



## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

### **Temporary NTE 120 Day Detail**

**&**

### **Permanent Full-Time Position**

Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service  
Tonto National Forest  
Supervisor's Office  
Phoenix, AZ

### **Forest Tribal Liaison GS 0301-11**

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to develop a broad awareness and inform qualified and interested persons of two upcoming job opportunities as a Tribal Liaison for the Tonto National Forest.

*1. The Tonto National Forest is looking to fill a NTE 120 Detail position for a Tribal Liaison.*

*and,*

*2. The Tonto National Forest will soon be advertising to fill the position of a Permanent Full Time position of a Tribal Liaison.*

These two positions will serve as the Forest Tribal Liaison for a variety of forest projects and an emphasis towards the delivery of a complex and high profile legislatively mandated land exchange and copper mine development project. (Resolution Copper Mine Project and SE AZ Land Exchange) Both positions will have a duty station at the Supervisor's Office in Phoenix, Arizona.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to submit the attached Outreach Interest Form to the identified point of contact via e-mail or phone.

***Response to this outreach by both internal government employees and potential external applicants will directly inform whether this position will be advertised via Merit Authority (Internal Government Employees), special hiring authorities such as the Recent Graduate Program or via Demonstration Authority (All External Candidates).***

**POSITION INFORMATION**

**GS-0301/11** - This position would serve as the Forest Tribal Liaison to support all projects that occur on the forest, including but not limited to: Range Environmental Analysis, Timber Sale Projects, Powerline projects, and Mineral projects. This position will also serve as a Project Tribal Liaison to support the forest's project management team for the technical and environmental review of Resolution Copper Mining's (RCM) proposed mine Plan of Operations and related legislated land exchange on the Tonto National Forest. Future mining operations would include large-scale underground mining, ore processing and a variety of associated infrastructure.

Duties of this position as related to the Forest Tribal Liaison will generally include but are not limited to the following:

- Primary point of contact between Tribal representatives, Forest Line Officers, and forest staff to manage and coordinate legislatively required Government to Government Consultation responsibilities.
- Coordinates and communicates with Regional Tribal Liaison as appropriate to respond to information requests (Briefing Papers) and to inform senior agency leaders.
- Responsible for planning, organizing and facilitating meetings between forest service officials, 3rd party NEPA consultants and tribal representatives during formal and informal meetings.
- Maintain regular communications with tribal leaders, Forest Line Officers, forest staff, and senior agency officials to build and enhance tribal working relationships.

Duties of this position as related to the Resolution Copper Project will generally include but are not limited to the following:

- Primary point of contact between Tribal representatives, Forest Line Officers, Resolution Project Manager and NEPA Coordinator to implement required Government to Government Consultation as required in the legislation.
- Provide written and verbal bi-weekly status reports to the Resolution Project Team on status of Consultation efforts with various tribal governments
- Participates in bi-weekly internal forest project coordination meetings and bi-weekly status calls with forest, regional and Washington office personnel.
- Maintains accurate and complete records of communications (verbal, phone, email, etc...) as required for inclusion in the administrative record.
- Assists in planning, managing and promoting the timely completion of required Government to Government Consultation efforts as required in the legislation.

- Coordinates with consultants, Tonto Forest Archeologist (or their representative), designated Resolution Copper Officials, and Tonto Resolution Project Team members to prepare, review and interpret ethnographic studies to support tribal consultation and integration into NEPA analyses.
- Reviews and understands technical cultural resource surveys, reports, and ethnographic studies prepared by agency and consultants to inform various NEPA efforts, Land Exchange tasks, and Section 106 negotiations with SHPO.

This position will require someone who is a professional, self-motivated/self-starter, and has the desire to work with other dedicated professionals on a large-scale, high-profile and complex mining proposal.

The position(s) will be directly supervised by the Deputy Forest Supervisor.

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-301 (Tribal Relations Specialist) Series that is covered by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions at the 11 grade level. Information on the qualification standards can be found at OPM.GOV at: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=1300-ndx>

Forest Service employees on the Workforce Reduction and Placement List will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

### APPLICATION INFORMATION AND VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT for the Permanent Full-Time Position

A vacancy announcement for this permanent full-time position will be posted on USAJOBS at <http://usajobs.gov/>. The job is anticipated to be posted to USAJOBS prior to the end of November 2015. Applicants will be able to apply through the USAJOBS website.

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### OUTREACH RESPONSE

Interested applicants in either or both of the positions, or those desiring further information, should contact the following point of contact and return the attached Outreach Notice Response Form.

Rebecca Hoffman, Public Services Staff Officer, Tonto National Forest

Email: [rchoffman@fs.fed.us](mailto:rchoffman@fs.fed.us)

Phone: 602-225-5257

Mailing address: 2324 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85006

## ABOUT THE FOREST



The Tonto National Forest is directly adjacent to the Phoenix metropolitan area and is one of the most heavily visited in the nation. From the desert to the tall timber, the Tonto National Forest contains a spectacular 2.9 million acres of cactus, chaparral, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer country north and east of Phoenix right up to the edge of the Mogollon Rim. The Forest is the fifth largest in the United States and has six ranger districts operating in a complex, sensitive political atmosphere. The Forest receives national attention concerning such issues as recreation, range management, prescribed fire, road management, and a host of issues related to the wild land urban interface next to the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Tonto National Forest Info: [www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto)

## PHOENIX METROPOLITAN AREA

The Phoenix metropolitan area is a full-service area of nearly 4 million people located in the heart of Maricopa County. Many visitors come during the winter months to enjoy the warm weather, creating a larger population during those months.

Phoenix Info: [www.life-in-phoenix.com](http://www.life-in-phoenix.com) [www.phoenix.about.com](http://www.phoenix.about.com)

Maricopa County info: [www.maricopa.gov](http://www.maricopa.gov)

## CLIMATE

Like most of Arizona, the Tonto National Forest enjoys abundant sunshine and low relative humidity much of the year. Winter temperatures are very mild and pleasant in the desert areas, with periodic rainfall occurring throughout the season. While desert elevations rarely receive snow, the higher mountain regions can receive heavy snowfall along with cooler temperatures. Summers in the desert areas can be quite hot, with daytime temperatures often exceeding 100 degrees F from May through September. July has the highest average daily temperature of 104.3 degrees F and January has the lowest at 64.9 degrees F. Average rainfall for the Forest is approximately 8 inches per year.

The higher mountain regions generally enjoy daytime temperatures 25-30 degrees cooler than the deserts. Each year the summer “monsoon” season arrives on the Tonto in early July and typically remains through mid-September. During this period, an influx of tropical moisture brings higher humidity and afternoon thunderstorms that can be quite spectacular. In the desert regions, much of the total annual precipitation falls during these “monsoon” storms. The Greater Phoenix Area also receives more than 300 days of sunshine a year, giving it the title “Valley of the Sun.”

## HOUSING

Government provided housing and day care facilities are not available. Rentals are available in much of the Phoenix metropolitan area. Phoenix is quickly growing with a vast number of new developments. Homes are reasonably priced with modest housing starting around \$100,000 - \$200,000. Rental rates for 2 bedroom apartments start around \$850 per month.

## SCHOOLS

The Phoenix metropolitan area has 21 school districts. Arizona State University is located in Tempe, a suburb of Phoenix, and several community colleges are also located in the area which maintains high educational ratings.

## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Phoenix has many hospitals and medical centers that are rated among the best in the country, including the Mayo Clinic and the Phoenix Children's Hospital.

## RECREATION, SPORTS, AND THINGS TO DO

The Phoenix metropolitan area has numerous shopping malls and outlet malls, and national stores such as Cabela's, Nordstrom's, Macy's, Pottery Barn, and Bass Pro Shop. The area is home to the Phoenix Suns basketball team, Arizona Cardinals football team, Arizona Diamondback's baseball team, and Phoenix Coyotes hockey team, as well as the Arizona Rattlers indoor football team and the Phoenix Mercury Women's basketball team. Many baseball teams reside here during spring training allowing for many opportunities to watch professional ball games at reasonable rates. There are numerous museums, concert and theatre venues available as well as NASCAR, Grand Prix and professional motocross racing events. Other National Forests and National Parks are within a half-day drive from Phoenix, including the Grand Canyon National Park. Informational websites:

<http://www.nps.gov/state/az/index.htm>; and [http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/blm\\_special\\_areas.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas.html)

# OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

Not to Exceed 120 Day Detail  
and/or  
Permanent Full Time

US Forest Service, Southwestern Region, Tonto National Forest  
Supervisor's Office, Phoenix, Arizona

## **Tribal Liaison 0301-11**

**For the NTE 120 DAY Detail:** Please respond to Rebecca Hoffman at [rchoffman@fs.fed.us](mailto:rchoffman@fs.fed.us)  
(Ph. 602-225-5257) by **October 13, 2015**

**For the Permanent Full-Time Position:** Please respond to Rebecca Hoffman at [rchoffman@fs.fed.us](mailto:rchoffman@fs.fed.us)  
(Ph. 602-225-5257) by **October 31, 2015**

Please check which position you are interested in:

- NTE 120 Day Detail
- Permanent Full-Time Position

Response Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current federal employee?  Yes  No

If Current Federal Employee, Agency Employed with:  USFS  BLM  BOR  USACE  Other

Agency/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position (*Please include series and grade if federal employee*): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment Status (*Permanent or Temporary, Full-time or Part-Time*): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your qualifications or attach a Resume that describe your qualifications for the position(s)