



**USDA Forest Service
Landscape Architect, GS-0807-09**

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:	ADS09-R5-STFSM-01875D	APPLICATION DEADLINE:	10-30-2009
JOB LOCATION:	PINECREST, CA	WORK SCHEDULE:	Full Time
SALARY RANGE:	\$56,919.00-\$73,990.00	OPEN DATE:	10-2-2009
TIME LIMIT:	Term, not to exceed 13 Months 	WHO MAY APPLY:	US citizens 
NUMBER OF VACANCIES:	1	PROMOTION POTENTIAL:	09

NOTES:

There are no transfer of stations funds authorized for this position.

This is a TERM position intended to last 13 months, but may be extended up to two years.

The Forest Service uses an automated on-line system to fill positions. All application materials that will be used in the qualification evaluation process MUST be faxed or scanned and uploaded with your application; i.e., transcripts, resumes, DD-214. If you are faxing supplemental documentation please be sure to identify the documents by placing your name and the announcement number on each item and fax to 253-573-9869.

This position is located on the Summit Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest, and performs work related to landscape and scenery management, site design, and landscape architecture project planning. For further information on the duties and responsibilities of the position, you may contact Julie Martin at 209-965-3434 ext 5311.

The USDA Forest Service has legislative authority to recruit and fill Permanent (Career/Career-Conditional), Temporary, and Term Appointments under the USDA Demonstration Project. Under this authority, any U.S. citizen may apply.

DUTIES:

Prepares designs, specifications, and estimates for forest recreation facilities in high use recreation areas including picnic areas, beach areas, boat launch, campgrounds, and other forest related landscape projects. Facilities include but are not limited to restrooms and associated infrastructure, amphitheatre, foot paths, boat launch and docking facilities, picnic sites, fishing access, etc. All facilities and designs must meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

Plans for the allocation of land uses and the physical development of land expanses.

Provides professional landscape architectural advice to peers, subordinates, or non-professional administrators or managers on landscape and land use projects.

MINIMUM FEDERAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

A. Applicants must show successful completion of a bachelor's or higher degree in landscape architecture or landscape design.

OR

B. Combination of education and experience----for each year short of graduation, one (1) year of experience under professional leadership of such character and diversity as to be a satisfactory substitute for the required education. Experience must include landscape design.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting the basic entry qualification requirements, applicants must have had either specialized experience and/or directly related education in the amounts shown below. Education and experience may be combined to meet the total experience requirements.

1. The applicant must have completed two (2) years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a master's or equivalent graduate degree with courses such as environmental design and research, landscape ecology, regional land planning, urban and community design, public space and culture, landscape conservation, or comparable advanced landscape architecture courses that equipped the applicant with the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

OR

2. One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-7.

Specialized experience is experience which is in or related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS:

Please check Job Posting Information, Summary, for the area of consideration (i.e., Who May Apply), and time limit information.

BASIS OF RATING: The category rating procedure is used to rank and select eligible candidates. Under category rating, applicants who meet basic minimum qualification requirements established for the position and whose job related competencies have been assessed are ranked by being placed in one of the following categories: Quality, Well Qualified, and Eligible. Candidates placed in the Quality category will be assessed based on Education, High Ability, or Experience. Well Qualified candidates are those who clearly exceed the minimum qualification requirements but do not necessarily meet the criteria for the Quality category. Candidates in the eligible category meet basic minimum qualification requirements but do not meet the criteria for the Well Qualified category. Preference eligibles are listed ahead of non-preference eligibles within each category. Drug testing is a requirement for certain positions. See "Other Significant Facts" portion of this announcement for information specific to position being filled.

To receive consideration for this position, you must meet all qualification requirements as of the closing date of the announcement or on the date a referral list is generated. Applicants are strongly encouraged to ensure the work history portion thoroughly documents the duties, responsibilities, and accomplishments that are directly related to this position in order to verify specialized experience.

Applications submitted in postage-paid Government envelopes will not be accepted.

Applications received become the property of the USDA Forest Service and will not be returned.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: The USDA Forest Service provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact the point of contact listed on the vacancy announcement. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Forest Service affiliated child/day care facilities are not available.

Government housing is available.

BENEFITS: A variety of health insurance plans; retirement system with investment options; paid holiday; paid sick and annual (vacation) leave; life insurance; incentive systems; subsidized transportation, flexible work schedule, training and development opportunities, family/worklife program, etc.

Transfer of Station/Relocation expenses will not be paid.

As a condition of employment, all male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must have registered for the selective service. If selected for this position, the applicant must sign a statement certifying his registration, or the applicant must demonstrate exempt status under the Selective Service Law.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: All Federal employees are required to have Federal salary payments made by direct deposit to a financial institution of their choosing.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: Generally, preference is granted to veterans who entered the military service prior to October 14, 1976; or served on active duty during the period from August 2, 1990, through January 2, 1992, and who are otherwise eligible; or who served on active duty during the period beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the last day of Operation Iraqi Freedom; or who have served in a military action for which they received a Campaign Badge or Expeditionary Medal. This includes the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) awarded to those who participated in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard. Also, you may be entitled to veterans' preference if you are a disabled veteran; you have received a Purple Heart; you are the spouse or mother of a disabled veteran; or you are the widow, widower, or mother of a deceased veteran. Applicants will be required to provide proof prior to appointment to validate

their claim for preference. More detailed information is available on the Main Menu screen under the selection entitled, "Veteran Information."

Completion of a probationary or trial period may be required, depending on the type of appointment. During this time period, employee's conduct and performance will be monitored in order to determine if employee will be retained.

HOW TO APPLY: In order to determine if you meet the eligibility and qualification requirements for this position, please submit the following information:

1. Experience/Employment Information:

a. Apply On-Line at www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html. This online application process allows applicants to submit employment information that can be printed for personal use and saved and/or edited on the website for future use. The application process contains all the data elements that are required for resumes submitted for federal employment and may be submitted electronically. OR

b. Apply by Scannable Questionnaire: This Questionnaire requires completion of a scannable form. You must request the instructions and form and submit the scannable application form and supporting documentation by mail. Locations and their codes will be listed in the application package. A facsimile of the scannable form cannot be accepted.

2. Eligibility Information: The following documents must be electronically attached to your application to verify your eligibility and basic qualifications. Failure to provide this documentation may result in disqualification.

a. DD-214/SF-15 to verify veterans' preference claim and/or eligibility for VRA appointments. Applicants claiming preference based on service performed after October 14, 1976, must specify on the application the Campaign Badge upon which they are basing their claim. Veterans who fail to submit the supporting documentation with their application will not be granted veterans preference. If you are not able to attach the forms to your application, you may fax to 253-573-9869, please include name on all documents.

b. Transcripts (official or unofficial) are required if education is used to meet basic qualifications requirements or meet education criteria in the quality category. Transcripts should be attached to the Avue profile or faxed to 253-573-9869; please include name on all documents.

3. CURRENT FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: Notice of Expected Separation, performance appraisal information for current Federal employees or other proof documents are required if requesting priority placement consideration under the Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP). CTAP and ICTAP candidates must be well qualified. Submit SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action or equivalent document to verify current or former federal employment status should also be submitted.

TO REQUEST A SCANNABLE FORM: Please refer to the contact name and phone number listed in this vacancy announcement.

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