

## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

Alaska Region, Region 10 Chugach National Forest (CNF) Seward Ranger District or Glacier Ranger District



Ecologist

GS-0408 – 9

Detail (lateral) or Time-Limited Promotion NTE 120 Days

OPENS: September 4, 2019 CLOSES: September 17, 2019

**Primary Contact: Kevin Laves** 

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The USDA Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts are seeking a candidate to fill a Detail or Time-Limited Promotion NTE 120 days GS-0408-7/9 Ecologist position. The position may be located in Moose Pass, AK or Girdwood, AK. However, the preferred location is Moose Pass, AK.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. To express interest in this position please:

- 1. Respond to this position using the Outreach Database (<a href="https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/">https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/</a>); and
- 2. Send your resume, transcripts, and completed attached Outreach Notice Response Form to Kevin Laves at <a href="kevin.laves@usda.gov">kevin.laves@usda.gov</a> by September 17, 2019.

## **Brief Description of Duties:**

Serves as the Zone Ecologist for the Kenai Peninsula Zone of the Chugach National Forest. Participates in a variety of assignments related to the management of forest terrestrial, riparian, and aquatic ecosystems.

Oversees and implements the botany and ecology programs; and invasive species planning and control work. Prepares out-year program and project plans.

Maintains and establishes partnerships with youth and adult conservation groups, soil and water conservation districts, state and Federal land management agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Prepares reports, plans, and environmental documents to meet National Environmental Policy Act requirements. Serves on interdisciplinary teams to support a large variety of project activities including vegetation management, special use authorizations (events, commercial outfitter & guides, land use permits), and minerals management.

Performs other duties as assigned.



**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0408 series. Administrative and Management Standards are identified in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards Handbook. The Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at <u>Position Qualifications</u> and Standards



<u>Duty Location:</u> Moose Pass, AK or Girdwood, AK. <u>Moose Pass Web Page</u> Located on the Kenai Peninsula, Moose Pass is a friendly and picturesque little town with a year-round population of about 350. It is tucked away in the mountains along the shoreline of Upper Trail Lake at Mile 24 of the Seward Highway, a National Scenic Byway. Annual celebrations include the Moose Pass Summer Solstice Festival, New Year's Eve celebration, and a community gathering and potluck near Christmas. The Seward Ranger District may have apartment type housing overlooking Kenai Lake available for use.

Many employees working at the Forest Service office in Moose Pass live in Cooper Landing or Seward and commute about 30 minutes to work. See <a href="Cooper Landing Web Page">Cooper Landing Web Page</a> & <a href="Seward Chamber of Commerce">Seward Chamber of Commerce</a>



**Seward:** Located less than 30 miles from Moose Pass with a population of approximately 2700, Seward is on the southeast coast of the Kenai Peninsula, on Resurrection Bay, 127 miles by road south of Anchorage. Seward is one of Alaska's oldest and most scenic communities. Marine life abounds; eagles and seabirds fill the air, mountain goats, bear and moose all inhabit the forest around Seward. The Seward Highway stretching from Anchorage to Seward is designated as a Scenic Byway. Two big celebrations brighten the summer: The Mt. Marathon Race on the 4th of July and the Seward Silver Salmon Derby the second Saturday through the third Sunday in August.



Girdwood: Girdwood, Alaska http://www.girdwoodchamber.com/

Girdwood, while part of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), is a separate, unique community. Several current district employees commute from the more urbanized Anchorage bowl, approximately 40 miles north of Girdwood, while the majority live in the small, resort community formerly known as Glacier City.

Alyeska Resort is the dominating feature of Girdwood, and is the state's largest ski area. The resort influence raises the ratio of eateries and lounges as compared to a typical small Alaskan community. A K-8 public school,

MOA Library, health clinic, volunteer fire department and a small, but well-stocked grocery store provide the basic necessities, while the Anchorage Bowl has just about every type of store and service.

Chugach National Forest: The 5.4 million acre Chugach National Forest is located in Southcentral Alaska forming a great arch around Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. The forest stretches more than 200 miles from the Kenai Peninsula to the Bering Glacier east of Cordova. The forest serves as the accessible backyard to over half of Alaska's population. The forest has three distinct geographic areas: Prince William Sound (48%), Kenai Peninsula (21%), and the Copper River Delta (31%) which are administered through 3 Ranger Districts located in the Girdwood, Moose Pass and Cordova communities. The Forest has abundant fish and wildlife sustaining traditional subsistence lifestyles and world-class recreation and tourism opportunities. On average, 66.7 million salmon a year come from the Chugach NF watersheds which are 11% of Pacific salmon production. The western portion of Prince William Sound contains the 1980 congressionally designated Nellie Juan-College Fiord Wilderness Study Area. Portions of Prince William Sound are still recovering from the 1989 Exxon

Valdez Oil Spill. The Copper River Delta is renowned for vast wetland habitats, mountains, and glaciers attracting thousands of migratory birds. The Kenai Peninsula has the most recreational activity, wood harvesting, and mineral activity. It hosts residents and visitors for fishing the Russian and Kenai Rivers, the unique Alaska Railroad Whistle Stop, and camping, hiking and biking on an extensive trail system.

Government housing May be available.



The confluence of the Kenai and Russian Rivers (photo credit: Tyler Gagat).

Thank you for your interest in our position!

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