



OUTREACH NOTICE



**USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST**

**Range Technician
Permanent, Year-Round GS-0455-5/6/7
Duty Stations: Austin and Tonopah, NV**

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will soon be filling up to 8 GS-0455-5/6/7 Range Technicians in multiple locations in Nevada and California from the Open Continuous Roster (OCR).

This OUTREACH IS FOR AUSTIN-TONOPAH RANGER DISTRICT
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These are field going positions. Incumbents are expected to hike in hot and cold weather in rugged terrain; operate ATV, UTV, 4-wheel drive vehicles and horse trailers; and use pack and saddle stock.

Duties include:

- Assisting Range Management Specialists in administering grazing permits and developing annual operating instructions
- Inspecting allotments for compliance with permits, allotment management plans and annual operating instructions.
- Conducting short and long-term monitoring of plant community change, trends, grazing impacts; precipitation; soil erosion hazards; and other rangeland resource activities and uses.
- Inspecting, designing, and building range improvements
- Participating in development, implementation, and evaluation of rangeland projects including determining the need for plant community improvements.
- Collaborating with permittees and other stakeholders to make recommendations for improved rangeland and livestock administration and range improvement projects
- Documenting observations and activities in reports and databases.
- Monitor wild horse and burro populations, body conditions, and plan and implement gathers.

For More Information

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Matt Morehead, Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist at matthew.morehead@usda.gov 775-340-3441 and/or Lance Brown, District Ranger at lance.brown@usda.gov 775-293-0041.

About the Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the H-T is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with an additional one million acres of land in the eastern part of California, along the Eastern Sierra Front. There are 7 Ranger Districts and 10 offices. The Forest includes one of the largest Range and Wild Horse and Burro programs in the Forest Service. Please check out the H-T website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf/>.

Austin/Tonopah Ranger District

The Austin/Tonopah District has offices in both Austin, NV and Tonopah, NV. The District covers six mountain ranges and encompasses nearly 2.3 million acres that range in elevation from 6,000 to just under 12,000 feet. The District includes 3 congressionally designated Wilderness Areas, 3 Wilderness Study Areas and has programs in Cultural Resources, Livestock Grazing, Wild Horse and Burro Management, Noxious Weeds, Minerals, Landscape Restoration, Fuels, Fisheries/Wildlife (including 1 federally protected trout), Watershed and Recreation. Parts of the District are arid and desert-like in character and at the other extreme are numerous high elevation areas that are sub-alpine in every respect, including climatic conditions.

Austin Community

The Austin Ranger District office is located 170 miles east of Reno in north-central Nevada. Austin is situated along America's Loneliest Highway (US 50) near the geographical center of Nevada. The town of Austin that has a population of approximately 250 with an elevation of 6,505 ft. Very limited local services, government housing is available. The nearest full-service community is Fallon, NV at 1.5 hours away. Health Care - Part-time clinic in Austin, otherwise hospital services and other medical providers are at Banner Churchill Community Hospital in both Fallon (1.5 hours) and Battle Mountain General Hospital in Battle Mountain (1.5 hours). Shopping – limited to 1 convenience/gas station, most employees conduct their shopping needs in nearby communities of Fallon and Battle Mountain. Restaurants - 1 restaurant that have various hours. Housing – government housing may be available, very limited opportunities for rent or purchase in the local commuting area. Few motels and RV parks in town with variable occupancy. Education – Austin has a small K-12 public school <http://austin.lander.k12.nv.us/>. The town of Austin is the center of a vast cattle and sheep ranching area and offers some of the finest fishing and deer hunting in the west. Austin's population has diminished and many of the old buildings have been removed, but the "spirit" of Austin is much the same today as it was in the 1860s. Diverse recreation and outdoors activities occur within a short drive that includes camping, fishing, hunting, mountain biking, bird watching, wildlife viewing. For more information, please visit <http://austinnevada.com/>.

Tonopah Community

The Tonopah Ranger District is located off U.S. Highway 95, approximately halfway between Reno and Las Vegas (a little over 200 miles from each). Tonopah's population is approximately 2,800 and the town sits at an elevation of 6,047 feet. Temporary Government housing may be available. The nearest full-service community is Bishop, CA at 2 hours away. Health Care – a local virtual clinic in Tonopah. Hospital services and other medical providers are located in Bishop, CA (2 hours) and Hawthorne, NV (1.5 hours). Shopping – community grocery store and numerous convenience/gas station stores. Restaurants – various with Casinos/Hotels, Mexican, Chinese, Pizza, BBQ, & fast food. Housing – Government housing may be available, limited opportunities for purchase in the local commuting area, but rentals are available. Numerous Hotels/Motels and RV parks in town with variable occupancy. Education – K-12 schools are located in Tonopah <https://tonopah.nye.k12.nv.us/>. Tonopah is a perfect place to enjoy central Nevada's recreational activities including rockhounding, hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing, mountain biking, riding ATV's and UTV's and hunting. Because it's so far from the bright lights of any major city, Tonopah's night skies are considered among the best in the country for stargazing. For more information, please visit <http://www.tonopahnevada.com/>.