The Town of Crested Butte is home to local shopping experiences and delicious restaurants. It stems from mining history and has a vibrant feel of housing. As far as resort towns go, Crested Butte has a funky reputation including many festivals and the annual fall celebration, Vinotok. There is free public transportation that connects Gunnison and Crested Butte and provides bus transportation services around both towns. The Gunnison Regional Airport services daily flights to Denver and offers more flight options to Houston and Dallas during the summer and winter seasons.

The Gunnison Watershed School District includes the Lake Preschool and Kindergarten, Gunnison Elementary School, Gunnison Middle School, Gunnison High School, and Crested Butte Community School (elementary and secondary). The Gunnison community is home to many young families and hosts various educational and family-friendly events and outreach programs. Western Colorado University, located in Gunnison, is inspiring the next generation with over 100 programs in a small university setting.

The climate in Gunnison can be challenging and rewarding. Summers are gorgeous with an average high of 82 degrees in July. The area enjoys beautiful wildflowers and fall colors. Since Gunnison is in the bottom of several valleys, cold air settles making Gunnison one of the coldest places in the US. Winters can be quite chilly with the average low of -8 degrees in January. Winter brings low temps but also plenty of the white, fluffy stuff. The area is home to 2 ski areas and abundant backcountry ski opportunities. There are multiple areas open to over the snow motorized activities, including the Kebler Pass area which receives over 400 inches of snowfall annually. The cold temperatures also provide for unique ice-skating opportunities on Blue Mesa and other alpine lakes, and a robust community passion for hockey.

More information can be obtained from the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce at www.gunnison-co.com and from the Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce at www.cbchamber.com

Responding to Outreach:

If you are interested in this rewarding position, please complete the attached outreach form and send to Dayle Funka, District Ranger at dayle.funka@usda.gov.

If you are unable to submit the response electronically, you can submit the form via mail to:

Gunnison Ranger District
Attention: Dayle Funka
216 N Colorado Street
Gunnison, CO 81230

Please feel free to contact Dayle Funka at (970) 596-4854 or dayle.funka@usda.gov for specific questions and/or to visit about this exciting position opportunity.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile? _____

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

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Current Position Title: _____

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How did you hear about this position? _____

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Interested in: Temp Promotion/Detail _____ Virtual Detail _____ Permanent _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

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- ____ Veterans Readjustment
- ____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
- ____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- ____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
- ____ Other _____

Submission of this form and any supporting documents such as a resume is voluntary – Thank you for your interest