



Discover Adventure on the *Dakota Prairie* Grasslands

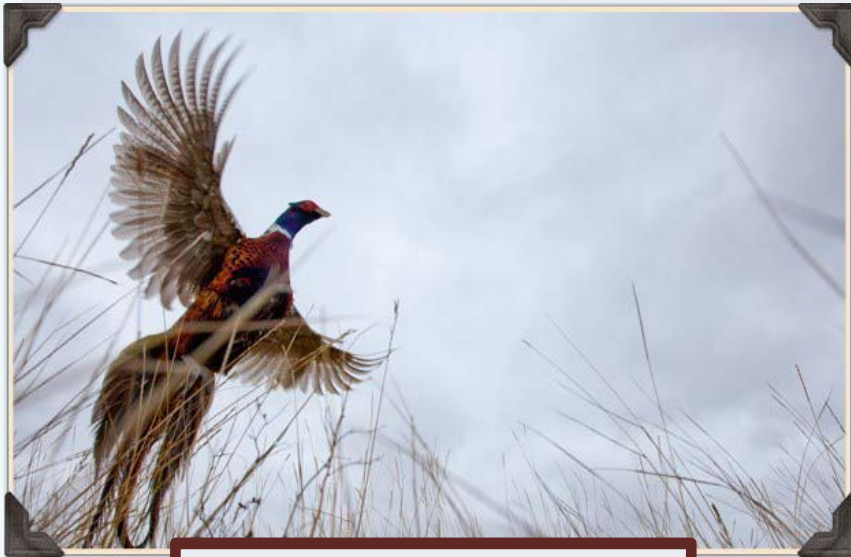
**Detail/Temporary Promotion (120 Days)
Permanent District NEPA Planner
GS- 401-9/11**

**1 position at Medora RD,
Dickinson, ND**

The NEPA Planner position is one of the few positions in the Nation with a complex minerals and lands program, in a cutting edge environment for oil and gas development. This position offers challenging and tremendous opportunities for career growth for a highly motivated individual.

A Few Reasons to Join the DPG Team

- ◆ Opportunity abounds to help shape the DPG as a fairly new organization within the Forest Service.
- ◆ Join a team of highly qualified professionals working on emerging issues and application of cutting-edge resource management techniques and practices.
- ◆ The ability to manage one of the most threatened biomes on the planet; only two percent of the original Grasslands are left in North America.
- ◆ Experience the thrilling challenges of implementing resource management practices, as well as watershed restoration within a mixed ownership pattern uniquely consisting of National Forest System, state and privately owned lands.
- ◆ A diverse variety of resources to manage, including paleontological, archeological, cattle grazing and oil and gas production. These programs are some of the largest in the Nation offering challenges and rewards not found elsewhere.
- ◆ Professional development opportunities that will likely set your resume apart from your peers.
- ◆ Unique and spectacular landscapes that are home to communities that maintain a sense of pride and a hometown feel.
- ◆ These communities abound with people who are involved and provide a place for folks to thrive.



**TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN
THIS DETAIL/
TEMPORARY
PROMOTION OR
PERMANENT POSITION:**

Please fill out the attached outreach response form and send to Misty Hays, Acting District Ranger

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by **June 8, 2022 (Detail)** or **June 25, 2022 (Permanent)**.

For information about these awesome opportunities please contact Misty Hays Medora DR at 701-227-7824; misty.hays@usda.gov



Job Duties

This position serve as District NEPA Planner on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands on the Medora RD. The incumbent serves as lead with responsibility of planning and providing expertise in environmental planning and compliance under the national Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for projects including oils and gas development, lands, recreation, trails, range, grazing management, vegetation management, fuels and specials uses such as utility lines, pipelines and roads.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Conduct environmental studies and evaluations concerning a variety of resources, such as social economic, land, air, water, timber, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, and/or additional special areas.
- Ensure National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents are in conformance with applicable law, regulation, and policy.
- Coordinate with natural resource specialists to obtain, compile and analyze information used in formulating specific components of program and project plans.
- Instruct project staff on the plan standards and guidelines related to the unit natural resource management proposal.
- Write environmental analyses, assessments, and environmental impact statements.
- Prepare annual operating plans and/or budgets.
- Develop, monitor, and maintain planning documents and action plan for all aspects of the program of work.

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The Grasslands

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands were created in 1998 as a separate unit in response to the increased visibility and issues surrounding National Grasslands. The supervisor's office is in Bismarck, ND with staff at all levels.

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands has four district offices. The Medora Ranger District (Dickinson, ND) and the McKenzie Ranger District (Watford City, ND) administer the Little Missouri National Grassland. The Sheyenne Ranger District, Lisbon, ND, administers the Sheyenne National Grassland. The Grand River Ranger District (Lemmon, SD) administers the Grand River and Cedar River Grasslands.

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands (DPG) is in eastern and western North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota. The DPG is approximately 1.2 million acres of federal lands, intermingled with other federal, state, and private lands with an approximate 2.9-million-acre administrative boundary. The DPG supports the largest range program and the largest Oil/Gas programs in the US Forest Service.

The McKenzie and Medora Ranger Districts, located in western North Dakota, comprise the Little Missouri National Grassland (LMNG), **the largest and most diverse Grassland in the nation**. The LMNG administers over 1,000,000 acres of rugged badlands, high buttes, woody draws and upland plateaus of rolling prairies. The LMNG is the largest block of public land in the state, drawing visitors from across the state and neighboring states. The Little Missouri River bisects the McKenzie and Medora Ranger Districts and has been designated a scenic river by the state of North Dakota.

The Grand River Ranger District, located in south central North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota, includes the Grand River and Cedar River National Grasslands. This 150,000 acre unit is a combination of rolling prairie and badlands. The main emphasis is range with recreation developing around the Shadehill Dam complex.

The Sheyenne Ranger District is in southeastern North Dakota about 70 miles southwest of Fargo and includes the Sheyenne National Grassland, the largest remaining remnant of tall grass prairie. It is comprised of 70,000 acres of rolling sand hills just east of Lisbon, North Dakota. The major activities are range, recreation, noxious weed treatment and prescribed fire.



Medora Ranger District



The NEPA Planner position on the Medora RD in Dickinson, ND is an exciting opportunity and will provide the incumbent with challenging and rewarding experiences in one of the most beautiful locations in the Nation, the Little Missouri National Grassland. The NEPA Planner position is part of the district team including approximately 25 permanent staff. The district manages a large minerals, oil and gas, special uses and lands program over approximately 500,000 acres of NFS lands. The district's large range program includes projects for range improvements and vegetation management. This district also has Fire and Recreation and Trails programs and have wildlife biology, archeology, hydrology, and botany specialists in unit.

The ND climate is infamous for its challenges, but Dickinson is in the garden spot of North Dakota, with a mean January temperature of 17°F and a mean July temperature of 72°F. Seasonal extremes range from 105°F to -25°F, but these are only rare occurrences over the years.

Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant and include hiking, biking, fishing, hunting, golfing, snowmobiling, off-roading, and water sports. The neighboring Theodore Roosevelt National Park (with its South Unit 30 minutes from Dickinson and the North Unit 15 minutes from Watford City) was listed as #5 of the New York Times lists of 52 Places to Go across the World in 2016. Lake Sakakawea lies about an hour north of Dickinson or less than an hour north of Watford City and offers world-class fishing for walleye, pike, bass, trout, and salmon as well as water skiing and boating. World-class bird and big-game hunting are complemented by hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, including the 145-mile Maah Daah Hey Trail located on the Little Missouri National Grassland.



Dickinson is a progressive city, having undergone strong exponential growth over the past recent years, fueled by a diverse economy and fed by new wealth from energy, agriculture, and manufacturing. The population of Dickinson is hovering around 20,000, but the community has retained a small-town warmth and charm while embracing substantial growth during the last 10 years. The school system is considered excellent including K-12 options within the Dickinson Public School System and Trinity Catholic School System. The community also hosts Dickinson State University, which includes bachelor's and Graduate level programs in a variety of areas. The city has 26 churches representing most denominations. There are several medical clinics with full trauma care hospitals located in Dickinson. Dickinson also has a regional airport. Dickinson has an excellent Park and Recreation Department with programs available for kids and adults. The city has a variety of entertainment, shopping and business services. Dickinson has an Exhibition League baseball team, the Badlands Big Sticks, community bbq events, chili cookoffs, farmers market, musicals (Medora), rodeos, fairs, downtown street fairs, paleo museum, and winter music series, just to name a few. Dickinson benefits from state of the art, all season indoor recreational facilities with full complements of exercise opportunities from swimming and weights to running, volleyball, racquetball, basketball, and tennis.



OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

Dakota Prairie Grasslands

Position:

Series-Grade:

You may attach a brief resume to supplement the information you include on this form.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Email

Mailing Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

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If applicable, choose preferred duty station ranger district:

Grand River Medora McKenzie Sheyenne

If applicable, choose preferred appointment: Permanent: _____ Detail/Temporary Promotion: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes No

If yes, Current Agency and location, Series and Grade:

Type of appointment: Permanent: Term: Temporary:

If you are not a current, permanent (career/career conditional) employee, indicate whether you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities

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Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Other
