

# Outdoor Recreation Planner (GS-9)

## Major Duties

An outdoor recreation Planner (GS-9) represents Forest Service teams that plan and design projects. The Outdoor Recreation Planner has the job of recommending and implementing short range plans for recreation programs. Here are some of the things an Outdoor Recreation Planner does;

- Participates as a member of teams that include other Forest Service Specialist
- Investigates recreation areas
- Makes recommendations about how land should be used for recreation
- Develops plans and designs for recreation sites (picnic and camping sites, winter sports, boating, and swimming sties, etc.)
- Conducts surveys and looks at Information on how existing recreation areas can be improved
- Prepares schedules for maintenance of recreation facilities
- Makes presentations to the public and others about outdoor activities
- Develops programs and work plans to maintain existing recreation areas
- Inspects recreation areas to make sure they are safe and being used properly
- Helps prepare financial plans and work plans for recreation sites
- Helps write environmental reports after examining recreation sires
- Participates in environmental analysis of proposed projects.
- Writes documents (new releases, correspondence, etc.) about the environment

An Outdoor Recreation Planner's job requires working in an office and in the field. An Outdoor Recreation planner may work outside in cold or hot weather, walk long distances over rough and uneven land, and camp out. The job can involve long periods of standing.

A person at this level may also supervise other employees. This can require monitoring employee performance, conducting performance appraisals, developing budgets, coordinating staff efforts, etc.

## A Typical Day

Sarah's day started out just like the last few Mondays. She spent most of the morning in meetings going over final plans for a new recreation and picnic facilities in Central Oregon. The recreation facilities will include picnic and camping sites, hiking trails, and areas for cross country skiing. Sarah has been a big part in getting the project off the ground. She has been working on plans for the recreation for over a year. Early on, she was involved in investigating the area as a possible recreation sire would have on the area's natural resources. Sarah has made many presentations and participated in over 50 planning meetings in trying to get the project going.

In this morning's meeting Sarah got the final okay to go ahead with the project. Sarah is ready to celebrate. Now she can begin contacting construction crews and making plans to get started clearing an area for picnic and camping facilities. This means more paperwork and agreements to make, but is also means she will soon get to spend more time at the sire supervising the construction.

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### **Career Sheet #18**

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### **Knowledge and Education**

A college degree is required for those interested in becoming an Outdoor Recreation Planner. College courses may include;

- Recreation
- Physical Science (Earth Science)
- Biology
- Psychology
- Physical Education

### **Career Path**

Here are the jobs that can lead to becoming an Outdoor Recreation Planner (GS-9)

- Landscape Architect
- Social Scientist
- Recreation Forester
- Recreation Site Manager