

## **Supervisory Vegetation Ecologist, GS-0408-12, Permanent, Northern Great Plains Inventory & Monitoring Network**

**The announcement is open from 9/24/24 to 10/3/24 through both Merit Promotion and Public/Career Transition recruitment pathways.**

The **Supervisory Vegetation Ecologist** is duty stationed in Rapid City, South Dakota in the [Northern Great Plains Network \(NGPN\)](#), which serves 13 National Park Service units in the Northern Great Plains region. This position designs, develops, coordinates, and administers a vegetation ecology program developed for use by the National Park Service and other scientists to understand the status and trends of plant communities. Plant monitoring data help characterize park-wide ecosystem health and responses to environmental drivers, including weather and climate, land cover changes, invasive/exotic plants, and habitat conditions for species of interest, such as prairie dogs, bison, and deer. The Supervisory Vegetation Ecologist leads protocol implementation by hiring and supervising permanent and seasonal vegetation program staff, conducting statistical analysis, and interpreting and synthesizing results for written and oral presentations to park and scientific communities. They work closely with the Invasive Plant Monitoring Team (IPMT) Liaison, fire ecologist, park resource managers, scientists, geographic information system (GIS) specialists, and cooperating personnel to evaluate data, and ensure that relevant and useful data are acquired and integrated into decision support tools used to help parks make informed treatment choices. Project management responsibilities include project coordination, writing and overseeing contracts and agreements, developing work plans, schedules, and cost estimates, and tracking budgets.

**Merit Promotion:** [USAJOBS - Job Announcement](#)

**Public/Career Transition:** [USAJOBS - Job Announcement](#)

***All applications must be received through USAJOBS.***

**Please reach out to me with any questions about NGPN or this position.**

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