



2026 Seasonal Outreach Notice

The San Juan National Forest is hiring a variety of temporary seasonal positions on each district through the Forest Service hiring portal and through partner organizations (San Juan Mountains Association and Southwest Conservation Corps.) All partner and FS employees work together out of each office to implement a variety of forest management projects including front/back-country trail work, developed recreation maintenance, road construction/management, and visitor services administration. These positions have a flexible start/end date with a general window of employment between May-November. Qualified candidates must be able to perform manual labor, hike long distances, have a valid U.S. driver’s license, and are at least 18 years old. All San Juan National Forest positions will be advertised on www.usajobs.gov. When applying for positions on USAJOBS, be sure to select the Durango, Bayfield, Dolores, and/or Pagosa Springs as your preferred location. Positions hired through the [San Juan Mountains Association](#) and [Southwest Conservation Corps](#) will be advertised and hired through their respective webpages. For more information on each position, please click on the link provided and reach out to the hiring manager listed in the table below.

Position Title	# of positions	Preferred Grade	Hiring Manager	Location
<u>Facilities and Assistant Heavy Equipment Operator</u>	1	GS-5	Pete Merkel 970-385-8647 pete.merkel@usda.gov	Durango, CO
<u>Facilities and Assistant Heavy Equipment Operator</u>	1	GS-7	Pete Merkel 970-385-8647 pete.merkel@usda.gov	Durango, CO
<u>Developed Recreation Technician (campground and facilities management)</u>	3	GS-5	Bryce Paul 970-799-1177 bryce.paul@usda.gov	Dolores, CO
<u>Developed Recreation Work Leader (campground and facilities management)</u>	1	GS-6	Bryce Paul 970-799-1177 bryce.paul@usda.gov	Dolores, CO
<u>Trails Technician (construction, rehab, and maintenance)</u>	3	GS-5	Chris Bouton 970-882-6831 christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Dolores, CO
<u>Trails Work Leader (construction, rehab, and maintenance)</u>	1	GS-6	Chris Bouton 970-882-6831 christopher.bouton@usda.gov	Dolores, CO

<u>Trails Technician (SCC AmeriCorps)</u>	1	GS-5	Niki Antonio 970-902-3352 nantonio@conservationlegacy.org	Dolores, CO
<u>Backcountry Trails Technician (SCC AmeriCorps)</u>	1	GS-5	Niki Antonio 970-902-3352 nantonio@conservationlegacy.org	Dolores, CO
<u>Trails Technician (construction, rehab, and maintenance)</u>	2	GS-4	Paul Blackman 970-264-1505 paul.blackman@usda.gov	Pagosa Springs, CO
<u>Trails Technician (construction, rehab, and maintenance)</u>	2	GS-5	Paul Blackman 970-264-1505 paul.blackman@usda.gov	Pagosa Springs, CO
<u>Chimney Rock Recreation & Visitor Services Technician</u>	4	GS-5	Paul Blackman 970-264-1505 paul.blackman@usda.gov	Pagosa Springs, CO
<u>Recreation Technician (SCC AmeriCorps)</u>	2	GS-5	Niki Antonio 970-902-3352 nantonio@conservationlegacy.org	Pagosa Springs, CO
<u>Wilderness & Trails Technician</u>	5	GS-5	Jordan Burningham 970-398-1570 Jordan.Burningham@usda.gov	Bayfield, CO
<u>Trails Crew Leader (construction, rehab, and maintenance)</u>	1	GS-6	Jordan Burningham 970-398-1570 Jordan.Burningham@usda.gov	Bayfield, CO
<u>Developed Recreation Technician (campground and facilities management)</u>	1	GS-6	Jordan Burningham 970-398-1570 Jordan.Burningham@usda.gov	Bayfield, CO
<u>Recreation Specialist</u>	1	GS-7	Jordan Burningham 970-398-1570 Jordan.Burningham@usda.gov	Bayfield, CO
<u>SJMA Motorized Trail Crew/Lead</u>	1	GS-5	Jordan Burningham 970-398-1570 Jordan.Burningham@usda.gov	Bayfield, CO
<u>Recreation Technician (SCC AmeriCorps)</u>	1	GS-5	Niki Antonio 970-902-3352 nantonio@conservationlegacy.org	Bayfield, CO