

# **OUTREACH NOTICE**

# 2018 TEMPORARY RECREATION/TRAILS POSITIONS

DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS



The Dakota Prairie Grasslands will be filling multiple temporary (seasonal) recreation and trail positions for the upcoming 2018 field season. Openings will be available at the GS-2, GS-3, GS-4, GS-5 and GS-6 levels, and are for positions with a maximum six-month tour of duty (not to exceed 1,039 hours). The starting dates of the positions are anticipated to be between May and early June, 2018 with a few positions potentially starting sooner.

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Vacancy announcements will be open in USA Jobs between January 3rd and January 9th, 2018. All applications must be submitted through the <u>USA Jobs Website</u>. Vacancy announcement numbers for the positions being hired are listed below. Once the application period is open each position can be found on USA Jobs by searching the corresponding announcement number. When applying you must indicate which duty stations you want to be considered for. If you have questions about a certain position, contact the individuals listed below. If you are having difficulty applying for jobs through the USAJOBS website, you may also contact the **Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248**, option 2, for assistance.

# POSITIONS BEING HIRED:

Position	Series/Grade	Announcement #	Duty Station
Forestry Aid (Recreation/Trails)	GS-0462-02	18-TEMP-R1-FAID-2DT-JN	Dickinson, Watford City
Forestry Aid (Recreation/Trails)	GS-0462-03	18-TEMP-R1-FOAI-3DT-JN	Dickinson, Watford City
Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-04	18-TEMP-R1-TRLS-4DT-JN	Dickinson
Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-05	18-TEMP-R1-TRLS-5DT-JN	Dickinson
Forestry Technician (Trails)	GS-0462-06	18-TEMP-R1-WILD-6DT-JN	Dickinson
Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-04	18-TEMP-R1-RECR-4DT-JN	Dickinson, Lisbon, Watford City
Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-05	18-TEMP-R1-RECR-5DT-JN	Dickinson, Lisbon, Watford City
Forestry Technician (Recreation)	GS-0462-06	18-TEMP-R1-RECR-6DT-JN	Dickinson, Lisbon, Watford City





#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

To express interest, or for additional information regarding the GS-2 through GS-6 Trails positions at the Dickinson, ND duty location please contact:

Greg Morel Trails Manager 99 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave West Suite B Dickinson, ND 58601 (701) 227-7854 gsmorel@fs.fed.us

To express interest, or for additional information regarding the GS-2 through GS-6 Recreation positions at the Dickinson, Lisbon, or Watford City, ND duty locations please contact:

Rob Schilling Recreation Manager 99 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave West Suite B Dickinson, ND 58601 (701) 227-7837 rpschilling@fs.fed.us

#### **POSITION DUTIES**

# FORESTRY AID/FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (TRAILS)

Up to four trail crew positions will be filled. The trail crew is responsible for constructing & maintaining all of the trails on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands including the Maah Daah Hey Trail and the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Typically, the crew works Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm, but hours can be flexible. Some overnight travel/camping will be required. Pay and duties will depend on experience; you must apply for each grade/pay level you wish to be considered for.

For more information on applying please contact Greg Morel.

## FORESTRY AID/FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (RECREATION)

These positions are responsible for general site maintenance & visitor contact, including but not limited to cleaning restrooms, collecting trash, mowing & weed whacking, weed spraying, installing & posting signs, talking with visitors, and enforcing rules.

Typical work days are Monday through Friday. Limited overnight travel, weekend and/or holiday work may be required. Pay and duties will depend on experience; you must apply for each grade/pay level you wish to be considered for.

A valid driver's license is required. For more information on applying please contact Rob Schilling.





#### **ABOUT THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS**

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands (DPG) were created in 1998 as a separate unit in response to the increased visibility and issues surrounding National Grasslands. A new supervisor's office was created in Bismarck, ND, with newly hired staff at all levels.

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands has four district offices. The Medora RD (Dickinson, ND) and the McKenzie RD (Watford City, ND) administer the Little Missouri National Grassland. The Sheyenne RD, Lisbon, ND, administers the Sheyenne National Grassland. The Grand River RD (Lemmon, SD) administers the Grand River and Cedar River National Grasslands. The DPG is located in eastern and western North Dakota and northwestern South Dakota. The DPG is approximately 1.2 million acres of federal lands, intermingled with other federal, state, and private lands with an approximately 2.9 million acre administrative boundary. This mixed ownership pattern contributes to the uniqueness of the Grasslands. The DPG supports the largest range program and one of the largest oil/gas programs in the US Forest Service.

Each of the National Grasslands has a flavor all its own. The tall grass prairies on the rolling hills of the Sheyenne National Grassland are a significant contrast to the stark badlands found in the Little Missouri National Grassland. The resources are as varied also; paleontological and archeological digs, oil and gas production, cattle grazing, and recreation.

#### McKenzie Ranger District- Watford City, ND

The McKenzie Ranger District is the northernmost ranger district of the Little Missouri National Grassland and encompasses approximately 550,000 acres. It is host to a large and expanding oil and gas program.

The district surrounds the northern unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and parts of the district border the southern edge of Lake Sakakawea, which is very popular for fishing and recreation.

Wildlife is abundant and important. As the largest block of public land in the state, the Little Missouri National Grassland is considered to be one of the most important wildlife lands. The District supports populations of elk, bighorn sheep, whitetail and mule deer, wild turkeys, waterfowl, prairie dogs, antelope, upland game birds, raptors, and numerous songbirds.

# MEDORA RANGER DISTRICT- DICKINSON, ND

The Medora Ranger District is the southernmost ranger district of the Little Missouri National Grassland and encompasses approximately 550,000 acres of rolling prairie, badlands, woody draws and high buttes.

The district is rich in history, mineral wealth and biological diversity. The only stand of Limber Pine in the state is found on the District as well as the only natural Ponderosa Pine forest.

The Little Missouri River bisects the district and is considered a "scenic" river by the state. The district also surrounds the southern unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the historic town of Medora.

# SHEYENNE RANGER DISTRICT-LISBON, ND

The Sheyenne Ranger District is located in southeastern North Dakota on the Sheyenne National Grassland and encompasses approximately 70,200 acres located in Ransom and Richland Counties. The district has the only population of the greater prairie chicken in North Dakota and one of the three metapopulations of western prairie fringed orchid in North America.





There are several recreational opportunities such as hunting, hiking, horseback riding, nature observation, primitive camping and even some canoeing and fishing along the Sheyenne River. Approximately 25 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail traverse the Sheyenne National Grassland. This trail is designated for non-motorized use and is part of a 3200 mile congressionally designated trail from Port Hening, New York to Lake Sakakawea in North Dakota.

#### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

## WATFORD CITY, NORTH DAKOTA

The Duty Station for McKenzie Ranger District is Watford City, ND. Watford City is the county seat for McKenzie County, and is a full service community with a population of 2,700. Services include: county services, library, hospital, health clinic, wellness center, dentist, optometrist, three full service banks and a credit union, two grocery stores, two pharmacies, hardware store and lumber yard, a variety of retail stores, restaurants; car dealerships, service stations, motels, daycare, a movie theater and nine churches of various denominations.

Watford City has a very active Park Board which manages a wonderful park system within the community. There is a recently constructed swimming pool with water slides, baseball field and children's park. The Watford City Municipal Golf Course is located two miles east of town and offers a 9-hole course with grass greens.

Recreation opportunities are varied and abundant and included activities such as, big and small game hunting, trail riding, fishing, biking, hiking, wildlife watching and motorized recreation. Located less than one hour east of Watford City is Lake Sakakawea, one of the largest bodies of water in the Midwest. The lake boasts 1,600 miles of lake shore inviting people to experience water sports and world-class fishing. For birding enthusiast, North Dakota offers excellent opportunities to add to you "life-list" and for those more interested in hunting you can't beat the pheasant and grouse hunting opportunities.

## Government housing is available but limited in Watford City, ND.

#### DICKINSON, ND

The Duty Station for Medora Ranger District is Dickinson, North Dakota. Dickinson has a population of about 19,000 and is located 100 miles west of North Dakota capitol of Bismarck, and about 65 miles east of the Montana state line. Dickinson is a service and shopping "hub" for areas of western North Dakota, northwestern South Dakota and eastern Montana. The office is a "Service First" facility, co-located with the North Dakota Field Office of the BLM.

The climate is considered to be the garden spot of North Dakota with a mean January temperature of 17°F and a mean July temperature of 72°F. Seasonal extremes range from 105°F to -35°F.

Recreation opportunities are varied and abundant - archery, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, golfing and water sports. Lake Sakakawea lies about an hour north of Dickinson and offers world-class fishing for walleye, pike, bass, trout, and salmon. The city of Dickinson has an excellent Park and Recreation Department with programs available for kids and adults. Dickinson is the home of the Dakota Dinosaur Museum, Roughrider Days Rodeo, Ukrainian Festival and the Northern Plains Heritage Festival.

Shopping opportunities include 2 malls with major department stores, 3 grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Menards, hardware stores, and numerous smaller specialty stores.

Government housing is available in Dickinson, ND.





#### LISBON, ND

The duty station for the Sheyenne Ranger District is Lisbon, ND. Lisbon, North Dakota is the county seat for Ransom County, and is a full service community with a population of 2,200. Services include: county services, library, hospital, health clinic, wellness center, dentist, optometrist, three full service banks and a credit union, grocery store, two pharmacies, hardware store and lumber yard, a variety of retail stores, restaurants, service stations, motels, daycare, a movie theater and several churches of various denominations.

Lisbon has a very active Park Board which manages a wonderful park system with the community; including camping, swimming pool, tennis courts and playgrounds. The Lisbon Bissel Golf Course is a beautiful golf course with black sand traps and grass greens.

At this time government housing is not available. Rentals start around \$400.

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