



Apache-Sitgreaves NFs

OUTREACH NOTICE

Developmental Soil Scientist

GS-0470- 5 or 7

Full-time Permanent Position (Demo)

USFS Region 3, Springerville, Arizona



The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) will soon be advertising a permanent developmental Soil Scientist position at the GS-0470- 5 or at the 7 grade level, with promotional potential to the GS-9 level. The position is located on the Springerville Ranger District in Springerville, Arizona. This position offers a developmental opportunity for recent graduates seeking experience on a bustling forest.

The position will be involved in a multitude of activities including soil condition, soil disturbance, and best management practice implementation and effectiveness monitoring, air quality monitoring, and watershed restoration activities. The watershed program staff includes two hydrologists, an additional soil scientist, and a program manager, in which team-work is strongly engrained into the work we do. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PERMANENT POSITION: Please fill out the attached outreach response form and send to Paul Brown pabrown@fs.fed.us.

TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION: The Vacancy Announcement for this position will be posted on USA Jobs <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> when it is advertised.

A description of qualifications for the GS-0470 series is available on the [OPM website](#).

ABOUT THIS POSITION

At the GS-5 Level this position serves as a trainee in soils management within the framework of forest management. Major duties may include:

- Performs the following tasks under close supervision:
- Assists in conducting standard forest and rangeland soil resource inventories and watershed restoration needs inventories of assigned areas.
- Collects soil samples for laboratory analysis to determine soil characteristics.
- Selects, describes, and classifies soil properties according to the National Cooperative Soil Survey Standards.
- Assists in analyzing soils and related information and prepares appropriate interpretative material which characterizes watershed conditions as they relate to management opportunities.
- Assists in preparing watershed restoration plans, soil survey reports, and special project reports for planners, designers, managers, and other users.

At the GS-7 Level this position serves as an advanced trainee in the field of soils management performing productive work and developing skills and knowledge for a higher level position. Major duties may include:

- Conducts standard forest and rangeland soil resource inventories and watershed restoration needs inventories of assigned areas.
- Collects soil samples for laboratory analysis to determine physical, chemical, and morphological characteristics.
- Selects, describes, and classifies soil properties according to the National Cooperative Soil Survey standards.
- Analyzes soils and related information and prepares interpretative material which characterizes watershed conditions as they relate to management opportunities.
- Assists in writing watershed restoration plans, erosion control plans, soil resources improvement plans, soil management reports, soil survey reports, and special project reports for planners, designers, managers, and other users.

THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

The Apache Sitgreaves National Forests are over 2 million acres in size and is located in east-central Arizona along the Mogollon Rim and the White Mountains. The forest covers portions of Coconino, Navajo, Apache, and Greenlee counties, and it borders the Coconino, Tonto, and Gila National Forests; as well as the White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Indian Reservations.

The forests are located along and below the Mogollon Rim an abrupt escarpment which is the southern boundary of the Colorado Plateau and splits Arizona into low elevation deserts and high elevation mountains and plateaus. The forests encompass mountains, hills, cinder cones, plains, plateaus, deep canyons, and escarpments. The diverse vegetation of the Forests ranges from semi-desert grasslands to high elevation spruce-fir forests. The ASNFs contain a portion of the largest ponderosa pine forest in the

world and the most extensive montane and subalpine grasslands in Arizona. Many of the unique riparian vegetation types of Arizona are found within the ASNFs.

Plenty of fishing and boating opportunities abound on the ASNFs with it's 34 lakes and reservoirs and more than 1080 miles of perennial rivers and streams - more than can be found in any other National Forest in the state. The forest ranges in elevation from 3500 feet near Clifton to nearly 11,500 feet on Mount Baldy. The multiple wilderness areas and the Blue Range Primitive Area make the forest one of America's premier backcountry Forests.

Management concerns on the Apache-Sitgreaves include the health and restoration of the forest, watersheds, and ecosystems, and providing a sustainable recreation program. The highest priority work is associated with landscape restoration, reducing the dangers associated with wildfire in the urban interface, implementation of the Revised Forest Plan, and rehabilitation of the 2011 Wallow Fire burned area. For more info go to the Apache-Sitgreaves NF website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf/>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The towns of Springerville and Eagar are contiguous and make up the area referred to as Round Valley. The principal economic activities are tourism, agriculture, construction, forestry, and retail sales in support of the 6,000 local residents. Springerville and Eagar offer a range of facilities to their residents, including a library, hospital, museum, and numerous athletic facilities as well as a campus for Northland Pioneer College. Sunrise Ski area, located on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, is 30 minutes away. There are several local restaurants, two supermarkets and a variety of convenience stores located in the Round Valley. Shopping in Pinetop-Lakeside and Show Low 45 miles away includes Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, JCPennneys, Sportman's Warehouse, larger grocery stores, clothing and shoe stores, and many other specialty stores.

Government quarters may be available. There are several single family homes for sale in the area ranging in price. There are some rental houses, mobile homes, and apartments available, though these are not in abundance.

WEBSITES

Town of Springerville: <http://www.springervilleaz.gov/index.html>

Town of Eagar: <http://www.eagaraz.gov/>

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

Reply Due by COB January 8, 2018

NAME:	
E-MAIL:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	

Agency:	<input type="checkbox"/> USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Type of Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Term
Current Title/Series/Grade:			
Current Location (Region/Forest/District):			

If *not* a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- _____ Persons with Disabilities
- _____ Veterans Recruitment Authority (VRA)
- _____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA)
- _____ Returning Peace Corp Volunteers
- _____ Student Intern Program
- _____ Schedule A
- _____ Other (*please explain*): _____

Briefly explain your interest in this position and attach a brief (one-page or less) resume:

Return to:

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