

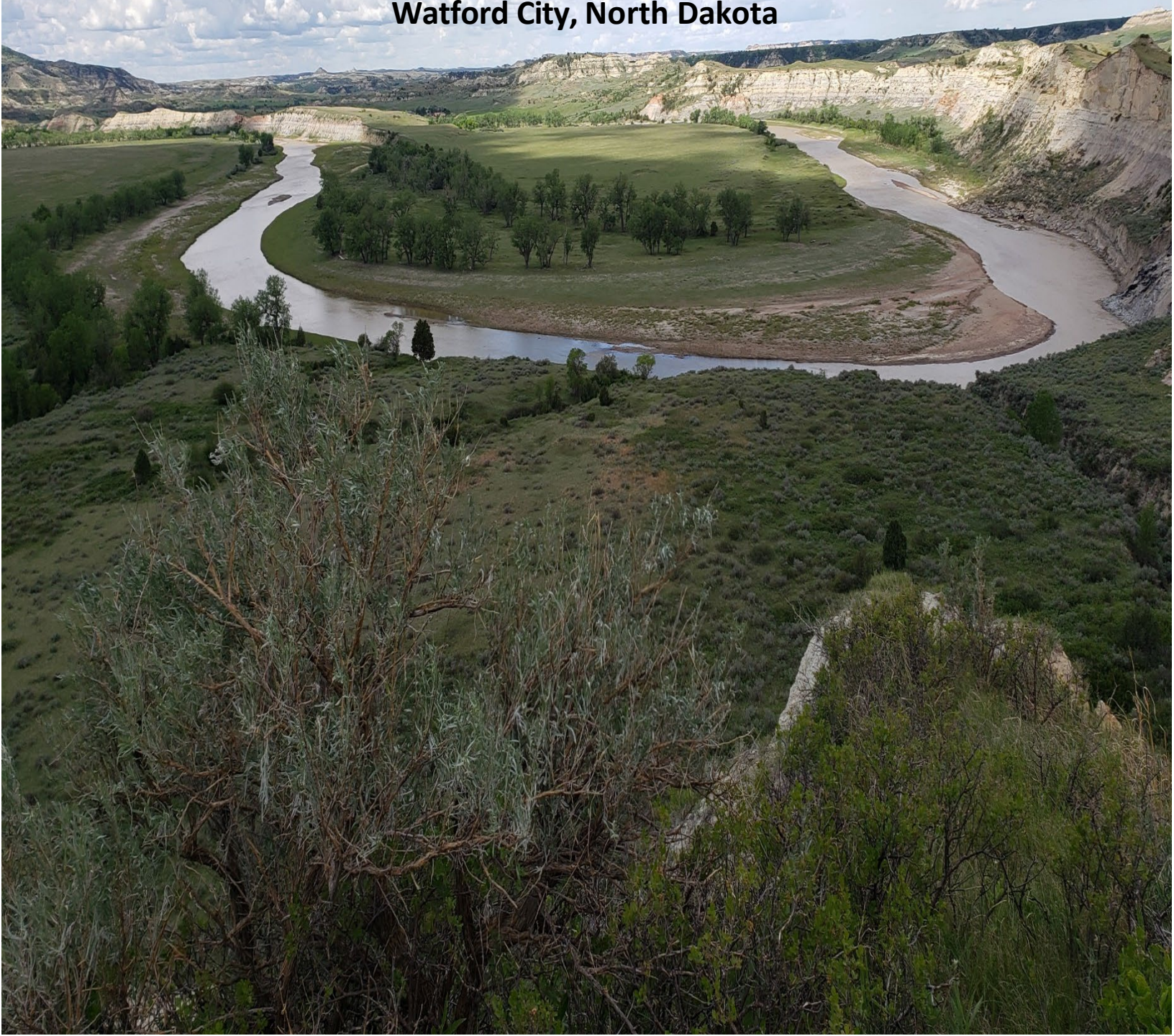


Discover Adventure on the *Dakota Prairie* Grasslands

Outreach for a
Supervisory Zone Archeologist

GS-0193-9/11

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



The Supervisory Zone Archeologist position offers an opportunity to work on a western prairie landscape rich in cultural resources. The complex portfolio consists of oil and gas, special uses, rangeland, and recreation projects. Additionally, the grasslands hold a rich and diverse culture history offering unique opportunities in historic preservation and interpretation. Candidates should have strong communication and technical skills and work well as part of a multi-disciplinary team in a fast-paced, office environment. The selected individual will supervise a full-time GS-9 Zone Archeologist and up to five seasonal Archeology Technicians.

**TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN
THIS DETAIL:**

Please fill out the attached outreach response form and send to Aidan McCarty at aidan.mccarty@usda.gov by May 31, 2022.

For information about this opportunity please contact Aidan McCarty at 701-989-7306.

Job Duties

- The Supervisory Zone Archeologist manages the heritage program on the Little Missouri National Grassland (McKenzie and Medora Ranger Districts) and may assist with other work taking place on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands.
- The Supervisory Zone Archeologist manages the zone through supervision of a fulltime GS-7/9 Zone Archeologist and up to five seasonal Archeology Technicians and works closely with the Dakota Prairie Grasslands Heritage Program Manager.
- In addition to program management responsibilities, the position directly supports the zone by providing Heritage program guidance to Line Officers. This includes the development of program objectives, integration with resource activities, and establishment of project priorities, by organizing and completing field surveys (site recording, site mapping, site evaluation), documenting field survey data, technical report writing and review of third-party reports (Section 106), participating on interdisciplinary teams, recommending resource protection measures, and consulting with the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (NHPA Sections 106 and 110). They are further responsible for meeting Heritage Program Managed to Standard measures and entering data into the NRM database and Heritage GIS.
- The individual may also be responsible for developing contract specifications or Scopes of Work (SOW) for heritage and cultural resource agreements and contract work.

This is a field going position. Use of an ATV/UTV and 4-wheel drive vehicle may be necessary in addition to, hiking in cool and hot weather.

The Grasslands

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands (DPG) were created in 1998 as a separate unit in response to the increased visibility and issues surrounding National Grasslands. The Grasslands Supervisor's Office is located in Bismarck, ND. The Dakota Prairie Grasslands has four Ranger Districts: the Medora RD (Dickinson, ND) and the McKenzie RD (Watford City, ND) administer the Little Missouri National Grassland; the Sheyenne RD (Lisbon, ND) administers the Sheyenne National Grassland; and the Grand River RD (Lemmon, SD) administers the Grand River and Cedar River National Grasslands. The DPG is located in eastern and western North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota and is approximately 1.2 million acres of federal lands, intermingled with other federal, state, and private lands, with a 2.9-million-acre administrative boundary. The DPG supports the largest range program and one of the largest oil and gas programs in the USDA 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 has over 1,000,000 acres of rugged badlands, high buttes, woody draws, and upland plateaus of rolling prairies.
- The Sheyenne National Grassland is managed as a ranger district located about 70 miles southwest of Fargo and contains 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.
- 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.



McKenzie Ranger District

The McKenzie Ranger District is located in Watford City, North Dakota and makes up the northern half of the Little Missouri National Grassland. The district employs roughly 25 permanent and a dozen seasonal employees.

The recreation program consists of 4 campgrounds, 8 developed trails and issues about a dozen special use permits each year. The fire program works closely with local cooperators to fight small and medium sized fires. Non-fire staff are encouraged to support the fire program when able. The engineering program works primarily on roads, bridges, utilities, and other infrastructure. The district also has significant resources in wildlife, archeology, botany, and hydrology.

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 store, 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 90 miles of Watford City: Williston (XWA), Dickinson (DIK) and Sidney, Montana (SDY). The school system has 2 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, which are considered to be 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 several club sports are available including hockey, gymnastics, figure skating, Legion and Junior Legion baseball, swim team, karate, and soccer as well as several adult sport leagues including cornhole, curling, trap shooting and volleyball. Watford City has an active Parks and Recreation Department that manages the local park system, as well as youth and adult activity programs. The Watford City area includes over 9 outdoor playgrounds, newly constructed baseball fields, and an indoor and outdoor pool. Watford City is the home of the Roughrider Center, a 268,000 square foot multipurpose facility providing numerous spaces for athletic programs, sporting events, meetings, conventions, expos, entertainment and special events, educational opportunities and workforce development. For more information on the Roughrider Center see <https://www.roughridercenter.com/>. The Watford City Golf Course is located two miles east of town and offers a newly built 18-hole course with grass greens. An indoor-outdoor shooting range recently opened as well. For more information on the community see <https://www.visitwatfordcity.com/>.

Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant and include big game, upland bird and waterfowl hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking, bird watching, wildlife photography, motorized recreation, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and ice fishing. You can enjoy world-class walleye fishing, water sports, and 1,600 of lake shore at Lake Sakakawea 35 minutes north of Watford City.

Government housing is available.

A Few Reasons to Join the DPG Team...

- ◆ Opportunity abounds to help shape the DPG as a fairly new organization within the Forest Service.
- ◆ 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.

**OUTREACH INTEREST FORM
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You may attach a resume to supplement the information you include on this form. Please submit the form by May 31, 2022 to aidan.mccarty@usda.gov.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Tell us how we may contact you:

Postal Mailing Address: Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, Current Agency and location: _____

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**

_____ **Other**

_____ **Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability**