

The following information refers to new positions which will support the National Recreation Reservation Service at the Interagency Contract Management Office in Rutland, Vermont. The Forest Service has announced these jobs, but they are open for Corps applicants, as well. Please distribute this information as appropriate throughout your district. It may be most appropriate to notify HR, for their further distribution.

Thanks,
Judy

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Subject: NRRS ICMO positions

Judy,

Four positions are currently advertised on the internet for the NRRS ICMO.

At: usajobs.opm.gov
click: current job openings
click: agency job search
scroll to and click: USDA Forest Service
scroll to and click: All
scroll to and click: Submit

PD's located in Rutland, VT are:

COR: WO-693-98G GS-023/341 12/13 closes 10/8
systems Analyst: WO-692-98G GS-334-12/13 closes 10/8
accounting technician: R920-039-98G GS-525-7 closes 10/17
budget and accounting analyst: R920-040-98G GS-501-9 closes 10/17

Additionally, we need two accounting technicians and/or budget and accounting analysts for temporary assistance at the ICMO in Rutland, Vermont from October 5 through January 5 or until permanent positions are on board. These detail positions will support the Financial Analyst with reconciliation of revenue and with facilitating payments. Applications will be accepted for less than 90 days per person as long as the overall time period is covered. Agencies will pay for travel and per diem. If necessary, salary may be reimbursed.

Attached is outreach for the COR and Systems Analyst positions. This information will be helpful for other permanent and detail positions.

We look forward to applications from the Corps.

THX

Carol

O U T R E A C H N O T I C E

**NATIONAL RECREATION RESERVATION SYSTEM (NRRStm)
Interagency Contract Management Office (ICMO)
USDA, FS WO detached subunit
located in Rutland, VT (GMNF)**

Project Manger/ COR Position: GS 13,

This position will provide overall supervision and oversight of the NRRS contract and ICMO.

Systems Analyst: GS 12/13,

This position will provide technical support and data system analysis for the NRRS contract responsibilities for government assistance to the NRRS contract. Performance standard monitoring of contract for bonuses or penalties will also be part of the job.

Following is an overview of the NRRS and the location attributes of the Interagency Contract Management Office (ICMO) in Rutland, VT. All ICMO positions have been approved and assigned to the Forest Service Director of RHWR as a detached WO subunit. The Project Leader/COR of the ICMO will also be reporting NRRS progress to an Interagency Oversight Council made up of initially only Corps of Engineers and Forest Service, but eventually may include BLM, BOR and possibly NPS.

Brief Description Including Benefits:

The U.S.D.A. Forest Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) have successfully awarded the NRRS contract to Park.Net in Ballston Spa, NY. Park.Net is a proven industry leader with positive performance results in State Park systems in both New York and California as well as technology support to many reservation information systems in both the USA and Canada through their parent company, Info/20000. The existing Forest Service contractor, Biospherics will continue current reservation service until September 30, 1998.

The NRRS contract has provision for National Park Service (NPS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other federal public land managers to join the NRRS to provide reservation services. The NRRS has been designated a Reinvention Impact Center effort as part of the Vice President's National Performance Review. A MOU signed in 1995 by the Forest Service, BLM, NPS and COE outlined a mutual commitment by the agencies to provide "an integrated, nationwide outdoor recreation information system that gives all Americans quick and easy electronic access to information about recreation on federal lands, recreation use permits, and reservations." The NRRS is a component of meeting this commitment. The implementation, operation and continual improvement of the reservation system will enable increasing levels of customer service around this aspect of our recreation program. Efforts are planned to incorporate NRRS with other reservation services into the "Recreation.Gov" Internet service, which over time will provide an integrated public lands information system with opportunities for increased revenues from fee-for-use recreation facilities on federally managed public lands.

NRRS System characteristics:

- o "One stop" shopping for reservations; either directly thru NRRS Internet or Recreation.Gov sites
- o More ways to access reservation services (toll free number, Internet, field offices, other outlets)
- o Increased information on recreation facilities and opportunities linked with "Recreation.Gov"
- o Interagency referrals for Corps Lakes and National Forests and other federal sites
- o Wide variety of recreation reservation facilities and activities; camping, cabins, wilderness, tours.

Agency incentives and advantages:

- o Reduced collection and handling of funds in the field--great help in Fee Demo areas
- o Site managers and Concessions have access to extensive reports and accounting help
- o More flexibility for managers to manage on-site reservations and market opportunities

- o Access to advanced reservation services technology built on customer service for the outdoors
- o Shared support costs for government contract and cash management.
- o Performance based contract provides strong oversight and economic incentives for quality work.

Time line for implementation:

Approximately 15,000 National Forest and 16,000 Army Corps of Engineers recreation site facilities are scheduled to be on-line for the 1999 season. The first reservations will be made at the toll free call centers in Bakton Spa, NY and Sacramento, CA (backup) by October 15, 1998. Internet "on-line" reservations for these facilities is scheduled for November 16, 1998, where customers will be able to point and click on a map to "reserve their place under the stars" up to 240 days in advance of their arrival. Cabin rentals, wilderness permit systems, special tour events and other reservation facilities for both agencies will be brought on-line for full implementation by March 1, 1999. Both the Alaska Cabins and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) will be operational by the fall of 1998. The NRRS contract provides longer term stability in government provided reservation services with a five year contract and optional extensions to carry the contract out almost ten years. The government will function as cash manager for all funds passing through the NRRS contract. The contract calls for the establishment of an Interagency Contract Management Office (ICMO) with sufficient staff to process all payments and track the performance of the NRRS contractor and contract operations. Over 12 million dollars may pass through the ICMO in the first year of operation.

ICMO Staffing:

A permanent staff of one Chief Financial Officer and two assistant finance personnel and one Systems Analyst will be assigned to a NRRS Project Leader/COR to administer the contract. The ICMO is established as a detached WO unit and will be located in Rutland, VT at the Green Mountain National Forest Office. An Intragency agreement has been signed between the parties and positions are advertised for start-up of the ICMO October 15, 1998. Detailers are on staff now to test and bring the NRRS on-line prior to arrival of permanent staff. An Interagency Agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Forest Service for shared funding of the ICMO is being drafted and scheduled for completion by the October 15th start-up date. The Internet site for the NRRS is setup and a promotional message in place; **"reserveusa.com" --check it out!**

Next Steps:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) have both expressed interest in joining the NRRS. The Park Service may consider in the next renewal of their contract. Other National River Systems and Wildernesses have expressed a desire to use the NRRS for permit and lottery systems and other Regions in the Forest Service are looking to expand the cabin and lookout rental program using the NRRS. The NRRS will be a key window on the Internet and the world of travel and tourism for customers to access information and reserve their place on public lands.

Contacts for the NRRS:

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 NRRS Contracting Officer: Carol Holtz, 703-235-3328
 Army Corps of Engineers Program Leader: Judy Rice, 202-761-1795

NRRS/ICMO WO detached unit
 HEADQUARTERS TOWN

UNIT: CO-LOCATED in Supervisor's Office
 Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests
 CITY: Rutland
 STATE: Vermont
 COUNTY: Rutland

ELEVATION: 540 feet
POPULATION: Rutland City: 19,000
Rutland County: 60,792

Information as of: May 1998

GENERAL LOCATION: Central part of Vermont at the foot of the western slopes of the Green Mountain Range.

Distances to Major Urban Areas:

Montreal.....168 miles
Albany.....100 miles (airport...95 miles)
New York.....247 miles
Boston.....165 miles

Distances to Park.Net Office, Balston Spa, NY:...65 miles (approx)

TRANSPORTATION: Air: Colgan Air (service to Newark)
Bus: Yes, Vermont Transit
Rail: Freight only, Vermont Railway
Amtrak out of White River Jct. (50 miles)
or Whitehall, NY (30 miles)

GOVERNMENT: County Seat
City of Rutland governed by Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: 98 plants including General Electric, Moore Business Forms, Metro-Mail,

BANKS: Eight banks
Federal employees' credit union.

HOUSING: For Sale: \$65,000 to \$150,000 and up - many listings.
The current average price for a single family house is \$105,370. Lower priced homes are usually older &/or smaller ones, multi-family houses, or in outlying areas.
Apts. for Rent: \$375 to \$600 per month, both furnished and unfurnished. Good rents not easy to find in single houses and would generally range from \$600 to \$900 per month.

Government Quarters: None.

FUELS: Heating: Wood, coal, oil and electric.
Cooking: Gas and electric.

SCHOOLS: Pre-school: Kindergartens and day care facilities.
Grade: Nine elementary schools, one parochial.
Rutland Junior High (7-9)
High School: Rutland High School (10-12)
Mount St. Joseph Academy (9-12)
(Other schools located in outlying areas as well).
College: College of St. Joseph the Provider: BS, BA graduate programs.

Castleton State College (11 miles): BS, BA graduate programs.

MEDICAL SERVICES Rutland Regional Medical Center (medical/surgical hospital).
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service.
Four nursing homes.
Rutland Mental Health Services
Dartmouth/Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, N.H.
Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, Burlington.

CHURCHES: Catholic, United Church of Christ, Baptist, Mormon, Christian Scientist, Jehovahs's Witnesses, Methodist, Jewish Center, Seventh Day Adventist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Assemply of God, Unitarian and others.

RECREATION: City pool and adjacent lakes for swimming.
Supervised summer playgrounds, including public courts.
Golf, tennis, racquetball.
Long Trail and Appalachian Trail for hiking.
Several ski areas: downhill and cross-country.
City athletic leagues including softball, baseball.
Bowling leagues
Movie theatres

ARTS: Chaffee Art Gallery
Crossroads Art Council sponsors special events, concerts, etc.
Castleton Fine Arts Center
Summer stock playhouses in the area.

SHOPPING FACILITIES: Good; Rutland has a trading population of over 100,000 with over 450 stores, retail and wholesale, including one large shopping mall and two shopping plazas.

COMMUNICATIONS: Television: Channels (fair to good) in different parts of city. Cable TV available in Rutland City and some surrounding areas.
Radio: Seven stations - AM and FM.
Newspaper: Rutland Herald, published daily including Sunday.

DOCTORS: Wide choice, including specialists.

DENTISTS: Wide choice.

LIBRARIES: Rutland Free Library

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Chamber of Commerce lists clubs and societies
5% sales tax
9% rooms and meals tax
State income tax (25% of federal tax liability)
No city or county income tax
Wide variety of restaurants

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