



**OUTREACH NOTICE
NATIONAL GROUND WATER PROGRAM LEADER
GS-1301-13/14
USDA Forest Service, Washington, D.C.**

The Washington Office of the USDA Forest Service will soon be advertising for the position of National Ground Water Program Leader, GS-1301-13/14. This is a shared position between the Minerals and Geology Management (MGM) Staff, under the Assistant Director, Minerals and Geology, and the Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants (WFW) Staff, under the Assistant Director, Watershed, Fish & Air, and located in the Washington Office. The incumbent is the program expert responsible for ground-water resources and hydrogeology, providing authoritative advice to the Director of Minerals and Geology Management; the Director of Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants; and the Chief and Staff at the agency headquarters level and below on the interpretation of broad resource management-related legislative requirements and develops policy for program implementation. Activities include: program leadership and guidance, working with agency specialists at all levels and partners with a stake in ground-water management, organizing and participation in national training involving ground-water resources and hydrogeology, represents the agency as an expert witness during litigation of ground-water-related issues, and participation in the formulation of resource proposals, programs and budgets.

Eligible candidates should have: the ability to develop and lead an emerging ground-water resource management program at the national level; the ability to provide technical and procedural advice and guidance about ground-water resources, hydrogeology, and ground-water utilization, development, and remediation to program specialists at all agency levels; and an understanding of how ground-water systems function on the broader context of the dynamic nature of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and the ability to provide expertise in this area.

POSITION LOCATION: Washington Office, Washington, D.C.

STAFF AREAS: National Forest System: Minerals and Geology Management Staff and Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air, and Rare Plants Staff

****COMMUNITY INFORMATION: WASHINGTON, DC, METROPOLITAN AREA****
The Washington, DC region encompasses the District of Columbia, northern Virginia, and Maryland. Some employees also choose to live in West Virginia. Current information on housing can be found at <http://home.digitalcity.com/washington/realestate/homeslist>

Commuters from outlying areas are served by Metro subway, bus systems, rail systems, car and vanpools. Daily parking in the area ranges from \$6 to \$20. The Forest Service is a participant in the transit subsidy program and will reimburse transportation costs up to a certain amount.

Educational opportunities are among the best in the country. There are several institutions of higher learning in the area, including American University, Gallaudet University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Howard University, Marymount University, as well as numerous community college and technical learning institutions. Excellent elementary and secondary schools can be found in almost any community. There are many private and church-affiliated schools and day-care facilities available also.

The region has a large and excellent medical community with a wide variety of specialists and numerous clinics and hospitals. In addition, the National Institutes of Health are located in Bethesda, Maryland, and Johns Hopkins Health Services are available in Baltimore, about an hours drive from the Maryland Virginia border.

Cultural opportunities are abundant. Some examples are the Kennedy Center, and the Ford Theatre, these include live theatre, vocal and instrumental performances. The Smithsonian Institution and other art, cultural heritage, and history museums are mostly all free to visit. There are numerous events on the National Capital Mall, ethnic festivals, and a full calendar of community special events year around.

The area offers a wonderful 4-season year with sunny and sometimes humid summer days with highs ranging in the 80s and 90s and lows in the 70s. Fall foliage brings a magnificent array of colors for many weeks. Winters are mostly mild with highs ranging in the 30s to 50s. Occasional winter storms bring snow and ice, but neither usually remain for long.

The area is served by three large airports: Dulles International Airport (IAD), Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), and Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI).

Housing, entertainment, and various other local information can be found at <http://www.digitalcity.com/washington>.

If you have specific technical questions regarding this job contact Michael J. Burnside, Assistant Director, MGM at 703-605-4788 or Deanna J. Stouder, Assistant Director, WFW at 202-205-1790. Please express your interest no later than **22 October 2004** by submitting a one page resume to mjburnside@fs.fed.us and dstouder@fs.fed.us

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