The Tahoe National Forest is currently outreaching for a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist position. We expect the position to be advertised as both a GS-0401-09 (Resource Information Specialist) and as a GS-1370-09 (Cartographer). The position is permanent, full-time and is located at the Supervisor’s Office in Nevada City, CA. Interested applicants are encouraged to complete and return the Outreach form attached below if you are interested in applying to this position. This position will be posted in the USAJobs Website (www.usajobs.gov) sometime after the respond by date.

Major Duties
• Assists in the development and implementation of the geospatial information program for the Forest.
• Serves as a geographic information analyst, using state-of-the-art methods, practices, techniques, and equipment.
• Plans, coordinates, and develops digital data products utilizing computer graphic resources and data available that include Global Positioning Systems, GIS, and other software for analyzing and displaying geospatial data, in support of the natural resources planning and implementation on the Tahoe National Forest.
• Monitors the collection and analysis of inventory and other resource data and coordinates the conversion of geospatial information into geographic information systems (GIS) databases.
• Provides advice and expertise in the use of existing geospatial analysis solutions to resource management problems, based on input from specialists and knowledge of resource management issues.

The purpose of this outreach is to determine the level of interest in the position. If you would like more information, please contact Chuck Brickey, GIS Coordinator, at 530-478-6181 or cbrickey@fs.fed.us

Location of Position
Forest: Tahoe National Forest
Duty Station: Nevada City, CA 95959

Considered one of the most desirable places to live in California, Nevada City and its companion city Grass Valley, offers the amenities of a much larger community, as well as a rural setting. Numerous medical services including a full service Hospital, a community college and several live theaters are available. Western Nevada County has a population of about 50,000 although the incorporated area of Nevada City is 3,000 and Grass Valley is 10,000+. Housing prices range from $200,000 to $650,000+. Apartment/House rentals range from $800/$1,000 and up. Pines, oaks, and maples as well as numerous reservoirs and streams surround these attractive foothill towns. The average rainfall is about 55 inches. An occasional snow occurs during the winter, but does not remain long. Summers range from 85 - 100 degrees. Within less than 30 minutes commuting distance are the communities of Colfax, Cedar Ridge, Penn Valley, Lake of the Pines and Alta Sierra. Within approximately 45 minutes commuting distance are the communities Auburn and Marysville. Truckee is approximately a 1 hour drive (in good weather) over the Sierra Crest from Nevada City. The Tahoe NF is located in the north central Sierra Nevada Range between Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet in the Sierra foothills on the west to 9,400 feet along the rugged ridges of the Sierra Crest. Interstate 80 and Highway 49 crisscross the Forest and offer year-round access. The forest has served as the gateway to the Pacific since the first pioneers crossed the plains in search of the riches of the California gold fields in the 1840s. This history is still much in evidence, as local communities have retained the flavor and character of their Gold Rush origins. The
Forest is truly one of multiple uses. It is also a very important recreation forest. Winter skiing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and camping are popular local activities. Mining is still popular today with about 5,000 claims. Early day land grants to railroads have accounted for a checkerboard ownership pattern throughout most of the Forest. Although mostly owned by private timber companies, this extent of private land offers growing challenges in the form of a developing urban/rural wildland interface. Water issues are also becoming increasingly important as rivers that originate in the Forest provide water to local communities as well as the Reno and Sacramento areas.

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If you are interested in applying for this position and would like to be notified when the vacancy announcement is issued, please complete the attached form describing your current status and return it to cbrickey@fs.fed.us. This position will be posted in the USAJobs Website (www.usajobs.gov) sometime after the respond by date.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

Geographic Information Systems Specialist
GS-0401-09 or GS-1370-09
Tahoe National Forest
Duty Station: Nevada City, California

NAME:_____________________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS:________________________________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS:________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER:___________________________________________________________

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