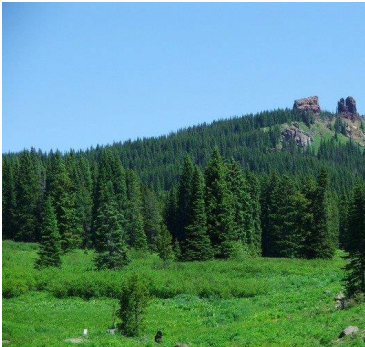


**USDA Forest Service
Rocky Mountain Region**

**Outreach Notice
Region 2
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
& Thunder Basin National Grassland**



Student Trainee (Range Management), GS-0499-03/04/05

Pathways Indefinite Intern Positions

SRM Hiring Event

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

Reply By: February 14, 2022

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland is planning to fill five Student Trainee, GS-0499-03/04/05 positions in our Rangeland Management Program. These positions are expected to be advertised through the [Student Intern Program](#) in conjunction with the 2023 Society for Range Management conference (conference attendance not required). Current students with an interest in Rangeland Management or equivalent field are encouraged to apply. Respondents to this outreach will be provided with the vacancy announcement number as soon as it becomes available.

VACANCIES TO FILL

Position	# of Positions	Job Series & Grade	Duty Stations
Range Intern (Indefinite)	5 (1 at each Duty Location)	GS-0499-3/4/5 with potential conversion to GS-5/7/9	Douglas, Laramie, & Saratoga, WY; Steamboat Springs, Walden & Yampa, CO

The “Contact Information” section at the bottom of this notice include points of contact for each duty location if applicants have questions.

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

The vacancy announcement for these positions will be posted on USAJOBS, the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. These positions are expected to be available for application via USAJOBS from **February 15-27, 2023**. However, this timeframe may change. Through USAJOBS, [you can save a search and set up alerts](#) so you don’t miss this or similar opportunities.

*** THE POSITION ***

This position serves as an Intern in support of the district’s rangeland management program.

This position is designed to provide a career-oriented introduction to the background, philosophy, concepts, and scope of the Forest Service Range program. Assignments are developmental in nature and, in conjunction with formal education from an accredited educational institution, the Intern will gain the necessary competencies leading to a possible conversion to a permanent professional position. Work assignments are selected to ensure that the Intern receives on-the-job training and exposure to program functions. **Assignments will include work in remote rugged terrain.**

Types of assignments may include:

- Checks range allotments for range improvement maintenance and the need for additional range improvements such as fences or water development.
- Inspects allotments after grazing for unauthorized livestock and if found, gathers necessary brands, numbers, dates, and locations. Reports other management needs to the supervisor.
- Performs rangeland management support work that involves following monitoring protocols, repeat photography and identifying grazing management issues.
- Estimates the utilization of available forage by all grazing animals. Using accepted indicator plants determines range readiness and advises supervisor.
- Participates in noxious plant control, native plant seeding, or similar projects.
- Identifies plant specimens in the field.
- Types and files written reports on conditions such as range utilization, grazing impact, soil erosion, violations, or needed maintenance.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

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.

ABOUT THE DUTY LOCATIONS

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.

Community: Steamboat Springs 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 year-round population for Steamboat is about 12,000, which can swell up to 30,000 during the ski season. It is the county seat and largest community in Routt County. Other surrounding incorporated communities include Hayden (22 miles west, population 2,000), Oak Creek (23 miles south, population 1000), and Yampa (30 miles south, population 500).

Recreation: 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.

<http://www.colorado.com/cities-and-towns/steamboat-springs>

Walden, CO

The town of Walden is located within Jackson County Colorado, 65 miles south of Laramie, WY. The area is generally considered northwestern Colorado and is approximately three hours from Denver, CO. The town sits at approximately 8099' mean sea level and originated as a small ranching and agricultural community with a classic western heritage. It is situated in the center of a large open valley called North Park. Jackson County offers a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities in spectacular mountain settings.

<http://www.colorado.com/cities-and-towns/Walden>

Yampa, CO

Yampa is located at 7,881' in elevation and currently has a population of approximately 500 people. It is a small ranching and agriculture community that offers year round recreation opportunities just minutes from town. It is situated at the southern end of the Yampa Valley in Routt County and surrounded by the Flat Tops to the west and Gore Range to the east. The closest larger city is Steamboat Springs, 30 miles to the north, which offers a full array of amenities. Year-round air service is provided at the Yampa Valley Regional Airport in Hayden, CO which is approximately 37 miles away.

<http://www.colorado.com/cities-and-towns/Yampa>

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 District of the Medicine Bow NF sits in the heart of the Rocky Mountains in south central Wyoming. About 30 permanent employees work at the Forest Service Office, and a varying number of seasonal hires, work in recreation, forestry, wildlife, fisheries, range, fire, engineering, planning, and hydrology. The District Office is in Saratoga, a friendly town of about 1800 people. Local and federal governments, plus traditional and renewable energy industries, are among the area's largest employers. There is an interesting variety of restaurants, hotels, shops, hardware stores, farm and ranch stores, a brewpub, grocery, pharmacy, laundromat, gas/service stations, and 2 banks. A gorgeous community center complex serves as

host to local theater, meetings and other events, and indoor recreation. There are also numerous local [festivals](#), sporting events, and hands-on museums for every interest. Saratoga often places high on “best places to live/recreate lists” and was named the 2012 *Outdoor Life Magazine* 10th best hunting and fishing town in America.

<http://www.saratoga.govoffice2.com/>

Laramie, WY:

The Laramie Ranger District is located in the scenic Snowy Range and the Medicine Bow mountains in southeast Wyoming, just a short distance from several major metropolitan areas. With approximately 400,000 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, ice fishing etc...

Educational opportunities are plentiful in Laramie. Private schools are offered K-6 and public schools K-12; junior college courses are offered locally through the Laramie County Community College in both Laramie and Cheyenne, Wyoming. The University of Wyoming is the only four-year institution in the state, serving the widespread population through modern technology and offering over 140 different academic programs.

<https://laramie.org/>

Extra Items to Consider

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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YAMPA RANGER DISTRICT (YAMPA, CO)-

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DOUGLAS RANGER DISTRICT (DOUGLAS, WY) –

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LARAMIE RANGER DISTRICT (LARAMIE, WY)-

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Range Intern, GS-0499-03/04/05

Please submit outreach response to Doug Myhre at douglas.myhre@usda.gov
on or before February 14, 2023

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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

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