



OUTREACH NOTICE



PERMANENT POSITION

**Regional Wildlife Ecologist
Wildlife, Fish, Rare Plants, and Rangeland Management (WFRPRM) Program
Southwestern Region
GS-0408-13**

Response Due: COB September 10, 2020

Duties of the Position: The regional wildlife ecologist serves at the interface of science, policy, and land management to ensure that planning, project-level decisions, and monitoring programs are developed and implemented on a sound foundation of policy and science. The position leverages relationships with a host of partners (Forest Service Research and Development, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, etc.) to advance the state of priority scientific needs to improve conservation outcomes for biological resources through better-informed planning and management. The regional wildlife ecologist applies specialized professional knowledge in ecology, wildlife, fisheries, threatened and endangered species, ecosystem analysis, and agency policy to contribute toward the development of new policies, legislation, planning methodologies, and analytical techniques. Position analyzes existing and modified policies and their implications for effective conservation of the terrestrial and aquatic resources contained within the National Forest System. Incumbent is expected to coordinate work with relevant National Forest offices, as well as other relevant federal, state, tribal and private entities to ensure that environmental and ecological standards, criteria, and policies are consistent with agency responsibilities and accepted practices.

About USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region: The Southwestern Region is composed of approximately 22.3 million acres of National Forest system lands and contains a diversity of habitat types, ranging from the Southern Rocky mountains in Northern New Mexico, the southern Great Plains in Texas and Oklahoma, to the Madrean Archipelago woodlands and Sonoran and Chihuahuan deserts in Arizona. Land features include alpine peaks, mesas, steep canyons, prairies, and deserts. Several large river systems are found with the Region, including the Colorado, Verde, Salt, Rio Grande, San Juan, Pecos, and Canadian Rivers. Sky islands

(small mountain ranges surrounded by desert) are a unique feature in the Region and make up a significant part of the National Forest system lands. Elevations range from a high of 13,161 feet at Wheeler Peak on the Carson National Forest to a low of 1,600 feet on the Tonto National Forest.

Duty Station: This position is located in the Southwestern Regional Office, Wildlife, Fish, Rare Plants, and Rangeland Management (WFRPRM) Program, USDA Forest Service, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Community Information: Albuquerque is the largest city in New Mexico (pop. 600,000), situated at 5,300 feet in elevation in the central Rio Grande valley at the base of the Sandia Mountains. The city offers a wealth of cultural opportunities stemming from its rich Native American and Hispanic history, including the Indian Cultural Center, Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque Zoological Park, Maxwell Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque Aquarium and Botanical Gardens, Rio Grande Nature Center, Explora Science Center and Children's Museum, National Atomic Museum, numerous art galleries, historic churches and the historic Old Towne Area. Because of its proximity to mountain, desert, river, and alpine settings Albuquerque also offers year round outdoor recreational opportunities. Within the area there are six public golf courses, 31 parks and public tennis courts, 13 public swimming pools, one downhill ski area, a number of libraries and community centers, and over 200 miles of biking routes and trails. Portions of the Cibola National Forest occur in the Sandia and Monzano mountains located directly east and south of the city. These areas provide for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, camping, hiking, and biking. Albuquerque is also known for its annual Balloon Fiesta which hosts over 800 hot air balloons in early October.

Climate: The climate of Albuquerque is considered high altitude semi-arid, also known as high desert. The city has one of the best year-round climates in the United States, with four distinct seasons, 300 sunny days per year, with warm summer days and cool evenings. Average precipitation is 8-10 inches/year mostly coming as rain during the monsoon season of July and August. Average summer high temperature is about 90 °F at lower elevations to 70° at higher elevations in the Sandia Mountains. Average winter low temperature is 49°, with snow anticipated in the city fewer than 10 days/year.

Responses to this notice are requested **no later than close of business Thursday September 10, 2020.**

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Submit the completed form by **Thursday September 10, 2020** to Bobbi Barrera, Deputy Director, WFRPRM Program by email at bobbi.barrera@usda.gov or by postal mail at 333 Broadway Blvd., S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you have questions related to this position, please contact Bobbi at the above email address.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

EMPLOYER/FOREST: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE: