Outreach Announcement
Regional Office, Golden, Colorado
Regional Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager
GS-401-12/13

The Rocky Mountain Region Regional Office will soon advertise a GS 401-12/13 Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager position located at the Regional Office in Golden, Colorado. This is a permanent, full-time position with an annual pay range between $73,848 and $114,158 (GS 12 step 1 – GS 13 step 10). Relocation expenses (TOS) are authorized for merit applicants. The Rocky Mountain Region covers National Forests and Grasslands within Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Kansas, and Nebraska.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. **Individuals that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS.gov website by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.** Referral Lists for the position will be issued to the selecting official upon closing of the vacancy announcement. All applicants found qualified, and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

THE POSITION
Responsible for providing program leadership, management and oversight for State & Private Forestry and Tribal Relations (SPF&TR) program areas including Urban & Community Forestry (UCF), and special projects for the Rocky Mountain Region.

• Collaborates with State Foresters and staffs, Forest Supervisors and staffs, other Regional Office staff, Research & Development staff, and other external partners to plan, deliver and monitor programs that create, restore, sustain and improve forests in cities and communities across all lands.

• Coordinates across S&PF programs to support integrated delivery of projects and programs that achieve State Forest Action Plan and National Forest & Grassland Land and Resource Management Plan goals.

• Convenes and facilitates dialogs among interested parties and experts to exchange information, build programs and relationships, and respond to mutual forest management opportunities.

• Manages grants to and agreements with state and private entities consistent with OMB and agency regulations.

• Provides technical assistance, or the delivery thereof, in cooperation with partners to enhance technical skills and understanding of sound tree maintenance, arboricultural practices and other forest management sciences.

• Pursues new science and technology with researchers, developers and extension agents to address urban and community forestry issues.

• Supports efforts to address new and emerging issues such as pest and pathogen infestations/treatments, watershed restoration, and climate change mitigation and adaption strategies.
THE DUTY STATION
The Rocky Mountain Regional Office is located in Golden Colorado, eight miles west of Denver and 10 minutes from the gateway to the Rocky Mountains. The USDA Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region manages resources and activities across more than 22 million acres of forest and grassland in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming. There are a total of 11 National Forest and seven National Grassland units and 52 ranger districts. Wyoming's Shoshone National Forest and Colorado's White River National Forest are among the first National Forests Congress proclaimed, carved from the original Forest Reserves. These and other Forests and Grasslands continue to hold in trust America's resources- timber, wildlife, water, range, recreation - to ensure their availability today and tomorrow.

THE COMMUNITY
Golden and the surrounding Denver Metro area are full service communities. There are several institutes of higher learning including Colorado School of Mines, University of Colorado at Denver, Metro State University, University of Denver, and several community colleges, as well as private institutions. Elementary and secondary schools rank among the state's best. There are also private and church-affiliated schools and day care facilities. The Denver Metro area has a large medical community, with a wide variety of specialists, and a great variety of clinics and hospitals.

Apartment rentals start at $750 per month. House rentals begin at approximately $1,200 per month, and the median price for purchasing a home is $240,000. Utilities are priced moderately.

Cultural opportunities include live theater, vocal and instrumental performances, art and history museums, including the Denver Zoo, Museum of Natural History, Botanical Gardens, Denver Art Museum, and the Clyfford Still Museum. Denver has a large variety of ethnic festivals and a full calendar of special community events. The Denver Metro area has a diverse and growing population. Denver is home to the two-time Super Bowl Champions Denver Broncos, as well as the Colorado Avalanche, Denver Nuggets, Colorado Rockies, and Colorado Rapids.

The Denver Metro area has over 300 days of sunshine a year; summer days are sunny with an average August temperature of 73 degrees with afternoon thunderstorms fairly common. Winter brings temperatures below freezing at night but usually in the 30-50 degree range during the day with sunshine. There are approximately 5-10 snow events a winter, most are less than 6 inches.

The city is within easy distance of skiing some of the best slopes in the world; and is within two hours of hiking, mountain biking, climbing, camping, fishing, and jeeping on several National Forests. For mountain climbing enthusiasts, the challenge of the 53 14,000+ foot peaks exists. There are numerous parks and bike paths in the Denver Metro area, and a number of public and private golfing facilities. Golden is an hour from the Denver International Airport; and has easy access to numerous hiking and biking trails in county open space. There are at least 4 major malls in the area, with several outlet malls within 45 minutes to an hour drive. There are several amusement and water parks in the Denver Metro area, the largest being Six Flags Elitch Gardens near downtown.

Additional information about the communities:
Golden Chamber of Commerce - http://www.goldencochamber.org/
Denver Travel and Visitor Bureau - http://www.denver.org/metro/moving

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact: Rick Cooksey, Director of State & Private Forestry and Tribal Relations, or 303-275-5750.
OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM  
Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, Rocky Mountain Region  
Series 401-12/13  
Golden, Colorado

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If you are not currently a permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- People with Disabilities
- Veterans Readjustment Authority
- Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Student Career Experience Program
- Other

Please return your completed form by email to Cindy Finley (cafinley@fs.fed.us) – Administrative Support to Rick Cooksey by COB June 21, 2013.