

USDA Forest Service
Southwestern Region



Prescott National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE

**Geographic Information System (GIS) Student Intern
GS-0499-5/7/9**

The Prescott National Forest is seeking candidates for a GS-0499-5/7/9 Geographic Information System (GIS) Student Intern position. The position will be advertised through the Forest Service Pathways Program as a Student Intern (Biological Sciences) indefinite position (without a Not-To-Exceed date), which allows for non-competitive conversion to a permanent employee after successful completion of education degree requirements and on-the-job training. The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. To express interest in this position, please complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Form and return it to **Tom Potter** at thomaspotter@fs.fed.us by close of business on May 16, 2014.

The Pathways Intern position provides students in colleges, trade schools and other qualifying educational institutions with paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while completing their education. While the student intern completes the degree, the work schedule will occur around their school schedule. Normally, this consists of part-time work throughout the school year and full-time work during the summer months. **This position is anticipated to be advertised on USAjobs.gov in June 2014.**

Duty Station: Bradshaw District Office in Prescott, Arizona.

Brief Description of Duties Associated with this Position:

Assisting Forest GIS Coordinator in providing GIS technical expertise and support to the Forest.

- Developing, editing and modifying GIS spatial databases related to Forest management activities and linking these spatial data to a tabular database and assist in the reconciliation of data discrepancies.
- Performing GIS analysis and producing digital maps, graphics, tables and summaries for a variety of Forest management activities.

About the Prescott National Forest

The Prescott National Forest lies in west Central Arizona. It borders the Kaibab National Forest on the north, the Coconino National Forest on the northeast, and the Tonto National Forest on the southeast. Roughly half of the forest lies west of the city of Prescott in the Juniper, Santa Maria, Sierra Prieta, and Bradshaw Mountains. The other half of the forest lies east of Prescott and takes in the Black Hills, Mingus Mountain, Black Mesa, and the headwaters of the Verde River. Total acreage is approximately 1.25 million acres.

THE COMMUNITY: Located in central Arizona, the Prescott Tri-City Area is about 100 miles north of Phoenix, Arizona and about 100 miles south of Flagstaff, Arizona. The Prescott Tri-City area is a rapidly growing, vibrant, full-service community with small town character. The Prescott area is the marketing and cultural center of north central Arizona. Today visitors and new residents come from everywhere to enjoy the area's mild climate, natural beauty, and historical and cultural points of interest.

POPULATION: About 40,000 in Prescott, 39,000 in Prescott Valley, and 11,000 in Chino Valley.

ELEVATION: 5,300 (mile high)

CLIMATE: The Prescott area has a fairly arid and moderate climate; annual rainfall is about 18 inches and annual snowfall averages from 6-12 inches; snow is most likely during late winter and early spring.

SCHOOLS: Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley each have one public high school. Elementary and middle schools are abundant. Private and charter schools exist for all grade levels. Yavapai College, a two-year community college, has campuses in all three communities. Prescott College, a private college, and the renowned Embry Riddle Aeronautical University are located in Prescott. Northern Arizona University, based in Flagstaff, also conducts classes in Prescott.

CHURCHES: The Prescott Tri-City area has churches of many denominations.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: The Yavapai Regional Medical Center East and Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center are located in Prescott. Yavapai Regional Medical Center West is located in Prescott Valley. Numerous clinics exist and a full array of medical services is available.

SHOPPING: A full array of shopping services exists in the Prescott Tri-City area. A regional mall opened in March of 2002 to meet community growth demands.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS: Community, county, state, federal, school districts and colleges are the major employers. Sturm Ruger and Co., construction, service industries, and tourism are the major private employment sources.

HOUSING: Housing is moderately expensive with the average cost of a new home approximately \$175,000-\$275,000 in Chino Valley and \$200,000 - \$300,000 in Prescott Valley. Prescott ranges from \$250,000 and up. Rental rates vary by location with an average for a one bedroom apartment in Prescott around \$700 per month.

There are three colleges in the Prescott area. The college housing offices may provide information and resources geared towards short term housing for a student Intern:

Prescott College: <http://www.prescott.edu/explore/studentlife/residence-life/index.html>

Yavapai College: <http://www.yc.edu/v5content/residence-life/default.htm>

Embry-Riddle University: <http://prescott.erau.edu/student-life/housing/index.html>

Other Community Information:

The Prescott Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 445-2000

website: www.prescott.org

The Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 772-8857

website: www.pvchamber.org

The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce phone number is (928) 636-2493

website: www.chinovalley.org

If you have any questions about this position, please contact Tom Potter, GIS Coordinator by e-mail at thomaspotter@fs.fed.us or call at 928-443-8031.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and email to Tom Potter (thomaspotter@fs.fed.us). Forms may also be mailed to Tom Potter, Prescott National Forest, 344 S. Cortez St., Prescott, AZ 86303 or FAX #928-443-8008. Please respond by May 16, 2014. You will automatically receive notice of the advertisement if you respond to this outreach.

I am interested in the following position: **Geographic Information System (GIS) Student Intern**

Location: **Region 3, Prescott National Forest**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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| If you are not a current permanent employee (career or career conditional), are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities? | |
| | Person with Disabilities |
| | Veterans Readjustment |
| | Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| | Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability |
| | Pathways Program |
| | Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 |
| | Other, please describe: |

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!