OUTREACH

Assistant Environmental Education Coordinator

2 Temporary Seasonal Positions, Santa Fe National Forest

If you enjoy working and recreating outdoors, consider spending the summer in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico. The Santa Fe National Forest is looking for two enthusiastic team members to join the Respect the Rio education team. Respect the Rio is an education-based watershed restoration program (www.fs.fed.us/rtr), and the Assistant Environmental Education Coordinators are responsible for promoting river-friendly camping and environmental stewardship in the Jemez and Upper Pecos Watersheds. We will be filling 2 positions; one will be stationed out of Jemez Springs, NM, and the other will be stationed out of Pecos, NM.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Your responsibilities will include:

- Overseeing the day-to-day assignments and performance of seasonal interpretation interns.
- Initiating visitor contacts, and providing roving interpretation and low impact camping education in the field as a “Contact Ranger”.
- Developing and presenting interpretive programs and guided hikes for forest visitors at District campgrounds, developed recreation sites, and other special interpretive events.
- Participating in watershed restoration projects including willow and aspen planting, upkeep of interpretive and educational signage, stream bank stabilization, fence projects for protecting riparian habitat, campfire ring removal, and abandoned campsite cleanup.
- Participating in training and performing some office work such as gathering, recording, and organizing field data and information.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited college or university with course work in environmental education, natural resources, recreation, or other related field. Education majors with a background or interest in natural sciences are encouraged to apply. Teaching experience is preferred but not required.
- Applicants must demonstrate an ability to exercise judgment, patience, courtesy, and tact while working in a team environment with other employees, volunteers and the general public.
- Applicants must be able to walk several miles in uneven terrain.
- Applicants must be able to safely operate government vehicles.

DATES: May – August, 2013, 40 hours per week; Thursday – Monday; some evening and holiday hours are required.
**Job Series & Grade:** GS-1001-4

**Salary:** GS-4 $13.41/hour

**Duty Station:**
- Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District
- Santa Fe National Forest, Pecos Ranger District

**Jemez Springs, NM:** The Village of Jemez Springs is nestled between stunning red rock mesas—remnants of ancient lava flows over a million years old. The village is named for its famous mineral hot springs, which bubble up throughout the valley. Jemez Springs is within one hour of the major population centers of Albuquerque and Los Alamos with all of their related amenities.

The Jemez Valley runs from an area just north of the Jemez Pueblo up through to the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Along this 45 mile stretch of State Highway, you'll find natural hot springs, great fishing spots, endless hiking trails, and lovely camp sites. For those looking for more modern comforts there are many places to shop, dine, and spend the night.

Over 2 million visitors pass through the area every year to visit the community and the only National Recreation Area in Region 3. More information can be found at [www.jemezsprings.org](http://www.jemezsprings.org).

**Pecos, NM:** The village of Pecos is a full-service community, 34 miles east of Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico. The Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District is a great location full of great adventures, beautiful landscapes, and rich history. During the summer months, camping and fishing along the Pecos River are popular diversions. The Pecos Wilderness is a popular spot for hiking and horseback riding. The vast trail system in the wilderness is designed for day trips and extended backpacking opportunities for all levels of hikers. In the fall deer, elk, and big horn sheep hunters hike or ride into the higher elevations in search of game. More information can be found at [www.pecosnewmexico.com](http://www.pecosnewmexico.com).

**HOW TO APPLY:** These student intern positions will be advertised on USAJOBS ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)) in early February. Potential applicants will need to create a profile and submit an application through USAJOBS ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)) at that time. If you wish to be notified when the internships are posted on USAJOBS, please send an email to Chantel Cook (contact info below)

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