

**USDA Forest Service**  
**Rocky Mountain Region Outreach Notice**  
**Region 2**  
**Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests**  
**& Thunder Basin National Grassland**



**Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-05/07/09,**  
**Permanent Appointment**

**SRM Hiring Event**

[Society for Range Management Convention \(SRM\) | US Forest Service \(usda.gov\)](#)

**Reply By: February 15, 2023**

The Douglas (Douglas, WY), Brush Creek/Hayden (Saratoga, WY), and Hahns Peak/Bears Ears (Steamboat Springs, CO) ranger districts on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, are conducting an outreach to assess interest in GS-0454-05/07/09 Rangeland Management Specialists with duty stations in Steamboat Springs, CO; Saratoga, WY; and Douglas, WY. These positions may be filled at the GS 05 or GS 07 level with promotional potential to the GS 09 level. Please see the “Contact Information” section at the bottom of this notice for information on how to express interest in the position.

\*This position is being advertised through the upcoming Society of Range Management (SRM) hiring event and will be open to apply on USAJOBS from February 15-27, 2023. This outreach notice will be updated and respondents will be provided with the vacancy announcement number as soon as it becomes available.

**\* THE DOUGLAS, WY POSITION \***

Major Duties: This position would be supervised by the District Program Rangeland Management Specialist. The incumbent has responsibility for the administration of grazing permits on the Laramie Peak Unit and grazing agreements on the Thunder Basin National Grassland for the Douglas Ranger District. The position will be one of four GS-9 Rangeland Management Specialists that work as part of the Rangeland Management Program. The Laramie Peak Unit has 33 direct permits and 43 allotments. The Thunder Basin National Grassland has three grazing associations with a total of 155 members and 179 allotments. Other duties of this position include leading efforts for long term and short term monitoring, supporting the noxious weed program, help in fostering and maintaining partnerships to aid in the management of highly intermingled land ownership within the boundaries of the Forest and Grassland, and provide support for other programs within the District.

Field Work: The selected individual will schedule field work that may include permit administration, monitoring, improvement inspections and other duties as assigned. They will assist in the treatment and inventory of noxious weeds. They will be expected to utilize 4x4 pickups, ATV/UTV, horses, and hiking as means of access.

Data Management: We are seeking applicants with strong verbal and written communication skills. Experience with all Microsoft programs, ArcGIS, Avenza, VGS, and GPS is desired.

Supervision: This position is non-supervisory but will be responsible for day-to-day guidance to seasonal field crews.

**\* THE SARATOGA, WY POSITION \***

Major Duties: This position will be supervised by the District Program Rangeland Management Specialist. The incumbent has responsibility for the administration of grazing permits on the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District. The district consists of 33 active allotments, 26 of which are grazed by cattle, 6 by sheep, and 1 by both cattle and sheep. This position will support the noxious weeds program, which includes planning, treatment, mapping, and monitoring. The district administers about 545,000 acres of National Forest System lands with an elevation range of approximately 7,000 to 12,000 feet.

Field Work: The selected individual will perform field work that may include permit administration, monitoring, improvement inspections and other duties as assigned. They will assist in the treatment and inventory of noxious weeds. They will be expected to utilize 4x4 pickups, stock trailers and flatbed trailers (gooseneck and bumper pull), ATV/UTV and hiking as means of access.

Data Management: We are seeking applicants with strong verbal and written communication skills. Experience with all Microsoft programs, ArcGIS, Avenza, FieldMaps, and Survey 123 is desired.

Supervision: This position is non-supervisory but may be responsible for day-to-day guidance to seasonal field crews.

## **\* THE STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO POSITION \***

**Major Duties:** This position would be supervised by the District Program Rangeland Management Specialist. The incumbent has responsibility for the administration of grazing permits on the Hahns Peak Bears Ears District. The district hosts approximately 50 permitted allotments of which 30 are grazed by sheep, 10 cattle, and 10 by both sheep and cattle. This position will lead the noxious weeds program including planning, treatment, and monitoring.

**Field Work:** The selected individual will schedule field work that may include permit administration, monitoring, improvement inspections and other duties as assigned. They will assist in the treatment and inventory of noxious weeds. They will be expected to utilize 4x4 pickups, stock trailers and flatbed trailers (gooseneck and bumper pull), ATV/UTV, horses, and hiking as means of access. Horses are used in roadless and wilderness areas; horse experience and knowledge are not required but preferred.

**Data Management:** We are seeking applicants with strong verbal and written communication skills. Experience with all Microsoft programs, ArcGIS, Avenza, FieldMaps, and Survey 123 is desired.

**Supervision:** This position is non-supervisory but will be responsible for day-to-day guidance to seasonal field crews.

## **MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS & THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND**

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Medicine Bow contains 1,665,721 acres of National Forest System land within its boundaries. It consists of three Ranger districts: Brush Creek/Hayden at Saratoga, Laramie District at Laramie, and the Douglas District / Thunder Basin National Grassland at Douglas.

The Routt National Forest is located in northern Colorado. It was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 as the Park Range Forest Reserve, and then the name changed to the Routt National Forest in honor of Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial and the first State Governor of Colorado. The Routt includes 1,126,650 acres of National Forest System land within its boundaries. It now consists of three Ranger Districts: Hahn's Peak-Bears Ears at Steamboat Springs, Parks at Walden, and Yampa at Yampa. The former Middle Park District at Kremmling is part of the Arapaho National Forest but is administered as part of the Routt, and as a part of the Parks District. It includes 232,846 acres of National Forest.

The Forest has been heavily impacted by a mountain pine beetle epidemic which has affected more than 1.2 million acres of lodge pole pine. The large number of dead trees has increased the potential for large fires and the need for fire and fuels management.

The topography varies greatly within the national forests. Elevation ranges from 5,500 to 12,940 feet. The climate ranges from semi-arid at low elevations to colder and less arid in the high country. Vegetation varies from sage brush-grasslands at the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce, fir and aspen in the upper elevations. Wildlife is abundant, with antelope,

elk, moose, mule deer, and white-tailed deer being the most common larger species. The Thunder Basin National Grassland is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. The 550,000 acre Grassland ranges in elevation from 3,600 feet to 5,200 feet and the climate is semi-arid. Land patterns are very complex due to the intermingled federal, state, and private lands. The Grassland abounds with wildlife, provides forage for livestock, provides unique opportunities for recreation, and is underlain by vast mineral resources.

Major resource programs on the Forest include fire and fuel management, range, timber and other vegetation management, wildlife, minerals and recreation.

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## **ABOUT THE DUTY LOCATIONS**

### **Douglas, WY:**

The Douglas District office is located in Douglas, Wyoming, a full service community of 6,350 people. Services include 2 supermarkets, a movie theatre, dental and medical facilities, a sports medicine clinic, a modern hospital, 7 motels, a limited-service airport, a weekly newspaper, and churches of many denominations.

Douglas is located along the North Platte River, just off I-25. Casper, the Second largest city in Wyoming, is 45 miles west of Douglas. Casper provides a wide range of services. The Denver metropolitan area is approximately a 4 hr. drive. Cheyenne is the state capitol and largest city in Wyoming. It takes approximately 2+ hours to drive to Cheyenne. <https://www.cityofdouglas.org/>

### **Saratoga, WY:**

The Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District is located in the scenic Snowy Range and Sierra Madre mountains in southeast Wyoming. With approximately 545,000 acres of public land, the ranger district offers a wide array of multiple-use management activities. Favorite local activities include fishing, camping, rafting, and hunting in the summer and fall. Winter brings ample opportunities for skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing.

Saratoga is a small, friendly town of about 1,800 residents. The North Platte River, a blue ribbon fishery, runs right through town. There are several restaurants, 3 banks, dental and medical facilities, a weekly newspaper and a grocery store. Please visit the Chamber of Commerce web-page for more information <http://www.saratogachamber.info>

### **Steamboat Springs, CO:**

Steamboat Springs, Colorado is a full-service year-round resort community located in northwestern Colorado at an elevation of 6,700 feet. Steamboat is located 122 miles southwest of Laramie, WY, where the headquarters for the Forest is located. Denver is 160 miles southeast of town, and Fort Collins is 160 miles to the northeast. Year-round air service is provided at the

Yampa Valley Regional Airport in Hayden. The population for Steamboat is about 12,000, which can swell up to 30,000 during the ski season.

Recreation is unlimited in and around Steamboat Springs throughout the year. Summer and fall activities include hiking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, kayaking, golfing, mountain biking and many other activities. Winter activities include alpine skiing at the two local resorts, Nordic skiing on groomed trails and the backcountry, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, ice skating and more. <https://www.steamboat.com/>

Extra Items to Consider

Wyoming has a sales tax; however, there is no personal income tax.

Two-year retention hiring incentives may be available

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT (DOUGLAS, WY) –**

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**BRUSH CREEK/HAYDEN RANGER DISTRICT (SARATOGA, WY)-**

Brad Weatherd, 307-330-6752 or [Bradley.Weatherd@usda.gov](mailto:Bradley.Weatherd@usda.gov) or Jed Smith, 307-321-1586

**HAHNS PEAK/BEARS EARS RANGER DISTRICT (STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO)-**

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# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

**Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-05/07/09**

**Please submit outreach response to Doug Myhre at [douglas.myhre@usda.gov](mailto:douglas.myhre@usda.gov)**

**On or before February 15, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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- VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- PATHWAYS PROGRAM

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