



## **Outreach Notice** **GS-0470-11/12, Soil Scientist** **Permanent, Full-time**

**Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Supervisor's Office**

Duty station: **Rhineland, WI**

**OUTREACH CLOSES January 27, 2015**

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will soon be advertising for a Forest Soil Scientist at the GS 11/12 level. The position is permanent full-time and will be located in Rhineland, WI. The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and to determine the potential applicant pool at both the GS-11 and the GS-12 level. Based on the response to the outreach, the advertisement may be open to government-wide applicants only or open to all applicants. It may be advertised at the GS-11/12 or GS-12 grade.

**ABOUT THE POSITION:** This position serves the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest as the Forest's Soil Scientist with responsibilities in coordination and direction for the soil resource management program.

Important aspects of this position:

- provides technical guidance and leadership in the soil resource/terrestrial ecological unit inventory program which includes soil/landform/potential plant community classification, inventory, interpretation, and interagency coordination.
- determines resource potentials and limitations; suggests or develops alternative management practices when appropriate; predicts the affects of management practices on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest plan and project level activities; and develops soil resource standards, guidelines and mitigation measures to ensure the long-term productivity of the land and ensures the legal and policy requirements are not violated.
- The incumbent leads or participates in Reviews of Forest activities (i.e. those activities that have the potential to have a significant impact on the watershed (including soil, water and geologic resources) and ensures those activities comply with Forest standards and guidelines.
- The incumbent assumes responsibility for or conducts soils resource monitoring projects in compliance with the national, regional and Forest directives. Takes appropriate follow up action to ensure the results of these projects are incorporated into Forest standards and guidelines.

The work schedule will be MaxiFlex.

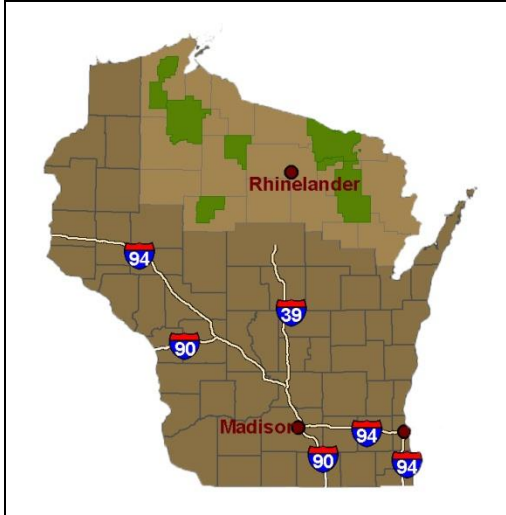
Travel around Forest is frequent; occasionally overnight travel can be necessary.

Transfer of station benefits for existing federal employees are allowed per FSH 6509.33.

The announcement will be posted on the USAJOBS website [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The announcement number will be circulated when available.

### **About the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest**

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is located in Wisconsin's "Northwoods," covering over a million and a half acres of forested lands in the north central section of the "Badger" state. The Forest operates out of nine District Offices and a Supervisor's Office in Rhinelander, Wis.



#### ***Where is the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest?***

The forest is comprised of more than 1.5 million acres in 11 northern [Wisconsin](#) counties and 65 townships. It is part of the treaty-ceded areas for 11 Indian tribes that retain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on national forest lands. Other lands within the Forest's boundaries include more than 1,200 separate parcels owned by the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, the State of Wisconsin, industrial forest land and privately owned properties. Interspersed around National Forest lands are more than 2.5 million acres of publicly owned

properties and state and county and forests. This mix of public and private lands offers many opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

The Chequamegon portion of the Forest includes about 858,400 acres in Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer, Price, Taylor, and Vilas counties. In the east, the Nicolet side covers about 661,400 acres in Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, and Vilas counties.

The two Forests, established in the early 1930s, were combined into the [\*Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest\*](#) in February 1998.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest stretches across northern Wisconsin and provides the scenic and economic foundation for the Northwoods communities. Glacier-carved hills and lowlands, extensive hardwood forests, and diverse wetlands create topographic and vegetative diversity across the Forest. With more than 2,000 lakes and 2,000 miles of rivers and streams, the Forest is a destination for water-based recreation. Wildlife is abundant on the Forest and visitors are able to hunt large and small game in an unconfined setting. [The Forest's fact sheet has some additional details.](#)

Comfortable summers and outstanding fall colors invite visitors to enjoy the sanctuary and scenic beauty of the Forest. Winter brings periods of snow and opportunities to explore the depths of the Forest's winter wonderland. [Learn more about Rhinelander's weather.](#)

### **The Rhinelander Community:**

The [City of Rhinelander](#) was established in the boom days of logging. Settled in 1880, it was first called Pelican Rapids. Today, Rhinelander is home to approximately 8,000 people and is the Oneida County seat.

According to the [Rhineland Chamber of Commerce](#), the city has a strong commercial and industrial base and serves as the business and service center for [Oneida](#) and the surrounding counties. Rhineland is a full-service community with major retail stores.

Rhineland is the [Home of the Hodag](#), a mythical creature created by Rhineland pioneer and timber cruiser Gene Shepard in 1896. Although it originated as a hoax, the Hodag became a local legend and the symbol of the city. Many local businesses, as well as the Rhineland school sports teams, are named for the Hodag.

The city offers several parks. Hodag Park is located along the Boom Lake shoreline. Pioneer Park features a logging and railroad museum complex. The city also owns and maintains an 18-hole public golf course rated the among Wisconsin's best links.

The [Oneida County Airport](#) is also located in Rhineland and offers daily connecting flights to Milwaukee and the Twin Cities.

Check out Rhineland and surrounding communities within a reasonable commuting distance at:

<https://www.facebook.com/RhinelandWisconsin>

<http://minocqua.org>

<http://threelakes.com>

<http://eagleriver.org>

<http://gototomahawk.com>

Interested applicants must fill out the attached voluntary outreach response form and return to Matthew St. Pierre, Natural Resources Staff Officer, at [mstpierre@fs.fed.us](mailto:mstpierre@fs.fed.us). You may call Matthew at 715-362-1385 for additional information about the position.

# OUTREACH NOTICE

## APPLICANT REPLY FORM

If you are interested in this position, please complete and submit this form to the person identified above as contact. This will help us determine the level of interest of prospective candidates and establish the area of consideration. Thanks for your cooperation.

Title of Outreach Position: **Forest Soil Scientist (GS-0470-11/12)**

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number: Work: Home:

Agency Employed with: USFS ☐ Other (Please list):

Type of appointment currently under (please check one):

Permanent ☐ Temporary ☐ Term ☐ Other (Please list):

Current Region/Forest/District:

Current Series and Grade:

Current Position Title:

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

- ☐ Persons with Disabilities
- ☐ Veterans Recruitment Appointment
- ☐ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- ☐ Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ☐ Former Peace Corp Volunteer
- ☐ Student Career Experience Program
- ☐ Other (explain):

What strengths/skills do you bring to this position?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS VACANCY