



Permanent Seasonal (PSE 18/8) Outreach – Pre-Announcement

GS-0404-4/5

*Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources)
Monongahela National Forest
Cheat-Potomac Ranger District
Parsons, West Virginia*

Date of This Notice: March 26, 2014

Notice Valid Through: April 16, 2014

The Cheat-Potomac Ranger District is seeking a talented, self-starting individual to become part of a dynamic district team on the Cheat-Potomac District of the Monongahela National Forest. The duty station for this Multi-Tech position is Parsons, WV.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and generate a list of highly qualified individuals interested in working on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District. Respondents will receive notification of the vacancy announcement once it is posted.

The position is a Permanent Seasonal job, where the incumbent is guaranteed work for at least 18 pay periods (or 36 weeks) during the year. The incumbent will be required to work Monday through Friday, with some weekend work on an infrequent basis. The position will currently be supervised by the Public Services Staff Officer on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District. This is a non-exempt, bargaining unit position.

If you are interested in this position please send a current resume and the attached outreach response form to Troy Waskey at (304) 257-4488 ext. 13 or by e-mail at twaskey@fs.fed.us by April 16, 2014.

About the Position:

Performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks relating to natural resources, i.e., water, land, food, plants, animals, and soils. Assignments support field projects and program planning activities. Such tasks might include:

- Independently, or as part of a team, conducts wildlife surveys; takes and records data, counts, sorts, identifies species, and performs measurements.
- Utilizes topographic maps; photographs, and data that identify a variety of natural resource areas and conditions.

- Uses a variety of tools to collect and record data such as numbers, measurements, weights, samples, and special notes.
- Makes recommendations for easily identifiable corrective action, based on site survey findings.
- Summarizes data obtained from field collections using prescribed statistical procedures. Under supervision, prepares data summaries in proper format.
- Identifies and classifies principal natural resource types in assigned geographic areas. Collects natural resource samples and makes determinations, such as species identification, habitat condition, injury, disease. Makes qualitative observations of injury and disease and makes recommendations for resolution of problems.
- On an individual basis or as a crew leader, constructs or completes habitat projects such as watershed development, fencing, or clearing areas to establish more desirable food or cover habitat.
- Participates in developing new or improved prevention practices relating to conditions and findings of natural resource areas where information and data have been collected.
- Assists in layout of field experiments, pilot projects, impact evaluations, and specific natural resource projects. Assists in determining validity of survey or evaluation techniques. Suggests improvements of methods and techniques.
- Supports other resource areas on the District including Range, Timber, Recreation, and Fire.
- Operates machinery and equipment and is fully responsible for compliance with safety rules and regulations.

About the District:

One-half day's drive from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania or Washington, D.C. brings city dwellers to rural West Virginia where they find the peace, tranquility, and laid-back lifestyle in contrast to their daily city lives. There are many opportunities to hike, bicycle, fish, canoe, camp and hunt in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia. Seneca Rocks, one of the best known landmarks in our state, and Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia, are both prominent features of the Cheat-Potomac District of the Monongahela National Forest.

In addition to the extensive developed and dispersed recreation program, our natural resource program is active and our wildlife program is kept busy with endangered bats, salamanders, and flying squirrels. West Virginia is truly wild and wonderful!

About Parsons and the Surrounding Area:

Parsons has a population of approximately 1,500. Local services include grocery store, dollar stores, pharmacy, sit-down and fast-food restaurants, several banks, a hardware store, churches of many denominations, an urgent care clinic, library, and the schools offer K-12. Purchase price of a nice three-bedroom house in the Parsons area range from \$100,000 and up. Property values

are likely to rise because of the construction of a new four-lane, east-west highway about 2 miles from town.

For more information on the Parsons area, please visit the following Internet links:

<http://parsonsadvocate.com>

<https://sites.google.com/site/tuckercoschools/home>

<http://www.tuckercounty.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.homes.com/real-estate-agents/tucker-county-wv/>

About the Forest:

The Monongahela National Forest includes over 919,000 acres of Federal lands in 10 West Virginia counties, making it the fourth largest National Forest in Region 9. The Forest is within a day's drive of 1/3 of the US population and is a recreation/tourist destination hosting over 3 million visitors each year. The Forest has 4 Ranger Districts, 2 Visitor Centers, 7 Wilderness Areas, and the Spruce Knob – Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area (the nation's first Forest Service National Recreation Area).

The Monongahela is located in the central portion of West Virginia's Appalachian Ridge and Valley and Allegheny Plateau physiographic regions. Elevations range from 900 feet at Petersburg to 4,863 at Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia. The species diversity combined with the rural setting and interesting cultural environment, contribute to the unique lifestyle of the region. Communities boast friendly people, a reasonable cost of living, low crime rates, and enviable locations nestled in the Appalachian Mountains Surrounded by forested landscapes interspersed with mountain meadows and rangeland. Opportunities abound for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Recreation opportunities include three nearby downhill ski areas, cross-country skiing, numerous golf courses, river canoeing/kayaking/rafting, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, caving, and nature watching. The numerous State Parks and Forests add to the number of locations available for such recreational activities in the area.

We enjoy all four seasons, but none is extreme. Winters are generally mild, yet we get enough snow at higher elevations to enjoy winter sports. Springs are mild and bring an explosion of green after winter snows melt. Summers are great for swimming, horseback riding, and fishing. Autumn brings cool, crisp nights and warm, sunny days loaded with some of the most colorful foliage to be seen.

For more about the Monongahela National Forest, visit us on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/.

**MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST
OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**

POSITION TITLE: Biological Technician (Natural Resources)
(GS-0404-04/05)

UNIT: Cheat-Potomac RD located in Parsons, WV

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:	

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AGENCY:	
LOCATION:	
POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE:	
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:	

If you are not currently a permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Person with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran's Readjustment Authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
<input type="checkbox"/>	Former Peace Corps Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Identify):
<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please return your completed form to Troy Waskey at twaskey@fs.fed.us by April 16, 2014

Thank you for your interest in this position!