



**PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT  
OUTREACH NOTICE  
Ouachita National Forest  
Forest Supervisor's Office  
Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas  
GS-0460-12  
Forester Sales Preparation  
(One Position)**



**The Ouachita National Forest is planning to advertise one GS-0460-12 permanent – full-time forester position in March of 2014**

**The Forest would like a strong pool of applicants, and encourages anyone qualified for the position to submit an outreach form (see bottom).**

**Qualification requirements can be reviewed at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/classifying-general-schedule-positions/#url=0400>. A position description is also available upon request.**

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

This Timber Sales Preparation Forester position is part of the staff of the Integrated Resource Team in the Forest Supervisor's Office located at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. Primary duties include:

- ❖ Forestwide leadership and oversight for the preparation of all timber sales through advertisement (Gate 4)
- ❖ Compliance with Small Business Administration Regulations in the timber sales program
- ❖ All cruiser and District checker certifications
- ❖ All cruising and data recorder issues
- ❖ Leading and/or participating in timber sale audits
- ❖ Conducting yearly tree marking paint audits
- ❖ Contracting Officer (CO) duties for Ranger sales on Units/Districts without a qualified CO
- ❖ Backup CO duties for SO authority sales during any absence of the Forest CO
- ❖ Forest stewardship coordinator
- ❖ Responsible for coordinating accelerated timber treatments within the boundaries of the *Shortleaf-Bluestem Community*, a Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) project on the Ouachita NF.

In recent years the annual timber sale program has ranged from 150,000 to 200,000 ccf, including substantial salvage opportunities. This is a non-supervisory position, and is supervised by the Integrated Resources Team Leader.

**DUTY STATION:**

The duty station for this position is at the Supervisor's Office, located in Hot Springs National Park, AR, immediately adjacent to Hot Springs National Park.

**ABOUT THE FOREST:**

Established in 1907 and encompassing nearly 1.8 million acres in west central Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma, the Ouachita is the South's oldest and largest National Forest. Predominant forests types are shortleaf pine, shortleaf pine-oak, and red oak-white oak-hickory. Forest vegetation management programs include the use of both even-age and uneven-age systems and the extensive use of prescribed fire. Significant cooperative research efforts with the Southern Research Station are underway at both the stand and watershed scales.

The Forest has received several awards for its ecosystem management efforts that include restoration of the shortleaf pine-bluestem ecosystem, restoration of old-growth forests, and restoration of fish passage in previously fragmented streams. Recently, the Ouachita National Forest's CFLRP grant proposal was selected for funding, which will accelerate pine-bluestem restoration efforts. Click on the following link to the Forest web page for more details: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/land/ouachita/landmanagement>.

#### **ABOUT HOT SPRINGS:**

Hot Springs has a population of about 35,000, and Garland County has a population of about 85,000. The median age is 41.9. Hot Springs' climate is mild with moderate temperatures. Summers are warm and long, with mild and short winters. The spring and fall seasons offer pleasant temperatures, as well as beautiful scenery, ranging from blooming flowers and budding trees in the spring to beautiful fall colors. Hot Springs averages 54 inches of rainfall and only 4.5 inches of snowfall a year. The average daily maximum temperature is 75 F and the average daily minimum temperature is 52 F.

**Housing:** The median value of existing three bedroom homes in the city limits, excluding lake property, is approximately \$125,000. The majority of new home construction costs, also excluding lake property, range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. The median monthly rental for a two-bedroom apartment is \$550. There are several realtors available specializing in housing of various price ranges within specific areas. Apartments, duplexes and condos are available with prices depending on facilities and location.

Hot Springs offers affordable living with the average price of a new home well below the national average. Hot Springs also offers a cost of living below national average with a low tax rate.

**Transportation:** Intercity Transit (IT) and the Downtown Trolley provide city bus service, with Greyhound offering city-to-city service. Locally owned cab companies provide public transportation. AMTRAK rail transportation is available 20 miles east of Hot Springs. The city has an airport serviced by one commercial airline. There is a major airport offering all major airlines located in Little Rock, some 60 miles north of Hot Springs.

**Schools:** The public school system has nationally recognized school districts. The system is divided into seven districts, which are fully accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools. In 1996, Money Magazine ranked one of the local districts among the top 100 school districts in the nation. There are seven private and parochial schools. Hot Springs is also the home to the Arkansas School of Math and Science, a state high school offering an opportunity for 300 of the state's best junior and senior high students wanting to experience a more challenging curriculum.

**Colleges/Technical Schools:** There are two major universities 35 miles southeast of Hot Springs, with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) 60 miles northeast of the city. Hot Springs has a community college, a technical institute and two technical colleges.

**Churches/Civic Organizations:** Churches representing nearly every denomination are dedicated to serve our many citizens and visitors. An active Chamber of Commerce along with organizations such as Lions, Optimist, Kiwanis, Rotary and Jaycees, as well as, the usual lodges, fraternal orders, and federated local clubs keep the citizens involved. A strong volunteer spirit is the support for the city's ambitious cultural events and community service organizations. The city is also the home of a \$34 million Convention Center.

**Health Care:** Hot Springs has a long history of excellent medical care beginning with the thermal baths of the hot springs to the modern technology currently available. The Hot Springs-Garland County area is served by three major hospitals with a total of 572 beds, 128 practicing physicians, 28 clinics and growing, 7 nursing homes and a rehabilitation center.

**Lakes/Parks:** Five sparkling lakes, collectively known as the Diamond Lakes, surround Hot Springs. Lake Ouachita is located 30 minutes from downtown and is recognized for its superb bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and striped bass fishery. It is the second largest man-made lake in the United States. Lake DeGray is

less than 25 miles south of the city. There are 3 state parks associated with three of the lakes. There are also 9 city parks offering a variety of activities and sports.

**Cultural Interests:** Hot Springs has been designated as a “City of the Arts”. Hot Springs’ Fine Arts District is unequalled within the state as artists and gallery owners have renovated Victorian and early twentieth-century buildings within the historic district into gallery and studio spaces. There is a monthly Gallery Walk with a variety of organized festivals throughout the year. Hot Springs has been featured in the New York Times, 100 Best Small Art Towns in America.

**Attractions:** Hot Springs offers a theme park and water park, outdoor dramas and adventures, music shows, riverboat excursions, horseback rides, amphibious craft tours, fishing, boating, golfing and other attraction varieties to choose from.

## OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

Please let us know if you are interested in this position. Filling out this form is important for the Ouachita National Forest as it will give us some idea of the level of interest and the potential pool of applicants. Also, use of this form will allow us to notify you as to when this position will appear on [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) so you may apply. Please complete and return to Steve Cole ([sncole@fs.fed.us](mailto:sncole@fs.fed.us)) by March 12, 2014. Transmission can also be made by FAX at (501) 321-5391, or sent by mail to USDA Forest Service, ATTN: Steve Cole, P.O. Box 1270, Hot Springs National Park, AR 71902. You may call Steve Cole at 501-321-5270 if you would like to discuss the position or have questions about this vacancy.

**Position Title/Series/Grade:** Forester, Sales Preparation - GS-0460-12  
Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs National Park, AR  
Permanent-Full-Time – 1 position

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Phone and e-mail:</b>			
<b>Are you currently a federal employee?</b>		<b>If yes, please list your agency and your job title, series and grade:</b>	
<b>If you are not currently a federal employee, please give a brief description of your qualifying education and experience:</b>			

*Thank you for your interest!*