



# United States Forest Service

## Outreach Notice

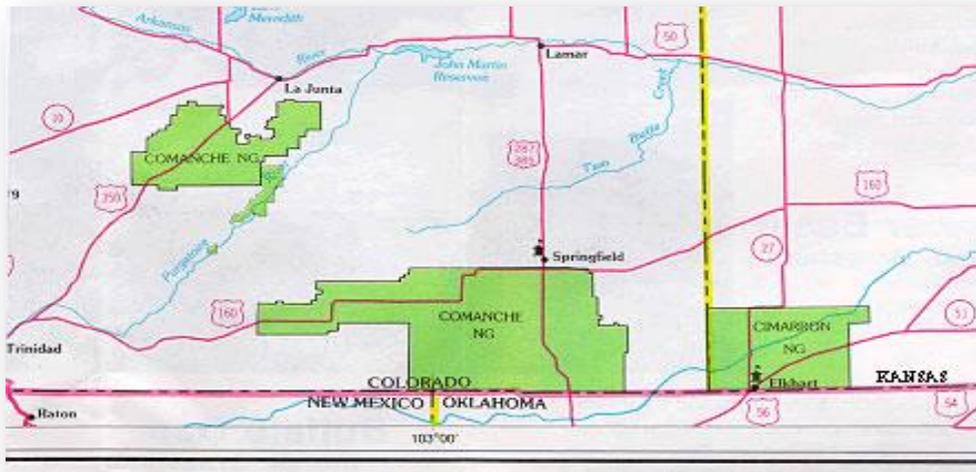
### Region 2

#### Pike & San Isabel National Forests/Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands

The Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands are planning to fill five Biological Science Technicians (Wildlife) GS-0404-5 Full Time – Temporary; with salary at \$15.15 Per Hour. This is a SEASONAL TEMPORARY position with a maximum six month tour schedule (NTE 1039 hours). The anticipated start date for this position is late February and ending late September. Two incumbents will be stationed on the Cimarron National Grassland in Elkhart, KS and three incumbents will be stationed on the Comanche National Grassland in Springfield, CO. All the selected technicians will work on both Grasslands as needed to accomplish required work.

#### **Government housing is available at both locations, Springfield and Elkhart**

The Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands comprise nearly 600,000 acres of woodlands, grass, timber, and sagebrush located in southwest Kansas and southeast Colorado respectively. The Cimarron Ranger Station is located in Elkhart, Kansas. The Comanche Ranger Station is located in Springfield, Colorado.



The Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands have unique features and qualities that separate them from other districts within the United States Forest Service system. For example, the Cimarron National Grassland is home to the historic Point Of Rocks, which was used as a reference point and camp site along the Santa Fe Trail. The Comanche National Grassland is home to the largest exposed dinosaur track site in North America.



### **Duties**

Individually, or as part of a team, participates in procedural wildlife related assignments where methods and techniques are well established. Major work assignments involve assisting the National Grasslands with baseline monitoring for lesser prairie-chicken by taking and recording measurements such as counting stems, identifying species, identifying and measuring species and conditions and identifying habitat condition. Maintain records of investigations requested by supervisor. Under supervision, prepares data summaries in proper format. Summarizes data obtained from field collections. Assists in the attainment of field data and recording relevant biological information. Assists in the collection, handling and preservation of specimens.



In addition to wildlife related assignments, you could assist other programs on the Grasslands; building fence, maintaining trails and camp grounds, treating noxious weeds and assisting with range projects and surveys, just to name a few. Make public contacts and assist visitors. Work with other employees, volunteers, educational groups, and different agencies. Weekend and holiday work may be occasionally required.



### **HOW TO APPLY:**

These positions are advertised under vacancy announcement number 15-TEMP212-89803DT-AR, AND 15-TEMP212-89017DT-AR opening November 04, 2014. **Note – vacancy will be open for 7 days.**

**Step 1** – Create a USAJOBS account at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). It is recommended that as part of your profile you set up automatic email notification to be informed when the status of your application changes.

**Step 2** - Create a Resume with USAJOBS or upload a Resume into your USAJOBS account. You may want to customize your resume to ensure it documents duties and accomplishments you have gained that are directly related to this position in order to verify that qualifications are met. In addition, your resume must support your responses to the online questionnaire (you may preview the online questionnaire by clicking on the link at the end of the How You Will Be Evaluated section of the job announcement).

**Step 3** - Search for the job announcement number. Please read the entire announcement and all the instructions before you begin. Click "Apply Online" and follow the prompts to complete the Occupational Questionnaire and attach any additional documents that may be required. Make sure you select a potential duty station. You can update your application or documents anytime while the announcement is open. Simply log into your USAJOBS account and click on

"Application Status." Click on the position title, and then select "Update Application" to continue.

**Application information:**

Make sure to select **ELKHART, KS OR SPRINGFIELD, CO** as your preferred duty location within USAJOBS: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

**Position Information:**

GS-0404-5 Biological Science Technician (Wildlife): 15-TEMP212-89803DT-AR, AND 15-TEMP212-89017DT-AR opening November 04, 2014. **Note – vacancy will be open for 7 days.**

**Location Information:**

Cimarron National Grassland: <http://tinyurl.com/amultkf>

Morton County, Kansas: <http://www.mtcoks.com/>

Comanche National Grassland: <http://tinyurl.com/7cxlk3v>

Springfield, Colorado: <http://www.springfieldcolorado.com/>

Contact Andy Chappell; Grasslands Wildlife Biologist; at 620-697-3577 or email [atchappell@fs.fed.us](mailto:atchappell@fs.fed.us) , Lance Brown; District Ranger Cimarron National Grassland; at 620-697-3576 or email [lanbrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:lanbrown@fs.fed.us) or Jeff Stoney; District Ranger Comanche National Grassland; at 719-523-1702 or email [jstoney@fs.fed.us](mailto:jstoney@fs.fed.us) for additional information. Thanks for considering this excellent opportunity.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your application through [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) by **NOV 10, 2014**.



**About the Area**

*Cimarron Ranger District:* The Cimarron National Grassland covers just over 108,000 acres of public land that is managed for multiple resources use including range, minerals, wildlife, water, fire and developed and dispersed recreation. The landscape has shortgrass prairie, sandsage brush landscapes, and a cottonwood gallery along the Cimarron River corridor. The Cimarron

National Grassland has the unique distinction to manage the only USFS lands in Kansas. Additionally, there are 23 miles of the Santa Fe National Historic Trail on the Cimarron National Grassland, which is the largest segment in public ownership and is a focus of management on the district.

*Comanche Ranger District:* The Comanche National Grassland covers just over 430,000 acres of public land that is managed for multiple resources use including range, minerals, wildlife, water, fire and developed and dispersed recreation. The landscape has juniper woodlands, shortgrass prairie, sandsage brush landscapes, and expansive canyons. The Comanche National Grassland boasts several world-renowned paleontological and geological features including the North America's largest exposed dinosaur track site and Crack Cave. The District manages significant heritage resources, including the Santa Fe Trail and rock art; endangered species; and over 200 range allotments.

### **Elkhart and Local Area**

POPULATION: 2,318

ELEVATION: 3,616 feet

NEAREST LARGE TOWN: Liberal, Kansas 65 miles

NEAREST LARGE CITY: Amarillo, TX 140 miles; Pueblo, CO (230 miles, Supervisor's Office)

CLIMATE: Average Annual Precipitation: 19 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 15 inches

Average Summer High Temperature: 86

Average Winter Low Temperature: 35

EDUCATION: One elementary school, one junior high school and one high school in Elkhart (<http://www.usd218.org/>). Nearby colleges are Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas, 65 miles away and Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK – 40 miles away.

MEDICAL/HOSPITAL FACILITIES: One medical hospital with 34 beds, medical clinic, nursing care center with 60 beds, and a special care unit. Elkhart has a relatively new assisted living facility. There are six doctors, a dentist and optometrist in Elkhart. The nearest regional health center is in Amarillo, TX.

### **Springfield and Local Area**

POPULATION: 2200

ELEVATION: 4360 feet

NEAREST LARGE TOWN: Lamar, CO 50 miles

NEAREST LARGE CITY: Pueblo, CO 170 miles, Supervisor's Office)

CLIMATE: Average annual precipitation: 15 inches

Average annual snowfall: 22 inches

Average summer high temperature: 95 degrees

Average winter low: 38 degrees

**EDUCATION:** Springfield Regional Preschool, Springfield public schools (K-12 with low student to teacher ratio). Springfield Childcare Center is also located in Springfield. Nearby colleges are Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colorado, 50 miles away and Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK – 110 miles away.

**MEDICAL/HOSPITAL FACILITIES:** Southeast Colorado Hospital, Springfield Clinic, Physicians Clinic, Walsh Dental Clinic, long-term care and Alzheimer's unit. The nearest regional health center is in Amarillo, TX.