



Outreach Notice

FOREST SUPERVISOR

GS-0340-15

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Region 3

DUTY STATION - Springerville, Arizona

Respond by December 30, 2019

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FOREST SUPERVISOR VACANCY: The Regional Office of the Southwestern Region is conducting an outreach to identify Forest Supervisor candidates for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, GS-0340-15, with a duty station of Springerville, AZ.

The outreach is for the permanent position. The permanent vacancy announcement will be posted on the USAJobs website when the position is opened. Applicants interested in the permanent position please respond to the [Outreach Database](#) by **December 30, 2019**.

ABOUT THE POSITION: This exciting position will lead the Apache-Sitgreaves through several high profile and regionally significant projects, including the implementation of Four Forest Restoration Initiative ([4FRI](#)), Forest Travel Management Planning, and the planning and establishment of the Heber Wild horse Management Plan.



The incumbent of this position serves as the Forest Supervisor to manage, protect, and develop the resources on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. The responsibility includes short- and long-range planning, organizing, and directing total operations and people, coordinating on-going activities and integrating resources programs within the administrative area of the National Forest Systems Lands. Responsibilities also include management of workforce including employee effectiveness, diversity and inclusion and developing and maintaining effective community engagement and collaboration.

The Forest Supervisor participates with the Regional Forester and staff, as a member of the Regional Leadership Team, in the development of forest resources policies and programs of Regional scope; this involves major issues such as staffing, budget, priorities of work, and internal/external issues.

The Forest Supervisor regularly meets with members of Congress, State and local representatives, concerned citizens, industry, and public interest groups to gain input into the Forests' planning, decision-making concerning the management of the Forests.



This is a rewarding position that leads the Forests in managing large, complex and active programs in restoration, heritage, resource management, wildlife, fisheries, and sustainable recreation. An accelerated restoration program provides about 50 million board feet of timber and treats around 38,000 acres of fuels treatment. Currently, there is a Request for Proposals with 4FRI that would establish a 20-year stewardship contract, with Regional goals to increase landscape treatments across northern Arizona.

The Southwestern Region: The Southwestern Region is 20.6 million acres. There are six national forests in Arizona, five national forests in New Mexico, and two national grasslands in Texas, and Oklahoma making up the **Southwestern Region** of the U.S. Forest Service. With elevations ranging from 1,300 feet in the Sonoran Desert on the Tonto National Forest to 13,161 feet in the alpine tundra of Wheeler Peak on the Carson National Forest, the vegetation is extremely varied. Renowned for its culture, this area's unique heritage is clearly visible in its wealth of prehistoric and historic sites and the significance in connecting to communities and people with today's values.

About the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests: The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) are some of the most diverse in the Southwestern Region, encompassing about 2.3 million acres, and includes an extensive amount of the Mogollon Rim and the White Mountains. The Forests stretch from Leonard Canyon south of Winslow, Arizona to the New Mexico state line, then south of Springerville, Arizona to Clifton, Arizona. The landscape varies from high desert grasslands to above timberline with ponderosa, aspen, and spruce-fir forests in between. The Forests' elevations range from 3,500 feet on the Clifton Ranger District to over 11,000 feet on the Mount Baldy Wilderness. Water is a major attraction as this is these are headwaters Forests, with 24 lakes and reservoirs and more than 400 miles of rivers and streams; more than can be found in any other southwestern forest.



Community Information: Located in northeastern Arizona, the Town of Springerville is at the heart of the Mogollon Rim, a place where many western novels are written about. Originally established in 1879, Springerville sits at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Growing around Henry Springer's trading post, the town was incorporated in 1948. Along with its neighbour Eagar, both communities reside in the Round Valley. The setting is high grassland with roaming antelope and big-horn sheep, where cattle grazing in the old western style still exists. John Wayne at one time was a partner in a large ranch in the area. The rim rises out from the town and several near-by trailheads access the ponderosa pine and pinyon-juniper forests.

The Springerville-Eagar communities are accessed by U.S. 60 and State Highways 180-191, approximately 220 miles Northeast of Phoenix. The area is a destination and haven for recreational enthusiasts in Arizona and New Mexico due to the proximity of a wealth of outdoor recreation year-round, ranging from hiking, biking, four-wheel driving, picnicking, horseback riding, hunting and fishing to winter skiing and snowmobiling.

Springerville has four distinct seasons. Winters are cool but mild with 3" – 5" of snow locally and higher elevations receiving larger amounts. Sunny days are plentiful with average temperatures ranging from the mid 70° to 80° during the summer months, and mid-twenties to forties during the winter months.

The year-round population is approximately 6,000, with higher numbers during the summer as tourists and second home owners come to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and pleasant temperatures.

The communities are served by the Round Valley Unified School District <http://www.elks.net/>. There is a local hospital with a larger hospital in Show Low and if needed specialty hospitals in Phoenix. There is a variety of housing opportunities in the Springerville-Eagar area and near-by towns of Greer, and Nutrioso.



The community offers a range of facilities to its residents, including a library, museum, and athletic facility. Sunrise Ski area, located on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, is an easy 30 minute drive away. Springerville is also home to Casa Malpais, a nationally recognized archeological ruin. The town and surrounding area is popular for those who want to explore the past, ranging from paleo, archeological, Native American, and western history.

There are two supermarkets and a variety of convenience stores located in Round Valley. There is also a famous old-style drug store, automotive parts stores, and several specialty stores. There are two banks located in Eagar and several motels and restaurants. If it's big-boxes you crave, shopping in Show Low is an easy 45 miles away, where you'll find Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, larger grocery stores, clothing and shoe stores, and many other specialty stores.

For additional community information about Springerville, AZ please browse the internet sites www.eagaraz.gov, www.springervilleaz.gov and www.springerville-eagarchamber.com

If you have any questions about the ASNFs, or the area please contact:

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The Vacancy Announcement for the permanent position will be posted on USA Jobs <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information about how to apply for a federal job, the salary, or job series, visit the [US Office of Personnel Management website](#).



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