

## Environmental Protection Specialist

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Job Description (Please follow all instructions carefully)

### Summary

This position is located in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, in the External Affairs Division.

This is a term position (more than 1 year) with an initial appointment expecting to last at least 13 months but may be extended up to a total of four years. Term positions do not convey permanent status in the Federal service.

### This job is open to

#### Duties

Manage all aspects of compliance processes and environmental documentation for the park.

Evaluate proposed projects, plans, and programs for potential environmental effects and ensure compliance with applicable policies and regulations.

Keep supervisor fully briefed and provide timely oral and written consultations to park managers on environmental compliance.

Facilitate interdisciplinary team reviews of projects, plans, and programs to develop environmental compliance documentation.

Provides or coordinates with other specialists in obtaining technical and policy analysis of complex external proposals potentially affecting parks and other areas of NPS jurisdiction and prepares comments on National Park Service position.

## **Project Descriptions:**

**Provide a Sustainable Visitor Access Ramp in Hite District** - Drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin have reduced inflows into Lake Powell, and lower water levels have exposed reservoir sediments and created river conditions in upper reaches of the lake. This has caused impacts to river access areas throughout the park, including the ramp in the Hite District, where maintenance has become a challenge, and dynamic river conditions have created inconsistent and sometimes unsafe access conditions. Consequently, the ramp and limited facilities (food and fuel) are currently closed, with the next closest river access 40 miles downstream at Bullfrog/Halls Crossing. Compliance support is needed for a project to provide reliable, safe access to the Colorado River near Hite.

**Rehabilitate Critical Utility Systems at Wahweap and Lone Rock** - Water and wastewater systems are critical to maintaining the water quality of Lake Powell and the surrounding environment. The multiple water distribution and wastewater collection systems within the park were constructed more than 40 years ago and are beginning to become a major maintenance issue for the park. Sections of pipe have been replaced, and water wells have experienced extensive corrosion. Further, water meters do not provide adequate information to assist with leak detection, which has become an issue given the aging infrastructure. Compliance support is needed for a project to replace and improve these critical utility systems in the Wahweap and Lone Rock developed areas, making them more efficient and cost effective.

**Reconstruct Mid-Lake Essential Services** - Dangling Rope Marina and related structures, which provided essential services at a mid-lake location, were removed in 2022 due to significant storm damage and low water levels. The marina was relied upon as the only place to access essential services between Wahweap and Bullfrog/Halls Crossing Marinas, and offered boaters a fueling dock, minor boat repair services, a ranger station, restrooms, a boat pump-out station, and emergency communications. A mid-lake fueling station allowed visitors to have enough fuel to reach more remote locations of Glen Canyon and Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Compliance support is needed for a project to reconstruct a mid-lake marina that would provide essential services to visitors.

## **Relocate and Rehabilitate Rainbow Bridge Floating Walkways and Anchor System -**

Visitors, concessioners, and park partners are currently experiencing variable access to Rainbow Bridge National Monument due to historically low water levels on Lake Powell. The Rainbow Bridge Marina has been relocated to the main channel of Lake Powell so that it does not get trapped in the canyon as water levels drop, and other challenges have emerged on newly exposed land areas, including hazards and uneven surfaces. Compliance support is needed for a project to provide a safe and secure place for boaters to dock and walk along floating walkways to an appropriate place to access the shore at Rainbow Bridge. Anchoring systems will also be made adjustable to allow for future fluctuating water levels.

### **Requirements**

#### **Conditions of Employment**

U.S. Citizenship required.

Appointment subject to background investigation and favorable adjudication.

Meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement for males.

Selectee will be required to participate in the Direct Deposit Electronics Funds Transfer Program.

You may be required to operate a government (or private) motor vehicle as part of your official duties. Prior to your first official motor vehicle operation, and again every year thereafter (or more frequently if management determines such need exists), you will be required to sign an affidavit certifying to your possession of a valid State issued driver's license that is current and has not been revoked, suspended, canceled, or otherwise disqualified in any way to prohibit your operation of a motor vehicle. You will also submit a photocopy of your valid State issued driver's license prior to your first official motor vehicle operation, and again every year, or more frequently if management determines such need exists.

You may be required to work, evenings, weekends, holidays, and overtime.

**You will be required to complete a one-year trial period.**

You may be required to travel overnight away from home occasionally. You must obtain a government charge card for travel purposes.

You may be required to complete training and obtain/maintain a government charge card with travel and/or purchase authority.

Applicants must be at least (1) 18 years old or (2) at least 16 years old and: (a) Have graduated from high school or been awarded a certificate equivalent to graduating from high school; or (b) Have completed a formal vocational training program; or (c) Have received a statement from school authorities agreeing with their preference for employment rather than continuing their education; or (d) Be currently enrolled in a secondary school and either work only during school vacation periods or work part-time during the school year under a formal student employment program.

### **Qualifications**

All qualifications must be met by the closing date of this announcement-05/03/2024-unless otherwise stated in this vacancy announcement.

Credit will be given for all appropriate qualifying experience. To receive credit for experience, your resume **MUST** clearly indicate the nature of the duties and responsibilities for each position, starting and ending dates of employment (month/year), and the resume must reflect full and/or part-time or total number of hours worked (i.e., work 40+ hours a week, rather than indicating full-time). If part-time, the hours must be annotated to be able to pro-rate the amount of qualified specialized experience.

To qualify for this position at the GS-11 grade level, you must possess one of the following minimum qualifications by close of the announcement:

**EXPERIENCE:** At least one full year of specialized experience comparable in scope and responsibility to the GS-09 grade level in the Federal service (obtained in either the public or private sectors). This experience includes activities such as: (1) applying concepts and methods of environmental protection work; (2) interpreting plans and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) laws, regulations, policies, and guidance for land and resource management programs; (3) providing advice to other National Environmental

Policy Act (NEPA) practitioners and park or regional leadership regarding the application of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) laws regulations, policies, and guidance to environmental compliance activities; (4) reviewing environmental documents, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, to ensure legal sufficiency and compliance with applicable laws and regulations; (5) working with public land resource values, issues, or controversies; and using computerized database systems to track projects, conduct public involvement, and analyze data. **You must include hours per week worked.**

-OR-

**EDUCATION** Successful completion of at least a Ph.D. or equivalent Doctoral Degree or at least three (3) years of progressively higher-level graduate education leading to such a degree in environmental science or a directly related field, or LL.M in environmental law that includes coursework which is directly related to the work of this position which demonstrates possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required. **You must include transcripts.**

-OR-

Successful completion of a combination of education and experience as described above. To combine education and experience, first take graduate education in excess of the amount 2 full years of progressively higher-level graduate education (18 semester hours is equal to one year of graduate education). Then take the number of months of full-time experience and divide by 12 months. Add the percentages together. The total must equal at least 100 percent to qualify. For example, six (6) months of the specialized experience described (50% of the experience requirement), and 45 semester hours (9 semester hours beyond the first two years) of directly related graduate level college study as defined above in an accredited institution (50% of the qualifying education) equals 100 percent to qualify. **You must include transcripts.**

**Volunteer Experience** Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social).

Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

## Education

To qualify based on education, you must submit a legible copy of transcripts from an with your name, school name, credit hours, course level, major(s), and grade-point average or class ranking. Transcripts do not need to be official, but if you are selected for this position and you used your education to qualify, you must provide official transcripts before you begin work.

If you are using to meet qualification requirements, you must show that your education credentials have been evaluated by a private organization that specializes in interpretation of foreign education programs and such education has been deemed equivalent to that gained in an accredited U.S. education program; or full credit has been given for the courses at a U.S. accredited college or university.

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