Allegheny National Forest

Outreach Notice

GS-0462- 3/4/5/6, Forestry Technician
(Timber Sale Prep)

Duty Station: Bradford or Marienville Ranger Districts

Outreach Closes: January 7, 2013

The Allegheny National Forest is outreaching for up to six career ladder Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) positions. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and area of consideration for the advertisement.
It is anticipated that up to six positions may be filled, with up to four positions to be filled at the Bradford Ranger District and up to two positions to be filled at the Marienville Ranger District.

The duties of the Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) position include:

This position is established to perform presale duties including timber cruising, and timber marking.
Major Duties:

- Independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber.
- Brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground that are inconsistent with guidelines.
- Act as a certified timber cruiser. Independently develops and or applies the instructions issued in a cruise plan. Takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality, and determines defect. Prepares and computer processes cruise data.
- Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species.
- Traverses harvest unit boundaries, road locations, and determine area.
- Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, contract inspections etc.

For questions regarding the duties of this position please contact: Bradford Ranger District: Brad Turberville (814) 363-6094, bturberville@fs.fed.us . Marienville Ranger District: Joe Gomola (814) 927-5798, jgomola@fs.fed.us .

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.asp).

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

The Allegheny National Forest is headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania and has two Ranger Districts. The Marienville Ranger District is located in Marienville, PA and the Bradford Ranger District is located in Marshburg, PA. The 513,000-acre Forest is the only national forest in Pennsylvania and lies within a day's drive of 1/3 of the Nation's population. It includes two Wilderness areas, two National Scenic Areas, two National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the Tionesta Research Natural Area (the largest contiguous tract of old growth forest in Pennsylvania). A variety of recreation activities include boating, camping, hunting, fishing, ATV riding and snowmobiling that result in about 4 million recreation visitor days annually. The 12,000-acre Allegheny Reservoir provides boating, camping, and fishing opportunities. Roughly, 1/3 of the world's supply of black cherry furniture veneer is grown on the Allegheny National Forest, resulting in a profitable timber program. Abundant fish and wildlife provide a variety of hunting, fishing, and viewing opportunities. The changing colors of the hardwood leaves each fall provide spectacular views.

COMMUNITY

Warren and the surrounding communities of Bradford, Kane, Ridgway, Marienville, and Tidioute are located in northwestern Pennsylvania. Main access to Warren is US Route 62 from the north or south and US Route 6 from the east or west. The area's climate provides a classic display of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and moderately humid with average temperatures of 75 to 80 degrees. Fall provides panoramic views as the foliage turns spectacular colors of yellow, red and purple. Springtime brings alive the many blooming wild flowers and other natural vegetation. The winters are moderate with average temperatures of 20 to 25 degrees. Annual precipitation is about 40 inches.

Downtown Warren is currently undergoing a revitalization effort.

Residents of Warren County have access to five public libraries, each reflecting the unique communities they serve. A Public Libraries of Warren County card can be used at the Sheffield Township Library, Sugar Grove Free Library, Tidioute Public Library, Youngsville Public Library, and Warren Public Library. These five libraries cooperate to provide services and programs that benefit all residents of Warren County such as the "One County, One Book" program, a combined web-based public access catalog of all holdings and access to the 45 databases included in the PA POWER Library.

Warren County is home more than 70 religious organizations representing 18 different denominations. Bradford, Kane and Warren have a general hospital, with several medical clinics, ambulance service, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists and nursing homes throughout the region. There are motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, all weather track, tennis courts, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, four 18-hole golf courses in Warren County alone and several parks. Organized youth and adult sports activities are numerous. In the immediate vicinity trout fishing, hunting, hiking, bicycling, camping and ATV riding are available. The main industries are manufacturing, social services and retail. The nearest commercial airports are in Bradford, PA (40 minutes), Jamestown, NY (40 minutes), Erie, PA (1.24 hours) and Pittsburgh, PA (3 hours).

The area's educational opportunities consist of various elementary and high schools (K-12), and several satellite campus curriculums offered through the cooperative efforts of the Warren-Forest County Higher Education Council and Jamestown Community College. Within an hour and a half, you will find other major universities, such as Gannon in Erie, PA; Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA, Clarion University in Clarion, PA; and St. Bonaventure University in nearby Olean, NY. Penn State University in State College, PA, and the State University of Buffalo, located in Buffalo, NY, are both approximately 3 hours away. In addition, the University of Pittsburgh Bradford (UPB) Campus, a four year highly rated smaller eastern college, is located in Bradford, PA. With recent and continuing expansions to UPB, it has become an exceptional facility and a mainstay to the Bradford community.

Housing costs are among the lowest in the nation. There are rentals available ranging between $300-$600/month. Rental homes and apartments range from $300-$600 per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. The price of single family homes range from $40,000 and up, depending on where you live in the county. The average price is $61,000. Warren County residents are subject to real estate taxes computed by multiplying the property assessment by the millage rate. The total millage rate includes taxes for the county, the school district, and the local municipality. Property is assessed at half the market value.

Special annual events include the Warren Jaycees Fourth of July Parade, Warren County Fair, Wild Wind Arts Festival, Hickory Creek Ranch Wild West Pro Rodeo, American Power Boat Racing Association Power Boat Races, Tour de Forest ATV trail riding event, Music in the Park Concert Series, Annual Ribfest, Farmer's Market, Annual Santa Parade and Christmas Walk and several theatrical and musical presentations at the Struthers Library Theatre.

Major employers in Warren County are Blair Corporation, Northwest Saving Bank, United Refining Corporation, Betts Industries, Ellwood Forge, Whirley Industries, Superior Tire and Rubber, Warren General Hospital, Berenfield Container, Lowes and Wal-Mart.

For more information about the Forest and local communities, please visit the following websites.

- Allegheny National Forest.

- For the Bradford Ranger District:
    - Warren County
    - McKean County - http://www.mckeancountypa.org/

- For the Marienville Ranger District:
    - Elk County - http://www.co.elk.pa.us/
    - Forest County - http://forestcounty.com/

If you have questions regarding this outreach, please contact: James L. Boyd at (814) 728-6189 or jamesboyd@fs.fed.us . If you would like to be notified of the Vacancy Announcement when it's available, please complete the enclosed form and send via e-mail or fax. (See information on bottom of form)

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Respond to James L. Boyd, jamesboyd@fs.fed.us **by January 7, 2013**

Fax: (814) 723- 0085 or (814) 726-1465

Position Title/Series/Grade: Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep), GS-0462-3/4/5/6

Duty Station: Bradford and Marienville Ranger District

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: Date:

Address: Phone No:

E-mail address:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Are you currently a Federal employee? ___Yes ___ No

IF YES: What is your Agency, Title, Series and Grade:

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Type of Appointment: ___ Permanent ___ Term ___ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

___ Person With Disabilities
___ Veterans Readjustment
___ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
___ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
___ Student Career Experience Program
___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
___ Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position: