



Forest Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Shawnee & Hoosier National Forests

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### Multiple Federal Positions Available

Seeking candidates eligible for

**Non-Competitive or Special Authorities**

The Shawnee & Hoosier National Forests are assessing interest in multiple positions currently available in southern Illinois and southern Indiana (see list of specific positions available below). Both areas have reasonable cost of living expenses, great education opportunities including Southern Illinois University and Indiana University, moderate climates and exhibit a friendly mid-western atmosphere. The communities surrounding both Forests provide a range of living options, from rural settings to college towns to small cities.

If you might meet one of the following [hiring authorities](#) and have an interest in one of the listed positions, contact Administrative Officer Patrick McClellan via email [Patrick.McClellan@usda.gov](mailto:Patrick.McClellan@usda.gov) or phone 812-276-4740 to discuss your eligibility.

- Reinstatements
- Transfers
- Peace Corps/VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)
- 30% Disabled Veteran
- Veterans Recruitment Appointment & Veterans Employment Opportunity Act
- Individuals with Disabilities (Schedule A)
- Military Spouse
- Public Land Corps
- Resource Assistant Program Direct Hire
- Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act



Oak regeneration



Prairie warbler in a young forest

### **Description of the Forests:**

The Shawnee and Hoosier National Forests operate under a shared leadership model, with one Forest Supervisor and a single Forest Leadership Team. Each Forest has a District Ranger and an operations team.

As part of the central hardwood region, both forests prioritize ecological restoration, forest health, diversity and resilience as pine plantations are restored to native hardwoods and actions are taken to maintain fire/disturbance dependent oak-hickory dominated communities, increase age-class and species diversity, and improve wildlife habitat. We have strong prescribed fire programs that are active across ownership boundaries, a complex land base, highly interested publics and collaborative efforts. With public lands making up a small fraction of these states, the national forests serve an outsized role in providing recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat and open space.

Tucked between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the Shawnee National Forest spans 289,000 acres through the 11 southernmost counties of Illinois and is the single largest publicly owned body of land in the State of Illinois. The Shawnee is located within a day's drive of more than 45 million people, or 17% of the U.S. population (U.S. Census Bureau, 7-1-97 estimate). Managing this diverse landscape, with its beautiful oak-hickory forests, flourishing wetlands, lush canyons, razorback ridges and unique geological features, remains the core mission for the Shawnee National Forest. The Forest supports recreation for nearly 1 million visitors who come to camp, hunt, fish, hike, ride bikes and horses, and enjoy many other outdoor recreation experiences. Additional information about the Forest may be found at the [Shawnee National Forest](#) website.

The Hoosier National Forest encompasses nearly 204,000 acres stretching south from Bloomington to the Ohio River and is located within a drive of two hours or less from Cincinnati, Ohio; Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana; and Louisville, Kentucky. The many recreation opportunities including camping, fishing, hiking, horse riding, hunting, mountain bike riding, and backpacking. The only congressionally designated wilderness in Indiana, the 13,000 acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness, provides opportunities for users desiring higher levels of solitude. In addition, the Forest has over 265 miles of trails. Additional information about the Forest may be found on the [Hoosier National Forest](#) website.



Visitors enjoying the forest on a trail

## **The Positions:**

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The table below includes positions that we are currently looking to fill. Responses from this outreach will be used to help inform interest and/or permanent hiring or reassignments based on qualifying authorities.

<b>Series &amp; Grade</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Forest</b>
GS-0301-09	Partnership Liaison Specialist	Hoosier
GS-0462-3/4/5	Forestry Technician (Fire seasonal positions - total of 4)	Hoosier
GS-0401-9	0401/0101/0807 - Natural Resources Specialist (Recreation)	Hoosier
GS-0404-7	Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources)	Hoosier
GS-1082-9	Writer Editor	Hoosier
GS-0462-6	Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation)	Hoosier
GS-0462-07	Developed Recreation Technician	Hoosier
GS-1170-11	Realty Specialist - Lands	Hoosier
GS-1101-6	Resource Assistant - Timber	Shawnee
GS-0404-5	Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources-18/8) (2 positions)	Shawnee
GS-0460-11	Silviculturist	Shawnee
GS-0460-11	Forester (Timber Management Assistant)	Shawnee
GS-0462-11	Forestry Technician (Timber – FSR)	Shawnee
GS-0462-7	Forestry Technician (Rec Wilderness Trails)	Shawnee
GS- 1170-09	Realty Specialist - Rec Special Uses	Shawnee
GS- 1170-11	Realty Specialist - Lands	Shawnee
GS-1301-12	Physical Scientist (NEPA Coordinator)	Shawnee
GS-1035-12	Public Affairs Officer (zoned)	Shawnee or Hoosier

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***Outreach Response***  
**Multiple Positions – Shawnee & Hoosier**  
**National Forests**

If you are interested in one or more of these opportunities, please email your **outreach response and a resume** to Patrick McClellan, Administrative Officer at [Patrick.McClellan@usda.gov](mailto:Patrick.McClellan@usda.gov)

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**Personal Information (Name / Address)**

**Position(s) of Interest (List each position if interested in multiple positions)**

**Duty Station Preference (Forest or City)**

**Employment**

**Are you currently a Federal employee?**    Yes ☐    No ☐

**If Yes:** Name of your agency and location:

Current title/series/grade:

Type of Appointment: Permanent ☐    Term ☐    Temporary ☐

**If No:** Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title and Salary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you eligible for employment under any of the following special hiring authorities? If you are unsure check those you may be eligible for.**

- ☐ Former Peace Corps/VISTA
- ☐ Person with disabilities (Schedule A)
- ☐ Veteran with 30% Disability
- ☐ Veterans Recruitment Appointment (VRA) or Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ☐ Reinstatement Eligibility
- ☐ Transfer from another federal agency
- ☐ Military spouse
- ☐ Public Land Corp
- ☐ Resource Assistant Program Direct Hire
- ☐ Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act
- ☐ Other (PLEASE SPECIFY)

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