



## Working for the Great Outdoor

### **LANDS-REALTY SPECIALIST**



Do your interests include real estate law, property rights, land ownership adjustment and land management planning? Do you like working on an interdisciplinary team using a collaborative team approach? Does the thought of working for a public land management agency in work locations with nearly unlimited recreation opportunities and some of the most scenic places in the Nation appeal to you? If so, a career as a Lands Realty Specialist with the Forest Service may be of interest to you.

#### **The Work Environment**

Managing nearly 193 million acres of public land spanning 44 States, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, Forest Service Realty Specialists play an important role in the acquiring, managing and/or conveying property for use in achieving their Agency mission. You may be assigned to some of the most scenic places in the Nation.

#### **Operating on the Job**

Realty specialists acquire and/or convey property or interest in property in conjunction with the management of our Federal National Forests and grasslands. Realty specialists provide advice on realty work to include, but not limited to, land statute/rights, land ownership adjustment, land use authorization, and land management planning to Forest Service resource staffs and decision-makers. They coordinate and collaborate with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, congressional delegations, individuals, conservation groups, businesses, and other entities on various aspects of lands and realty programs in the promotion and accomplishment of the Forest Service's mission, goals and objectives.

Realty specialists perform work related to resource and land management planning. This includes:

- Identifying long range property needs
- Analyzing alternative strategies for meeting those needs
- Recommending appropriate methods of land ownership adjustment which may include the development of comprehensive plans for land and right-of-way acquisitions
- Implementing approved plans, which may include the acquisition and/or conveyance of land and rights-of-way

- Performing work related to issuing permits, leases, and easements to private individuals, corporations and other government agencies that may include coordinating the preparation of technical documents and reports, real estate maps, and legal descriptions of land. This may include working with national, regional, and local communication and utility companies, along with oil & gas exploration and gas pipeline construction.

Realty work involves residential, commercial, industrial, rural, and undeveloped forest properties, The land may have mineral, timber, grazing, air, or water rights associated with it.

## **Career Paths and Requirements**

Being a Realty Specialist in the Forest Service is challenging, varied and satisfying. You will become knowledgeable of land appraisal principles and may have an opportunity to become a state certified appraiser. The Forest Service works hard to provide Realty Specialists with the up to date training and experiences they need to give the support that is vital to our operations.

Realty Specialists are hired at many different grade levels. Recent college graduates may be hired at the GS-5 OR GS-7 grade level. They spend their first year or two in training and developmental positions, and then may be promoted to the GS-9 grade level. Others with advanced degrees and experience may be hired at higher grade levels, and there is substantial opportunity for further development and advancement!

You may qualify for a Realty position based on education, work experience, or a combination of both!



*These qualification requirements have been summarized for convenience. Full details are available at [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) or the [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov) subject index under "Qualifications."*

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