The Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest may be filling temporary positions at the GS-4 and GS-5 level. All positions are temporary appointments and will not exceed 1039 hours worked. The start dates for these positions are usually early May and end approximately end of October. Employees are expected to commit through these dates, (6 months, and 1039 hours) but employment duration may be variable. Government housing is available.

OUTREACH RESPONSE
Interested applicants, or those desiring further information should contact Richard Mendoza, phone (Office) 970-264-1525, (cell) 970-946-3671 or by e-mail at rjmendoza@fs.fed.us.

APPLYING FOR POSITIONS
All temporary hiring will occur on-line through USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov). The job Announcement number to apply for these positions for 2013 is: TEMPOCR-0462-04-TSP-DT and TEMPOCR-0462-5-TSP-DT.

It is strongly encouraged to create or update your profile in USAJOBS. Please select PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO. as your duty station when applying. Please have your application in by Feb 9th.
THE POSITION
The incumbent will serve as crew member and is expected to be responsible for a variety of duties over the course of employment. Some of the duties are individual tree marking according to silviculture prescription, cruising timber for volume determination, unit boundary layout, GPS unit boundaries and roads. Some duties may conduct thinning of tree stands with use of chainsaw. May conduct stand exams, and assist in reforestation layout and inspect reforestation contracts. Applicants must be in good physical condition. Work involves long arduous physical exertion in rigorous terrain. The position does recommend but is not mandatory to participate in fire suppression which requires passing a work capacity test.

Work Capacity Test (WCT) for wildland firefighters: This position may participate in local wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed. Taking and passing the WCT at the arduous level is an option. The arduous fitness (Pack) Test consist of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

LOCATION
Pagosa Springs is located in southwestern Colorado at an elevation of 7,079 feet above sea level. The Pagosa Ranger District covers over 550,000 acres of forest service land and 5,500 acres of BLM land. Much of the district borders Colorado’s largest wilderness area, the Weminuche Wilderness, approximately 106,750 acres within the district’s boundaries. We also have approximately 70,900 acres of the South San Juan Wilderness that falls within our jurisdiction. For additional information about the San Juan National Forest or Pagosa Ranger District please visit: http://www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan.

Pagosa Springs offers a variety of businesses as well as numerous recreational opportunities. Natural Hot Springs, the Wolf Creek Ski Area, waterfalls and many locations for hiking, fishing, camping and biking are within a short drive. For additional information about Pagosa Springs, co. visit: http://www.visitpagosasprings.com