The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) will soon be advertising a permanent developmental Fisheries Biologist position at the GS-0482-5/7/9 grade level. The position is located on the Springerville Ranger District in Springerville, Arizona. This position offers a developmental opportunity for recent graduates seeking experience in a busy and complex aquatics program on a very diverse forest. The ASNFs are part of the headwaters of the San Francisco, Salt and Little Colorado River watersheds and management includes a wide range of warm water and cold water aquatic species. The Aquatics Program covers fish, frogs, gartersnakes, mollusks and insects present on the Forests, and program management is shared between four fisheries biologists. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

**TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE PERMANENT POSITION:** Please fill out the attached outreach response form and send to Stephanie Coleman smcoleman@fs.fed.us by COB April 3, 2017.

**TO APPLY FOR THIS POSITION:** The Vacancy Announcement for this position will be posted on USA Jobs http://www.usajobs.opm.gov.

A description of qualifications for the GS-0482 series is available on the OPM website.
ABOUT THIS POSITION

At the GS-5 Level this position serves as a trainee in fisheries management within the framework of forest management. Major duties may include:

- Performs the following tasks under close supervision:
- Collects field data on streams and lakes for preparation of survey reports. Performs other simple and routine assignments as directed.
- Attends training and study courses in fisheries management and land uses as they affect fish species.
- Prepares reports that are required to record activities and inform supervisor of progress in the area of responsibility. Assists in the preparation of, or prepares, presentations related to work assignments.
- Responsible for the proper use and maintenance of all equipment and supplies required in the performance of duties.

At the GS-7 Level this position serves as an advanced trainee in the field of fisheries management performing productive work and developing skills and knowledge for a higher level position. Major duties may include:

- As an advanced trainee, increases knowledge, skills, and abilities in the aquatic biology profession.
- As part of planned career development, works with and assists senior members of the staff in the performance of analytical/scientific assignments.
- Conducts aquatic habitat/species inventories for preparation of maps and management plans using all types of sampling equipment.
- Assists in preparation of documents related to land management planning to evaluate potential effects, environmental assessments and biological evaluations.
- Prepares well-researched and logically organized presentations related to work assignments. Presents facts, issues, and positions that convey the intended information with the appropriate diplomacy and emphasis.

At the GS-9 Level this position serves as a fishery biologist in the administration of aquatic habitat and related coordination with other resources. Major Duties include:

- As part of a team assignment, performs routine work in aquatic resource-related project.
- Provides biological input into the aquatic habitat management program and assists in development of aquatic management plans.
- Works cooperatively with State, Tribal, and Federal aquatic and water quality management agencies. This includes gathering information for surveys of aquatic species occurrence, mapping key aquatic habitat for suitability and determining the need for fish habitat enhancement or restoration.
- Participates on interdisciplinary teams and prepares environmental analysis reports in assigned functional area. Develops biological evaluations for threatened, endangered and sensitive species for review by journey level biologists.
- Serves as leader of fish habitat improvement projects and habitat inventory and monitoring programs. Participates in fishery monitoring program activities by making observations, gathering data, and reporting findings.

THE APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

The Apache Sitgreaves National Forests is over 2 million acres in size and is located in east-central Arizona along the Mogollon Rim and the White Mountains. The forest covers portions of Coconino, Navajo, Apache, and Greenlee counties, and it borders the Coconino, Tonto, and Gila National Forests; as well as the White Mountain Apache and San Carlos Indian Reservations.

The Apache-Sitgreaves has 34 lakes and reservoirs and more than 1080 miles of perennial rivers and streams - more than can be found in any other Arizona National Forest. There are a wide variety of aquatic systems here from springs, ciénegas and fens to high elevation headwater streams and desert rivers. The forest ranges in elevation from 3500 feet near Clifton to nearly 11,500 feet on Mount Baldy and a variety of associated vegetation types from desert scrub to spruce-fir. The multiple wilderness areas and the Blue Range Primitive Area make the forest one of America's premier backcountry Forests.

Management concerns on the Apache-Sitgreaves include the health and restoration of the forest, watersheds, and ecosystems, and providing a sustainable recreation program. Over one-quarter of the forest (538,000 acres) was burned by the 2011 Wallow Fire. The highest priority work is associated with rehabilitation of the burned area, reducing the dangers associated with wildfire in the urban interface, forest restoration, and implementation of the Revised Forest Plan. For more info go to the Apache-Sitgreaves NF website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf/

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The towns of Springerville and Eagar are contiguous and make up the area referred to as Round Valley. The principal economic activities are tourism, agriculture, construction, forestry, and retail sales in support of the 6,000 local residents. Springerville and Eagar offer a range of facilities to their residents, including a library, hospital, museum, and numerous athletic facilities as well as a campus for Northland Pioneer College. Sunrise Ski area, located on the White Mountain Apache Reservation, is 30 minutes away. There are several local restaurants, two supermarkets and a variety of convenience stores located in the Round Valley. Shopping in Pinetop-Lakeside and Show Low 45 miles away includes Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Home Depot, larger grocery stores, clothing and shoe stores, and many other specialty stores.

Government quarters may be available. There are several single family homes for sale in the area ranging in price. There are some rental houses, mobile homes, and apartments available, though these are not in abundance.

WEBSITES

Town of Springerville: http://www.springervilleaz.gov/index.html
Town of Eagar: http://www.eagaraz.gov/
Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Developmental Fisheries Biologist GS-0482-5/7/9
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests
Reply Due by COB April 3, 2017

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- ☐ Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Veterans Recruitment Authority (VRA)
- ☐ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- ☐ Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA)
- ☐ Returning Peace Corp Volunteers
- ☐ Student Intern Program
- ☐ Schedule A
- ☐ Other (*please explain*): ______________________________________________

Briefly explain your interest in this position and attach a brief (one-page) resume:
Return to:

Stephanie Coleman
Forest Fisheries Biologist
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Email: smcoleman@fs.fed.us