POSITION:
The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest (NF) located in Western Colorado will be advertising two Civil Engineer Trainee positions. This permanent full-time positions will be located in the Supervisor’s Office in Delta, Colorado. This outreach notice is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to identify the level of interest in this position. The positions will fill at the GS-05 or GS-07 level with full performance level GS-09.


Major Duties:  
As an civil engineer trainee, performs one or more of the following duties as development toward a higher level position:  
Makes topographic and alignment surveys of selected projects. Uses surveying instruments and directs party members. Prepares field notes.  
Assists in preparing topographic and detail maps. Transfers field notes into detailed drawings, develops preliminary trail gradients, prepares design data forms, computes project quantities, transfers these quantities and final gradients to plans.  
Makes design calculations and prepares specifications for selected portions of projects for forest development facilities including roads, trails, water and wastewater facilities, buildings, bridges, culverts and other engineering facilities.  
Assists in inspecting construction projects for adherence to approved plans and specifications. Determines compliance with respect to dimensions, use of designated materials, progress of work, etc.  
Makes preliminary road locations and tests road surfacing material, gathers data for maintenance surveys, participates in inspections, makes boundary line surveys and performs a variety of other duties for work experience and training.
Performs other assignments to broaden knowledge of Forest Service activities in areas such as timber, fire, recreation, wildlife and/or business management.

The GMUG Engineering program manages the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the Forest’s infrastructure (over 3,000 miles of roads, 300+ buildings, bridges, dams, water systems and sewer systems). Supports other programs infrastructure needs, or example: management of construction and reconstruction of recreation infrastructure - campgrounds, trails, trail bridges, trailheads and other recreational facilities.

**About the GMUG Forest:** The GMUG National Forest encompasses 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: Grand Valley with offices in Collbran and Grand Junction, Paonia office is located in Paonia, Gunnison office is located in Gunnison, Ouray office is located in Montrose, and Norwood office is located in Norwood. The Supervisor's Office is located in Delta, Colorado.

The GMUG NFS contain 3,163,131 acres with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. The climate at lower elevations is warm and arid while the high country is cold in the winter and warm most of the summer months. The Forest is an ideal winter and summer recreation area. The Forest has three ski areas, 43 communities, and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a 250,000 population. Cost of living is one of the lowest in the country in lower elevations and among the highest in the country near the ski areas. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: [http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/](http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/) and external web site: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/GMUG](http://www.fs.usda.gov/GMUG).

**What we are looking for in a Candidate:** The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in Delta, Colorado is looking for enthusiastic, self-motivated, outdoor-oriented people to join our team. The physical setting is stunning and the work is diverse and challenging. To be successful in this job you must be a self-starter and have a demonstrated track record of leading people in an ever-changing environment. You must be willing to take on challenges and provide innovative solutions to complex problems. Successful candidates must have excellent communication skills and be able to work collaboratively with external partners. We are looking for candidates who can lead a team of dynamic and creative leaders. Applicants should be willing to invest in the coaching, mentoring and development of our employees.

**Community Information:** The largest Community in Delta County is the city of Delta. It lies at the confluence of the Gunnison and Uncompahgre rivers. Delta is home to approximately 8,500 residents. Another 4,000 inhabitants can be found within a five-mile radius of Delta. The county has a population of approximately 26,700. Scenic Delta is situated just west of Black Canyon of the Gunnison, where the 2,900-foot gorges carved by the snaking Gunnison River will leave you breathless.

Delta is a great place to visit and a wonderful place to live. It is a small, rural agricultural community, but not so small that you have to go out of town to obtain the "necessities of life." Grand Junction is about 42 miles north of Delta on Hwy. 50; Montrose lies 21 miles south on Hwy. 50. There are 15 elementary, middle and high schools, as well as a vocational-technical center within the county. Delta has an excellent modern general medical and surgical hospital with many doctors and dentists available. A regional hospital is available in Grand Junction.

The climate is exceptional with warm summer temperatures in the 90s, accompanied by a cool breeze. Autumn is crowned with beautiful colors that lead into our "Banana Belt" winter where daytime temperatures are normally in the high 20s to low 40s with the overnight lows rarely below 0. Snow is minimal, and it’s usually melted by mid-morning. For additional information on Delta, visit the Chamber of Commerce website [http://www.deltacolorado.org/](http://www.deltacolorado.org/).
Responding to Outreach: If you are interested in this position, complete the attached outreach form and please send to Daris M Matos at 2250 Highway 50, Delta, CO 81416, or e-mail to daris.matos@usda.gov. You may contact for specific questions of the position at 970-964-8803 or daris.matos@usda.gov.

To apply look for the advertisement - USAjobs.com from February 15-27, 2023.

* Please note:
The positions will be promoted at the Society for Range Management (SRM) Annual Meeting & Conference on February 12-16, 2023.
Candidates do NOT need to participate in the conference to apply.
OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Civil Engineer Trainee GS-0810-05/07
Delta, CO, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

Please respond by February 27, 2023 to:
daris.matos@usda.gov; 2250 Highway 50, Delta, CO 81416
(You may also contact Daris M Matos (970-964-8803) for specific questions about this position.)

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit________________________ Other ________________________________

Location: ____________________________________________________________________

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary____ Student/Intern____ Contractor____ Other_____

Current Position Title: __________________________________________________________

Series/grade if Federal Employee: __________________________

How did you hear about this position? _____________________________________________

Agency Contact_____________________________ Other_____________________________

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

[ ] Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)
[ ] Veterans Recruitment Act (VRA)
[ ] Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
[ ] Veterans Employment Opportunities Act (VEOA) Of 1998
[ ] Former Peace Corps Volunteer
[ ] Student Intern Program (Students and Recent Graduates)
[ ] Public Lands Corps (PLC)
[ ] Other ___________________________

Submission of this form is voluntary – Thank you for your interest