

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**

**INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4**

**HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST**

#### Forest Botanist

#### GS-0430-12

*This position is for permanent full-time employment with a duty station in Sparks, NV.*

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest(HTNF)will soon be filling a permanent full-time Forest Botanist to be located at the Supervisor’s Office in Sparks, Nevada.

The incumbent has responsibility for managing the Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, Candidate, and Sensitive (TEPCS) plant species program for the 6.3-million acre HTNF, including the implementation of Forest Service policies for the conservation of rare plants. As the Forest Botanist, he/she will assess and organize complex biological evaluations and biological assessments to ensure technical and administrative quality and compliance with National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Forest Service policy and other directives. The incumbent will complete on-the-ground investigations of complex botanical situations and other resource project accomplishments; and write reports, evaluations, and biological opinions of investigations involving critical projects with potential for adverse impacts on natural resources, including threatened and endangered botanical species.

**About the Forest**

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the state of Nevada, and includes one million acres of land in eastern California, along the eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas: the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Forest has the agency’s largest range program outside of the National Grasslands, with nearly 200 active grazing permits on more than 5 million acres. There are also 25 Wild Horse & Burro Territories, representing 75 percent of the agency’s territories.

**About the Community (Duty Station)**

The Forest Supervisors Office for the Humboldt Toiyabe NF is located in Sparks, NV. The City of Sparks is located just east of Reno, NV, at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The combined metropolitan area of Sparks and Reno is sometimes referred to as the Truckee Meadows area and has a combined population of approximately 418,000 persons.

The Reno/Sparks area is in a high desert climate at an elevation of nearly 4,500 feet with four distinct seasons. The average temperatures for January range from a high of 48 degrees to a low of 23 degrees, the average for July ranges from a high of 91 degrees to a low of 53 degrees.

The [Reno/Tahoe International Airport](http://renoairport.com/), five minutes away, serves Reno/Sparks area. The world renowned Lake Tahoe is less than an hour’s drive. Lake Tahoe boosts the largest concentration of ski facilities in the world all within a 50-mile radius.

The Sparks/Reno area is known as the premiere special events venue for northern Nevada, a place where there is always something happening such as the [Hometowne Farmer’s Market](http://cityofsparks.us/visiting/special-events/hometowne-farmers-market), [Hot August Nights](http://www.hotaugustnights.net), [Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off](http://www.nuggetribcookoff.com), and [The Great BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com/reno-tahoe/what-to-do/events/06-22-2012/the-great-eldorado-bbq%2C-brews-and-blues-festival), and [Arts in Bloom Festival](http://www.visitrenotahoe.com/reno-tahoe/what-to-do/events/07-21-2012/arts-in-bloom-festival).

**Housing**

Houses for sale in the Reno/Sparks area range from an average of $130,000 to $280,000. Rental properties range from $800 to $1500+ per month.

**Educational Facilities**

The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), Small Business Development Center, and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) provide a wide variety of assistance to the business community and opportunities for collaboration. All major fields of study and many advanced degree programs are provided at UNR, a fully accredited state university. And TMCC offers numerous training programs and associate degrees.

**For additional Forest information, check out the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF website…**<http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf>

Outreach Response

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, can contact Susan Joyce, Natural Resources and Planning Staff Officer, at 775-355-5313 or via email at sejoyce@fs.fed.us.

**Parties who are potentially interested in this position should submit the outreach interest form attached below along with a current resume to sejoyce@fs.fed.us by October 31, 2014.**

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

**Forest Botanist, GS-0430-12 (Permanent Full-time)**

**Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor’s Office, Sparks, NV**

**Email to sejoyce@fs.fed.us by October 31, 2014.**

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Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!