



Lincoln National Forest

Now Taking Applications
Tribal Relations Specialist
GS-0301-11
Permanent Full-Time



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Interested applicants should complete the application using the link listed above before 3/27/2023.

ABOUT THE POSITION

We are considering applicants for the position of Tribal Relations Specialist under the direction of the Forest Supervisor. The outreach will assist us in determining the broadest range of applicants to meet the needs of the Lincoln National Forest and its Districts. Represent the agency in working with tribe(s), ensuring that the rights of Sovereign Indian Nations are fully respected and incorporated into building relationships between tribes and national forest. Develop strategies to improve relationships between tribes and national forest. Provide advice and guidance to staff who work in tribal affairs on appropriate interaction with Tribal Representatives to ensure the working relationship is respected and adhered to. Advise leadership and other agency officials of any procedural impediments that negatively impact the ability of the agency and its employees to effectively work with tribal governments.

LOCATION

The position is in Alamogordo, NM. Potential travel of distances 1-3 hours from the office may be required in a government furnished vehicle.

DUTIES

Represents the agency in dealing with the tribes, ensuring that the rights of Sovereign Indian Nations are fully respected and carried out in a government-to-government relationship. Provides leadership to ensure the rights of Sovereign Indian Nations are fully respected.

Coordinates activities and programs regarding program delivery needs for the tribes. Coordinates the outreach of Forest Service programs and services to the American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in the region, and provides guidance to the consultative process associated with the government-to-government relationship between the tribes and region. Provides consultation to tribal governments and the Forest in assessing the impact of Federal Government plans, projects, programs, and activities on tribal trust resources and assures that tribal government's rights and concerns are considered during the development of such plans, projects, programs, and activities.

Advises the Forest Supervisor and other officials of any procedural impediments that negatively impact the ability of the agency and its employees to effectively work with tribal governments. Makes recommendations for new initiatives and programs to specifically address the trust responsibility and/or governmental rights of the tribes. Provides periodic reports concerning activities and progress in improving agency and tribal relationships and activities.

Provides support in developing policies, procedures, and directives to strengthen relationships with tribes service-wide and within the region. Provides advice and guidance to other staff who deal directly with tribe(s), on appropriate interaction with Tribal Representatives, to ensure the government-to-government relationship is respected and adhered to. Provides group and one-on-one training on the Tribal Relations Program.

THE FOREST

The Lincoln National Forest is known as the birthplace of the world-famous Smokey Bear, the symbol of the campaign to prevent forest fires. The original Smokey Bear is buried in Capitan, New Mexico.

The Lincoln covers approximately 1.1 million acres and consists of three Ranger Districts - Smokey Bear (D1), Sacramento (D2), and Guadalupe (D3). There are three major mountain ranges that cover 1,103,441 acres in southeastern New Mexico - Sacramento, Guadalupe, and Capitan. Elevations of 4,000 to 11,500 feet pass through five different life zones from Chihuahuan desert to subalpine forest. Vegetation ranges from rare cacti in the lower elevations to Engelmann spruce in the higher elevations.

More people enjoy the Lincoln National Forest and the surrounding areas for recreation use than for all other uses combined. In the summer, climatic relief provided by the mountains draws people from surrounding deserts and plains. However, the Forest offers the user a variety of recreational opportunities any season of the year. The Lincoln National Forest can provide the recreational experience you are seeking, whether you enjoy sight-seeing, wildlife watching, picnicking, camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, motorcycling, snowmobiling, alpine or cross-country skiing, or caving.

Supervisor's Office

Located in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the Supervisor's Office moved to a new, leased facility in September 2008. The 19,900 square foot building houses approximately 80 employees from four Agencies under the Department of Agriculture:

Smokey Bear Ranger District - D1

Headquarters for the Smokey Bear Ranger District is in Ruidoso, New Mexico. The District manages approximately 375,000 acres that range in elevation from 5,400 to 11,580 feet. Ski Apache Resort, one of the largest ski areas in the Southwest, is located on the District.

Sacramento Ranger District – D2

The Sacramento Ranger District is headquartered in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and manages over 450,000 acres with elevations ranging from 4,600 to 9,695 feet.

Guadalupe Ranger District – D3

The Guadalupe Ranger District office is in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Guadalupe Mountains range in elevation from 3,500 to 7,500 feet. The District contains more than 250 world-class caves and deep, rough canyons. Sitting Bull Falls is another natural wonder that brings an oasis into the high desert's dry climate. Additionally, The Guadalupe Escarpment WSA (Wilderness Study Area) covers approximately 21,300 acres and is located along the southern reaches of the district.

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact the Lincoln National Forest, Forest Supervisor Travis Moseley at travis.moseley@usda.gov or Forest Archaeologist Bill Sapp at william.sapp@usda.gov.

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