

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands



Rangeland Management Specialist, GS-0454-05/07/09 **(Salary range \$28,862-\$56,849)**

The Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands, Cibola National Forest will be filling a GS-454-05/07/09, Rangeland Management Specialist. This position is a permanent fulltime position with a duty station in Clayton, NM. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact **Angela Safranek** asafranek@fs.fed.us , or **Nancy Walls** nwalls@fs.fed.us at 575-374-9652.

Position: The primary duties of this position are assisting with management of the range and watershed programs on the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands. The district administers approximately 140 Term Grazing Permits and authorizes grazing for approximately 5,000 cattle each year. A wide variety of livestock management programs are in place on these two National Grasslands. Livestock operations are generally small to medium with both family owned cow/calf operations and larger seasonal yearling cattle operations. The position requires full coordination and interaction with other resources on the district, three state agencies, and other federal and local agencies. Responsibilities include permit administration, permit actions, rangeland monitoring and analysis, management planning, management of the district INFRA program, and design/implementation of range and watershed improvement projects.

Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands: The Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands are located within the shortgrass prairie of the Southern Great Plains and within the pinyon and juniper woodland of the Canadian River Canyon. These grasslands encompass approximately 239,000 acres in six counties within New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma.

The Canadian River Canyon is a rugged 900 foot deep canyon which provides habitat for mule deer, bear, lion, Barbary sheep, waterfowl and provides for warm water fishing. The plains of the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands provide habitat for quail, pronghorn, black-tailed prairie dogs, fox, bobcat, and a variety of raptors.

Community of Clayton: The latest census shows 4,124 people in Union County with 2,484 of those residing in the city of Clayton. The population is a mix of Hispanic, Mexican, and Anglo descents. For more information about Clayton-Union County or Northeastern New Mexico, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 1103 South First Street, Clayton, New Mexico 88415 or call 575-374-9253 (toll-free, 800-390-7858), or the Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands at 575-374-9652.