



Rangeland Management Specialist

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**McKenzie Ranger District
Watford City, North Dakota**

**Medora Ranger District
Dickinson, North Dakota**

**Sheyenne Ranger District
Lisbon, North Dakota**

The Rangeland Management Specialist positions on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands work to manage the largest rangeland grazing program in the U.S. Forest Service managing 1.2 million acres of prairie landscape. These positions are 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 APPLY, to any of these three vacancies, they are posted on USAJobs.gov during the week of the annual SRM Conference.

TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THESE POSITIONS TO THE UNIT:

Please send a copy of the form at the end of this outreach, along with your resume and transcript to Shannon Boehm at shannon.boehm@usda.gov,

For more information about these opportunities please contact Shannon at 701-989-7307.



Government Housing is available on both the McKenzie and Medora Ranger Districts.

Job Duties

This position includes work on a variety of range management tasks including vegetation data collection and analysis, management of grazing permits, interaction with grazing associations and permitted grazing members, coordination with external partners and the public. The job is focused in the summertime on field going work including monitoring, project design, analysis, management and implementation. The position includes flexible work schedules, telework options and benefits.

Specific Duties include:

- Monitors, gathers, analyzes, interprets, and evaluates data to determine if goals and objectives are being achieved.
- Conducts short and long-term monitoring of plant community change, trends, grazing impacts; precipitation; soil erosion hazards.
- Plans and carries out systematic ecosystem-based rangeland surveys and inventories to identify and assess rangeland characteristics.
- Gathers and assembles rangeland health, trends, ecological status of vegetation communities, site potential and desired plant community data.
- Prepares portions of environmental assessments as an interdisciplinary team member or team leader.
- Coordinates range and wildlife ecological management with other functional activities with the concept of multiple use management.
- Participates in development, implementation, and evaluation of rangeland projects.
- Collaborates with Grazing Association members to make recommendations for improved rangeland and livestock administration and range improvement projects.
- Assists in the administration of grazing permits by consulting, coordinating, and collaborating with permittees.
- Coordinates or assists with noxious weed control.
- Compiles material and supply estimates for facilities, construction, and maintenance of rangeland projects.

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.

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.



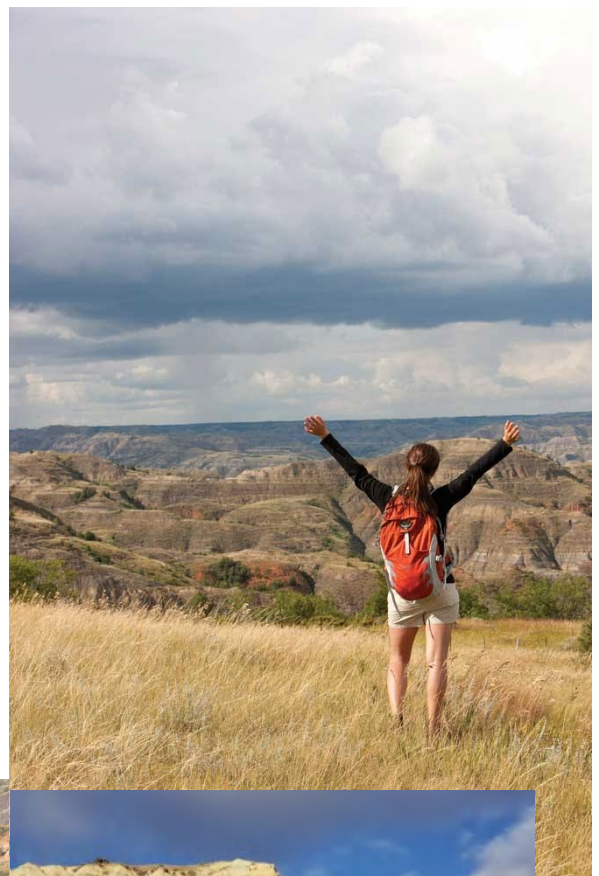
McKenzie and Medora Ranger Districts



Rangeland Management Specialist positions on the McKenzie RD in Watford City and at the Medora RD in Dickinson, ND are exciting opportunities and will provide the incumbents with challenging and rewarding experiences in one of the most beautiful locations in the Nation, the Little Missouri National Grasslands. Each district range team is made up of 4 Rangeland Management Specialists, a Range Staff supervisor and 2-3 temporary personnel. The two districts together comprise the bulk of the DPG's Range Program acreage, working with 4 different Grazing Associations and managing over 1,000,000 acres of NFS lands. These districts also have large Oil & Gas, 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 these two cities are 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 in 2016 across the World. 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 Grasslands,



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.



Downtown Watford City

Watford City (pop. 7,800) is a full-service community that serves as the county seat for McKenzie County (pop. 15,000). Services include a hospital, health clinic, dentist, optometrist, recreation center, library, three full service banks and a credit union, hairdressers, grocery stores, a summer farmer's market, drug stores, hardware and lumber yard, mechanics, restaurants, motels, a movie theater, retail stores, 11 churches of various denominations and a municipal airport. Watford hosts a number of annual community events including the McKenzie County Fair and Rodeo, Rib Fest and more.

The economy is stable and growing with a supportive business climate that contributes to the steady development and growth of the area. There are three regional and international airports within 70 miles of Watford City: Williston (XWA), Dickinson (DIK) and Sidney, Montana (SDY). The school system has an elementary and high school, which are excellent. The sports program consists of 7th through 12th grade football, wrestling, basketball, cross country, track, golf, baseball, softball and volleyball. Outside of the school system there is hockey, gymnastics, figure skating, Legion and Junior Legion baseball as well as several adult sport leagues including cornhole, trap shooting and volleyball. Watford City has an active Parks and Recreation Department with small local parks, a new swimming pool, baseball field, indoor-outdoor shooting range, and children's park. The Watford City Golf offers a newly built 18-hole course with grass greens. For more information <https://www.visitwatfordcity.com/>.





Lisbon, ND is the county seat for Ransom County, and is a full-service community with a population of 2,050. Services include county services, library, hospital, health clinic, wellness center, dentist, optometrist; three full service banks and a credit union, grocery store, two pharmacies, hardware store and lumber yard; a variety of retail stores, restaurants; service stations, motels, daycare, a movie theater and several churches of various denominations.

The school system has an elementary and high school, which are considered excellent. The sports programs consist of 7th through 12th grade football, wrestling, boys and girls basketball, cross country, track and golf, and girls' volleyball. Lisbon has a very active Park Board which manages a wonderful park system with the community, including camping, swimming pool, tennis courts and playground. The Lisbon Bissel Golf Course is a beautiful golf course with black sand traps and grass greens. Outdoor recreation opportunities are varied and abundant and include archery, snowmobiling, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, golfing and water sports.

Currently government housing is not available. Homes are available in Lisbon and the surrounding area from \$60,000 to \$200,000. Rentals start at around \$400. The neighboring city of Fargo is within commuting distance (located a little over an hour to the northeast) and is the largest city in Region 1. Fargo offers a full complement of shopping, restaurants, sports venues and activities.

Sheyenne Ranger District

This position is located at the Sheyenne RD office in Lisbon, ND. The position is an exciting opportunity with challenging and rewarding experiences on one of the Forest Service's only tallgrass prairie units. The district Range team consists of 1 Rangeland Management Specialist, a Range Staff supervisor and 1-2 temporary personnel. While the district office is made up of a small staff, the various disciplines work together as a team to accomplish a variety of tasks. The district hosts a robust and expanding restoration program using a variety of tools such as prescribed fire and mechanical treatments. There is a growing recreation program with two primitive campgrounds and trails including 31 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail and a water trail on the Sheyenne River.

The District also manages the Denbigh Experimental Forest located 13 miles west of Towner, ND on Highway 2. The USDA Forest Service established the Denbigh Experimental Forest in 1931 after the 1930s Dust Bowl hit McHenry County. Over the next 20+ years, more than 40 tree species were planted at Denbigh.



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

Person with Disabilities

Veterans Recruitment Act

Former Peace Corps Volunteer

Pathways

Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Other
