The Humboldt-Toiyabe (H-T) National Forest will soon be filling three GS-0462-8/9 District Fuels Specialists (Prescribed Fire/Fuels) with duty locations of Ely, Austin or Tonopah Nevada (Central Nevada Zone), Las Vegas, Nevada and Bridgeport, California.

The H-T is seeking motivated, innovative and resourceful individuals to join in the management of this truly unique National Forest. These positions offer a variety of opportunities for individuals to develop skills and enjoy a myriad of career experiences. The Forest is looking for candidates who are creative problem-solvers, who can work well with other employees and programs in order to accomplish priority work and meet Forest objectives.

**DUTIES**

Participates in the planning and implementation of fire management projects such as hazardous fuel reduction projects, wildlife habitat improvement or enhancement, watershed management, range improvement projects, or other vegetation management projects. Participates in fuels/fire management program operations, such as technical or analytical work involving prescribed burning and wildland fire suppression operations.

Gathers statistical data from a variety of sources such as instrument readings, measurements, tests, observations, and inspections. Reviews existing guidelines and procedures and develops methodology for current study. Selected applicant will participate in the NEPA process for projects, operate fire and fuels related equipment, write burn plans, utilize various computer programs, and implement projects as part of an interdisciplinary program on small and large landscape scale.

Minimum qualifications of RXB2 currency required and ENGB or CRWB or HMGB or FELB or HEQB currency required. For more details on current qualifications click the following link.


**THE FOREST**

At over 6.3 million acres, the H-T is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with an additional one million acres of land in the eastern part of California, along the Eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas: the Sierra Nevada, central Nevada, northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Nevada portion extends from the Idaho/Oregon border south to Las Vegas, and from the California border east to the Utah border. The Forest administers 5.3 million acres in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties and one million acres in 7 California counties.

**Ely Ranger District**

The Ely Ranger District, which is part of the Central Zone, is one of the original National Forests in Nevada, before being incorporated as a Ranger District. The District covers about 1 million acres with elevations ranging from valley floors around 5000 feet to above tree line at over 12,000 feet. The District has about 20 permanent employees, 15 seasonal employees and hosts a multitude of treasures to explore related to outdoor activities.
Central Zone
The Central Nevada Zone is comprised of the Ely, Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts, which comprise about 3.5 million acres of National Forest Lands. District Offices are located in Ely, Austin and Tonopah, Nevada. The Forest Lands within this zone are located at the higher elevations ranging from about 4000 feet to over 11,000 feet in elevation. With high number acres within and outside of wilderness, there are a variety of strategies and tactics for planned and unplanned ignitions to manage fires, (long-term fire being one of the strategies) within the Zone. The Zone has an aggressive Fuels Management program that covers large landscapes, with an estimated target of about 4,000 acres to 10,000 acres per year. A variety of treatments are utilized: from prescribed fire (utilizing helitorch, PSD and other hand ignition devices) to mechanical (mastication, cut/leave and cut/piling). Currently within the zone, there are large landscape projects that range from 78,000 acres to 220,000 acres in size.

Ely is a small Nevada town located in the eastern center of the state. There are about 10,000 people in all of White Pine County; of which, approximately 6,000 people are in Ely and its surrounding towns. Ely provides full medical services, with medical specialists travelling to the area from Salt Lake City and St. George/Cedar City, Utah. Travel time to the larger areas is about 3.5 hours to Salt Lake City, Cedar City, Las Vegas, or Elko. Other services in the Ely area include multiple grocery stores, hardware/lumber stores, a wide range of restaurant and hotel accommodations, clothing stores, three furniture stores, and a wide variety of specialty shops.

Ely has an elementary school, middle school, and a reasonably new high school with a new state of the art track and football field. Great Basin College also has a campus located in Ely. McGill staffs an elementary school and an elementary school and high school are also located in Lund, approximately 30 miles south of Ely.

White Pine County offers activities for all ages and interests. Community recreational facilities include an 18 hole golf course, neighborhood parks, a warm springs fed outdoor swimming pond in McGill, indoor and outdoor archery ranges, shooting sports complex, and groomed cross country ski trails. Young people enjoy Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Little League baseball and softball, Youth Soccer, Junior Jazz Basketball, and a summer youth recreation program. Adults can participate in bowling and softball leagues, fitness programs, civic groups, special interest clubs, or volunteer to help run the City’s vintage steam locomotive. The Ely area also offers some of the best hunting and fishing opportunities in Nevada.

White Pine County enjoys a high desert climate characterized by clear sunny days, low humidity, and wide temperature swings every day. Summertime temperatures are generally in the 80 to 90 degree range during the day and fall to 45 degrees at night. Winter temperatures range from 20 to 40 degrees during the day, and fall below 0 about 15 to 20 times per year.

For up-to-date listings of residential property, contact Desert Mountain Realty: (www.desertmountainrealty.com, 775-289-3038)

For more information on the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF or the town of Ely please visit: www.fs.fed.us/htnf or www.elynevada.net.

Bridgeport Ranger District
The Bridgeport District encompasses 1.2 million acres and spans 5 mountain ranges. Two-thirds of the district is in Nevada and one-third is in California. The District borders Yosemite National Park and several wilderness areas. Vegetation ranges from high alpine plant communities to salt desert flats.

The District has a robust program of work that covers range, fire and fuels, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, watershed, noxious weeds, minerals, and special uses. There are 40 permanent employees and the District typically hires additional seasonal employees. The District is also home to the US Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center.
The Ranger Station is located in Bridgeport, California, a town of about 800 year-round residents, nestled at the base of the Sierra Nevada. In the summer, the area swells with tourists coming to enjoy the scenic beauty and outstanding fishing opportunities. Bridgeport is about 45 minutes from Yosemite National Park, 1 1/2 hours from Lake Tahoe, and 2 1/2 hours from Reno, Nevada.

Government housing may be available depending on available space. Housing in Bridgeport is limited. Rentals range from $600 to $1000+ per month. A typical 3 bed 2 bath single family home in Bridgeport costs anywhere from $200,000-$350,000+

Bridgeport has a K-8 elementary school. High schools are located in Coleville, California and Lee Vining, California. Churches representing several denominations can be found within the local commuting area. Bridgeport has a small medical clinic, ambulance, and Life-Flight services. Hospitals are located in Gardnerville, Nevada and Mammoth Lakes, California. Bridgeport has a small grocery store and several restaurants/bars.

Annual precipitation in Bridgeport averages 9 inches/year. Total annual snowfall averages 50 inches with most occurring from December to February. Summer highs in Bridgeport rarely reach 90 degrees (F) or above. In winter, low temperatures can reach 30 below zero.

**Spring Mountains Recreation Area (SMNRA)**
The SMNRA, better known to locals as Mount Charleston, is located approximately 40 minutes northwest of downtown Las Vegas and encompasses 316,000 acres of diverse habitat, including pinyon-juniper, mixed conifer, and alpine forests. Over 50 plant and animal species living on the Spring Mountains cannot be found anywhere else on Earth. It is also home to the tallest peak in Southern Nevada – Charleston Peak, at 11,918 feet. Most visitors of the SMNRA are locals who come up to escape the summer heat or to enjoy the winter snow, though there are a fair number of out-of-state and international visitors. Lee Canyon is a popular winter recreation destination.

Las Vegas is situated at the southern tip of Nevada in the Great Basin — the western region between the Sierra Nevada and Wasatch Mountain ranges. The mountains surrounding the valley – Sheep Mountains to the north, Black Mountains to the south, and the Spring Mountains to the west – range from 2,000 to 11,918 feet above sea level. While a dry heat dominates in the summer months, winters are typically mild and pleasant, though occasional high winds are common in late winter and early spring. Summer temperatures can exceed 110 degrees, but there is very little humidity.

Las Vegas is located in Clark County. According to the 2010 Census, the county’s population totals over 1.9 million people. With the largest population in Nevada, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area also boasts the most diverse population in the state, with Latinos comprising 31.5%, African Americans 11.1%, Asians 6.1%, and American Indians 0.7% of the city’s population.

In addition to world-class shopping, dining, and entertainment, Las Vegas offers year-round outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, horseback riding, rock climbing, kayaking, off-highway vehicle riding, skydiving, skiing, snowboarding, and much more. Renowned destinations such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Red Rock National Conservation Area are all within a day’s drive of the city.

The Clark County School District is the fifth largest school district in the country and operates 336 schools, as of the 2010-2011 school years, serving more than 300,000 students and utilizing an operating budget of $5.2 billion. In addition to traditional elementary, middle, and high schools, Clark County School District also offers magnet schools, career and technical academies, alternative schools, and schools for students with special needs. For more information, please visit www.ccsd.net.

No tax is levied on personal income, corporate income, franchise, inventory, unitary, inheritance, estate and/or gift. Sales tax is 8.1%, which is not levied on food for home consumption or prescription medicines.
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