



Wilderness Ranger Job Description

New Mexico Wild Wilderness Ranger (six positions available)

Full-Time (40 hours); Seasonal April-September 2017

Cibola, Santa Fe, and Carson National Forests (2 positions each)

Job summary

The New Mexico Wild Wilderness Ranger positions are based in Albuquerque, Coyote, and Questa, New Mexico to coordinate work in wilderness areas within the Cibola, Santa Fe, and Carson National Forests, respectively. The Wilderness Rangers will execute projects to accomplish monitoring requirements needed for Forest Service Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements, including invasive species, trails, solitude, primitive and unconfined recreation, and recreation sites, as well as volunteer coordination. Specific work emphasis will vary by work location. The employee will receive training and be acquainted with assigned work locations.

Summary of essential job functions

- Work independently and with a team on specific tasks / instructions
- Develop local strategies for Wilderness Stewardship Performance monitoring consistent with national minimum protocol set forth by the U.S. Forest Service
- Knowledge and utilization of safe backcountry travel, work and camping practices
- Administer and execute work projects for each wilderness area assigned
- Train and lead volunteers to complete projects

Work Environment

Work is performed primarily in the field environment, often in remote locations for multiple days at a time. Field work includes risk of injury from falls, strains, and insect bites, and includes exposure to inclement weather. Work schedule must be flexible, often requires work during weekends, and may require work during evenings. Safety equipment is required as determined through USFS job hazard analysis. Project timeframe is anticipated to be April through September, 2017, but season may be extended based on available funding. Housing may be available for Coyote Ranger District only.

Knowledge and Abilities Required

Knowledge of wilderness principles, concepts, policies, and objectives, in addition to environmental and natural resource monitoring techniques, to conduct surveys, studies, inventory, and monitoring of the wilderness resource. Practical knowledge of backcountry travel, natural resources, and land management operations sufficient to perform work assignments within wilderness, including ability to work under arduous physical conditions. Specific knowledge of invasive species and experience with trail assessments, maintenance, and use of GPS data collection. Knowledge of ArcGIS or other mapping software, data analysis, and primitive tools a plus. Ability to work both independently and with a team, including coordination with New Mexico Wild and Forest Service staff, and leading volunteer crews. Access to personal vehicle for travel to and from work sites required at times and will vary by work location, with mileage for work activities reimbursed.

Email resume with preferred work location, cover letter and references to jobs@nmwild.org