



Realty Specialist (Lands/Special Uses)

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**Detail/Temporary
Promotion and Permanent**

**Medora Ranger District
Dickinson, North Dakota**

The Realty Specialist position on the Medora District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands works to manage a large special uses and lands program on 500,000 plus acres of grasslands. This position is challenging and demanding, offering a great professional opportunity for highly motivated individuals interested in building well rounded experience and advancing their careers.

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 THESE POSITIONS:**

Please send your resume to
Lands and Minerals
Supervisor, Jason Dekker at
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For information about
these opportunities please
contact Jason Dekker at
701-227-7824.

Job Duties

This position as a realty specialist includes work in a variety of lands activities, including special use permits, leases, land status, withdrawals, title claims, rights-of-way, procurements and grants, and appraisals including interaction with utilities, counties and other proponents, coordination with external partners and the public. The job includes field going work including monitoring, analysis, management, and implementation. The position includes flexible work schedules, telework options and benefits.

Specific Duties include:

- Conducts on-the-ground examinations of rights-of-way to be acquired or granted.
- Provides technical assistance to District personnel in making investigations, surveys, appraisals, preparation and submission of reports, and negotiations.
- Negotiates terms and conditions for rights-of-way easements and grants to ensure compliance with Agency standards, regulations, and policies.
- Participates in administration of active cost-share and cooperative agreements involving major private landowners and public agencies at county, State and Federal levels.
- Prepares and assembles applications for processing, regarding easements, special use permits and licenses for roads, power lines, pipelines, and similar projects.
- Participates in land acquisition and exchange cases. Makes analysis of lands to be exchanged' Conducts negotiations with landowners. Responsible for preparation and processing of appraisals, titles, title clearances, and reports.
- Applies working knowledge of land status, status records, and ownership records. As assigned, investigates and completes reports on trespasses.

These are field going positions. Incumbents are expected to hike in hot and cold weather and to operate ATV, UTV and 4-wheel drive vehicles.

All positions are advertised on www.USAjobs.gov.



**Government Housing is available on the
Medora Ranger Districts.**

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.



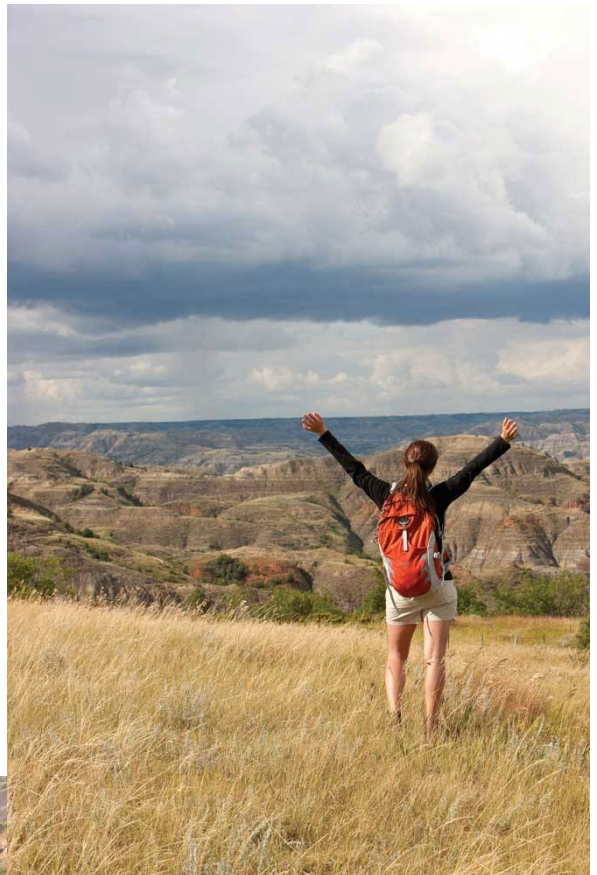
Medora Ranger District



The Realty Specialist 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 realty specialist position is part of the district lands and minerals team. The district team is made up of 4 Oil and Gas Specialists, a cost reimbursement technician, spills coordinator, a resource assistant, a Lands and Minerals Staff supervisor. The district manages a large minerals, special uses and lands program over approximately 500,000 acres of NFS lands. This district also has large Oil & Gas, Range, 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: _____

Cell Phone: _____

If applicable, choose preferred duty station ranger district:

Grand River Medora McKenzie Sheyenne

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 Recruitment Act

Former Peace Corps Volunteer

Pathways

Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Other
