OUTREACH NOTICE
Region 10, Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District and
Admiralty Island National Monument
Zoned Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-11,
Permanent
Located in Juneau, Alaska

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The Tongass National Forest is currently outreaching for qualified individuals for a Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-11. If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the Outreach Response Form at the end of this document and return to Barbara Adams at bjadams@fs.fed.us by close of business November 12, 2015. This position will be located in Juneau, Alaska.

**Position Title:** Zoned Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-11

**Tour of Duty:** Permanent

**Duty Station:** Juneau, Alaska, Tongass National Forest

**Qualification Requirements:** This position serves as a Wildlife Biologist for the Juneau Ranger District and Admiralty National Monument. This position provides support for restoration activities, recreation projects, mining, and FERC related projects. Some consultation with other Federal Agencies will be required. Subsistence related work is also a big part of this job. This requires analyzing proposals and attending meetings that discuss changes to subsistence harvest in rural areas. This position requires a mix of duties that span writing professional biological evaluations, interagency consultation and multi-day field work in a temperate rain forest setting.


One year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-09 level is required. Specialized experience is experience which is directly related to the position to be filled and which has equipped the candidate with particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. Rifle certification is a requirement of the position. Pre-employment drug testing is required and incumbent will be placed on a list for random drug testing for the duration of employment.

**Cost of Living Allowance:**

Salary will be adjusted to include a Cost of Living Allowance (COLA). See the OPM website at [http://www.opm.gov/oca/cola/index.asp](http://www.opm.gov/oca/cola/index.asp) for more information.

**About the Juneau Ranger District and Admiralty Island National Monument:**

**Duty Station**

The duty station office will be in Juneau, Alaska.
The Work Environment

The Juneau Ranger District and Admiralty Island National Monument are challenging and interesting places to work. They are busy places with many customers coming to the office or contacting us by phone. This position requires a mix of duties that span writing professional biological evaluations, interagency consultation and multi-day field work in a temperate rain forest setting. Fieldwork is typically done during the long light-filled days of summer.

The Administrative Site

The Juneau District administrative site is located in the Alaska State Capital of Juneau in the “valley” near the Mendenhall Glacier. The compound consists of an office building, a warehouse, an auto shop, and bunkhouses.

The districts may operate several small field camps for employees during the field season. Most employees travel daily to the field in vehicles as well as by boat, helicopter, and float plane. Safety comes first and foremost!

The District(s)

Juneau Ranger District is located in, Juneau, Alaska, the largest community in southeast Alaska. It encompasses 3.5 million acres. It does not have any roads that connect to the outside and can only be reached by boat or plane. Alaska Airlines has daily services to and from Juneau, Alaska. There are ferry services that connect to Juneau to other communities in southeast Alaska as well as Canada and Washington.

At over 3.5 million acres, the Juneau Ranger District is the largest district in the entire Tongass National Forest. The landscape ranges from giant spruce forests to thundering tidewater glaciers. Juneau is the main community within the district, with Skagway, Haines, and Gustavus on the outskirts.

Situated on the upper Inside Passage in Southeast Alaska, Juneau is almost 600 air miles from Anchorage and 900 miles from Seattle. The current population of Juneau is roughly 33,000 year round residents. The average daily high temperature is 29°F in January and 64°F in August. Rainfall in the district can range from 40 inches to 150 inches depending on your location, with downtown Juneau averaging 90 inches of rain a year.

World-class recreation is waiting for you across the district. Juneau's trail system is considered one of the best in Alaska. Public use cabins are located throughout the district and provide solitude as well as a starting point for other excursions. Excellent fishing, wildlife viewing, and other recreational opportunities are accessible from the Juneau road system as well as more
remote locations. No stop in Juneau is complete without a stop at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center.

You can get in and out of Juneau by air or boat. Daily jet service and smaller commuter planes provide service to Juneau and nearby communities. The Alaska Marine Highway ferry system connects Juneau with other Southeast Alaska towns. Several air charter companies can meet your transportation needs into the bush as well.

Admiralty Island National Monument, known as Kootznoowoo, is a 937,396 acre wilderness area with an office base located in Juneau, Alaska. Known mostly for its very dense population of brown bears that inhabit old-growth stands of spruce and hemlock forest, it is an island closely connected with the Alaskan Native village of Angoon on its western shore.

The native Tlingit people call this island "Kootznoowoo," meaning "Fortress of the Bear." Indeed, Admiralty Island is home to the highest concentration of brown bears in the world; more than all the Lower 48 states combined. While famous for its bears, Admiralty Island offers much more to visitors and residents alike. Spectacular runs of wild salmon fill the island's creeks each summer, while remote mountain lakes offer the ultimate in wilderness fishing. Admiralty Island also has a rich cultural heritage, which is evident in the traditional native village of Angoon, the island's only permanent settlement. The Admiralty Island Canoe Route and the Oliver Inlet Tram provide access to this pristine wilderness.

Community

Juneau is located in the Panhandle of Southeast Alaska, 900 air miles north of Seattle and 600 air miles southeast of Anchorage. Juneau can be an expensive area to live in. A one bedroom apartment can cost more than $900 per month and a three bedroom house can be $250,000 at the lower end of the real estate market. Food and fuel costs are typically 20-30% higher than in the lower 48 states.

Living in Southeast Alaska is an exceptional and never-to-be-forgotten adventure. You may see Orcas as well as eagles from your office window, learn from Alaska Native elders, and catch more fish than you really need, in addition to enjoying and participating in cultural activities and other typical American activities. Living in Southeast Alaska is unique. Travel between communities and to the Outside (lower 48 states) generally means getting on an airplane (either jet or small float plane) or on a ferry. Between one’s sense of humor about the rain and the diverse array of activities offered in communities, most people who move here love it.

There is on hospital in Juneau as well as many different medical professionals. Restaurants and hotels are numerous with some only open during the tourist season.

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Be sure to thoroughly research Juneau prior to applying for this position.


Opportunities

The outdoor recreational opportunities include fishing, boating, canoeing, wildlife photography, big game and waterfowl hunting, hiking, camping, sightseeing, beachcombing, road based trips, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, and much more. Many residents spend the majority of their leisure time on or near the water.

Forest Service staff and specialists are working extensively with city, tribal, agency, and other partners. It’s an exciting time in southeast Alaska!

For information on the position contact:

Barbara Adams, Fish, Wildlife, Watershed, Ecology, Timber District Staff

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Tongass National Forest Service Outreach Form

Zoned Wildlife Biologist
Juneau Ranger District & Admiralty National Monument
Respond by November 12, 2015

Position Title/Series/Grade: Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-11

Duty Station: Juneau, Alaska

The Tongass National Forest, Juneau Ranger District is seeking qualified individuals for a GS-0486-11 Wildlife Biologist. Please complete and submit the outreach form located below to bjadams@fs.fed.us.

You may attach a brief resume to supplement the information you include on this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Current title/series/grade/location: _______________________________________

Type of appointment you are currently under: ___________________________

(e.g., Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted-ANILCA, Excepted VRA, etc)

Are you currently a Federal employee: ( ) YES –or- ( ) NO

Briefly describe your qualifications/interest in this position (type answer into box, which will expand as needed):

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