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OUTREACH REPLY FORM

Pacific Southwest Region, USDA Forest Service
Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora, CA
Biological Science Technician (Plants), GS-404-6/7
Mi-Wok Ranger District

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form describing your current status and return it, by one of the following to:

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Type of Appointment Permanent Temporary Term
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Current Region/Forest/District: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

Current Position Title: _____

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- Person with disabilities
- Veterans Readjustment
- Disabled Veterans with 30% compensable disability
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Student Career Experience Program
- Other

Submission of this form is voluntary--Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Stanislaus National Forest (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/stanislaus/>) totals approximately 1,090,000 acres within its boundaries. The Forest is bordered on the south by the Merced River and the Sierra National Forest. The Mokelumne River and the Eldorado National Forest comprise the northern border (map 1). Yosemite National Park and the Toiyabe National Forest make up the eastern boundaries.



The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Sonoma, California, county seat for Tuolumne County. The four Ranger Districts, Mi-Wok, Calaveras, Summit and Groveland, are within 45 minutes of the Supervisor's Office.

The Stanislaus National Forest contains all of the Emigrant Wilderness and portions of the Carson-Iceberg and Mokelumne Wildernesses. The pristine and dramatic scenery offers a backdrop for outstanding hiking, backpacking, and horseback riding experiences. As home to a multitude of lakes and reservoirs, as well as 811 miles of rivers and streams and 18 fish species, the Stanislaus offers a wide variety of water recreation opportunities. The Tuolumne and the Stanislaus Rivers are popular destinations, as well as Pinecrest and Cherry Lakes. Winter recreational opportunities are numerous and the area abounds with local history from the gold rush era.

INTRODUCTION TO THE MI-WOK RANGER DISTRICT AND SURROUNDING AREA

COMMUNITY: The Mi-Wok Ranger District Office is located in the community of Mi Wuk Village, CA, approximately 15 miles northeast of Sonora, CA, the nearest full service community with a population of approximately 25,000. Other nearby limited service communities include Sugar Pine, Sierra Village, Twain Harte, Long Barn, Soulsbyville, Pinecrest and Mono Village. The towns and cities of Merced, Modesto, Stockton, Sacramento, and San Francisco are approximately a 2 hour drive away. Sonora is considered the “gateway to Yosemite National Park.”

LOCATION: The Mi-Wok District Office is located on Highway 108 and is within the Stanislaus National Forest boundary. The District is 225,000 acres in size and is intermixed with private land. The District ranges in elevation from 1,200 to 7,500 feet, with Mi Wuk Village at 4,500 feet. The District has 5 major rivers within its boundary. The annual program of work includes timber sales, reforestation and prescribed fire projects. The District has four developed campgrounds and many dispersed recreation activities including camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, off highway vehicle use, personal use wood cutting, recreational mining and various other special uses.

POPULATION: Within a 10 mile radius of Mi-Wuk Village, there are approximately 15,000 full time residences.

CLIMATE: The climate is typical of the lower mid-range western slopes of the Sierra Nevada. May to October has little precipitation except for occasional thunderstorms. Mid-summer temperatures can reach into the 100's. In the winter months, snow storms can produce as much as 2 feet of snow at any one time, but it is usually on the ground for a very short period of time. The coldest portions of winter last about three months (December – February).

SCHOOLS: The nearest elementary school is in Twain Harte, approximately 4 miles from Mi Wuk Village and the nearest High School is in Sonora. There are several other elementary schools in the surrounding communities and the actual location of the residence determines which one children attend. Bus Services are available for all schools. Private schools are also available. There is also a community college in the town of Columbia, approximately 40 miles from Mi Wuk Village.

CHURCHES: All faiths available, except Moslem, within 30 miles.

MEDICAL: There are numerous doctors and dentists in both Twain Harte and Sonora. Sonora also has two hospitals and ambulance service.

ACCOMMODATIONS: There are numerous motels, restaurants, gas stations, golf courses, a movie theatre, repertory companies and shopping areas along Highway 108.

HOUSING/RENTAL: All of the communities along the Highway 108 corridor have housing opportunities. Best information on availability and cost can be obtained from local real estate and property management firms in the area. For more information, call Tuolumne County Realtors at (209) 532-3432.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The Tuolumne County Public Transportation System includes a route with Monday thru Friday service to the Mi-Wok Ranger District Office. Sonora has taxi service which serves Sonora and the surrounding communities.

BANKING: There are various banking facilities in Twain Harte and Sonora.

CHILD CARE FACILITIES: There are some state licensed facilities in the immediate area as well as several private daycare facilities.

POINTS OF INTEREST: Columbia State Park, Emigrant Wilderness Area, Yosemite National Park (1.5 hour drive), and Calaveras Big Trees State Park.