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**Outreach Notice
Wildlife Biologist
GS-0486-05/7/9**

**Huron-Manistee National Forests
Mio Ranger District
Mio, Michigan**

Respond by July 9, 2014

The Huron-Manistee National Forests is conducting outreach for the Wildlife Biologist position on the Mio Ranger District. **The duty station for this position will be Mio, Michigan. If you are interested in this position please reply by 7/9/2014.**

Situated on the beautiful Au Sable River, Mio is located in Oscoda County, in the north-central portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Mio, with a population of 2,000 residents offers the appeal of a small town with many amenities of a larger town. The area has abundant opportunities for hunting, fishing, motorized trails, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and birdwatching. For more information visit [::: Oscoda County, Michigan :::](http://www.oscodacounty.org/).

The Huron National Forest is located in the north-eastern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Programs include habitat restoration for the endangered Kirtland's Warbler (KW), management of the Au Sable National Scenic River, extensive motorized and non-motorized trails as well as extensive developed and dispersed recreation activities. The Huron National Forest has a diverse vegetative management program. Major harvest activities include red pine plantation thinning, fuelbreak creation, aspen regeneration, and clearcutting jack pine to create habitat for the endangered Kirtland's Warbler. The District has a complex mix of vegetation management needs emanating from the wildlife, fuels, and timber management programs. Creation of critical habitat for endangered species, hazardous fuels reduction within the wildland urban interface, and timber management objectives provide for a varied and rewarding environment for the incumbent.

The Mio Ranger District moved to a new multi-million dollar office and warehouse facility in calendar year 2006. The new ranger station complex provides first class working conditions and facilities to employees and the public.



Description of Duties:

The full performance level for this position serves as a wildlife biologist on the Mio Ranger District. This is a non-supervisory position, although the incumbent routinely provides direction to other employees and volunteers on specific projects during the spring and summer. The incumbent's primary duties will consist of accomplishing the District's wildlife habitat management projects, preparing biological assessments & evaluations, serving as an IDT member on NEPA projects, preparing contracts, serving as the contracting officer's representative or contract inspector, tracking costs, maintaining spatial and accomplishment data in GIS and FACTS, and preparing reports. The incumbent conducts endangered, threatened and sensitive species population, habitat

and monitoring surveys, assists in the Kirtland's Warbler management program, participates in the annual census, and coordinates and conducts Kirtland's Warbler tours and environmental education programs for a variety of groups. The incumbent is an active member of District's wildfire suppression and prescribed fire teams as qualifications allow.

This position serves as the assistant to the Supervisory Wildlife Biologist and will serve in an acting role when that person is unavailable.

Community Description:

<u>Unit:</u>	Huron-Manistee National Forests, Mio Ranger District.
<u>Town:</u>	Mio, Michigan. Mio is the county seat of Oscoda County.
<u>Population:</u>	Approximately 2,000 (approximately 8,500 in county).
<u>General Location:</u>	Mio is 90 miles north of Saginaw, Michigan via I-75 and State Highway M-33. Located midway on the Au Sable River, the cities of Grayling and West Branch are 35 minutes away. Other communities nearby in Oscoda County are McKinley, Comins, Fairview and Luzerne.
<u>Economic Conditions:</u>	Mio is an unincorporated town with limited shopping. The scenic rural setting has attracted many retirees to the area, per-capita income and cost of living ranks among the lowest in Michigan. Several auto parts suppliers have small manufacturing facilities in the county and the remaining economy is based on logging, farming, and recreational services. The town has a small selection of mostly locally owned restaurants and businesses.
<u>Housing:</u>	Houses start at about \$70,000. Winterized rentals are somewhat scarce, and many older homes began as summer cabins.
<u>Utilities:</u>	A wastewater treatment plant serves much of the town and a portion of the town has a public water supply. Remaining areas have wells and septic systems. Natural gas is available in Mio and Fairview.
<u>Schools:</u>	Mio is served by a public school through grade 12 and Kirtland Community College is 25 miles away.
<u>Hospitals:</u>	Full service hospitals are located in West Branch, Grayling, and Alpena. Doctors, dentists, and optometrists maintain offices in Mio.
<u>Churches:</u>	Most churches are represented in the area. There are also Amish and Mennonite communities within Oscoda County.
<u>Library:</u>	The Oscoda County Library is located in Mio. Internet connection is available.
<u>Recreation:</u>	Recreational activities in the area include hiking, swimming, camping, boating, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, hunting, motorcycle and ATV riding, snow-mobiling, ice fishing, and

cross-country skiing. A nine-hole golf course is conveniently located five miles north of town and a 72-hole resort is only 20 miles distant.

Shopping Facilities:

While shopping is limited, necessities can be obtained locally. More variety and selection is available in Grayling, West Branch, each a 30-mile drive. Alpena and Gaylord are 60 miles away. Larger malls are located in Saginaw and Traverse City, about 90 miles distant.

Banking:

A bank, a Credit Union, and a Savings Bank are located in Mio. Surrounding small towns also have banking facilities.

Television/Cable:

MiCom Communications (cable TV) serves the Mio area and high speed internet/DSL carriers are also available in some areas.

If you are considering applying for this position, and have questions, please contact Kim Piccolo by 7/9/2014.

Kim Piccolo, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist at 989-826-3252, ext. 3334 or kpiccoco@fs.fed.us

- If interested, please complete the enclosed form and return to Kim Piccolo at kpiccoco@fs.fed.us. Surface mail should be sent to 107 McKinley Road, Mio, MI 48647. **Submitting this form is optional and will help determine interest in the position.**

OUTREACH DOCUMENTATION FORM

Title of Position: Wildlife Biologist

Name & Work Address:

Work & Home Phone Numbers: Work:
Home:

e-mail Address:

Current Series/Grade/Title:

Brief Description of Qualifying Experience:

My level of interest in this vacancy: Just inquiring____ Plan to apply____.