National Park Service Ecologist - Lafayette, LA

The National Park Service Inventory & Monitoring Program, Gulf Coast Network, is hiring a permanent GS-12 Ecologist who will be stationed in Lafayette, Louisiana. Applications are being accepted through www.usajobs.gov through April 20. There are two announcements: US Citizens (https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/434774000) and current federal government employees or those eligible under special hiring authorities (http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/434777400).

The Gulf Coast Network consists of eight parks located in portions of six states, and spans from Brownsville, Texas, to Pensacola, Florida, and north to Nashville, Tennessee. These parks represent and host important examples of a broad range of ecosystems including upland forests and streams; bottomland and floodplain forests; and coastal barrier islands and estuaries. You will conduct and participate in long-term monitoring of flora, fauna, physical resources, and landscape dynamics with the network parks. Responsibilities will include leading the implementation of terrestrial vegetation monitoring; analyzing data for a variety of ecosystem metrics including vegetation, reptiles and amphibians, land birds, and seagrass; and reporting and presenting the findings to a wide variety of audiences ranging from scientific peers to the general public. More information on the Gulf Coast Network can be found at http://science.nature.nps.gov/im/units/guln/.

Lafayette Louisiana is a growing community which is known for its rich Cajun heritage and delicious food. Lafayette is also quickly becoming a hub of technology, medicine and arts in the state of Louisiana. There are many visual and performing arts venues, over ten annual festivals and many city parks. The business arena has diversified from its history in oil and gas to include technology, manufacturing, and medical fields. The network's offices are located within the research park of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, along with other Federal and State agencies such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States Geological Survey, and Fish and Wildlife Service providing partnership opportunities with a wide range of scientists with skills ranging from plant, wetland, and animal ecology to mapping, remote sensing, geographic information systems, and computer technologies.

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