

Allegheny National Forest

Outreach Notice

Forest Technician (Generalist), GS-0460-5

Duty Station: Bradford, PA

Outreach Closes: December, 2015

Vacancy Announcement number:

16-TEMP-R9-0462-5FTG-DT

Forestry Technician (Generalist) GS-05

Opens December 7th, 2015 Closes December 11th, 2015

The Allegheny National Forest is outreaching for a seasonal GS-5 Forest Technician (Generalist). The selected applicant is projected to start in mid-March and work through September 30th. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to notify the potential applicant pool for this position that this position will be advertised from Opens December 7th, 2015 and Closes December 11th, 2015. Interested applicants can apply at www.usajobs.gov. Search the vacancy announcement number listed above and select Bradford, PA as the duty station.

The Position

The incumbent will work within the silviculture group of six permanent employees (supervised by the Silviculture Team Leader/ District Silviculturist) on the Bradford Ranger District with primary responsibility to support reforestation activities. The Bradford District offers and awards approximately 17-18 MMBF per year with average timber sale values of \$6 to \$7 million. Approximately 25%-30% of this value is offered through stewardship contracts. Silviculture and Reforestation plays a key role in this output.

Major Duties include:

Participates in reforestation service contract boundary layout, reforestation service contract inspection, insecticide application, herbicide application, plantation survival surveys, tree shelter maintenance, deer fence maintenance, stocking surveys, common stand exams, insect and disease monitoring; GPS and GIS work.

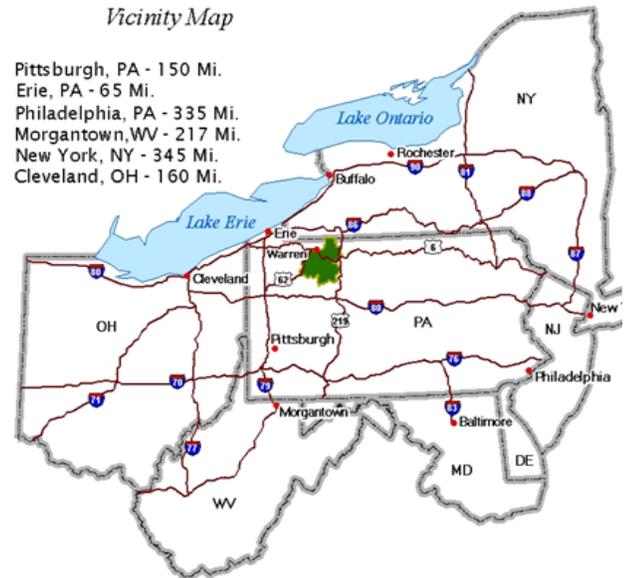
For additional questions regarding the duties of this position, please contact: **Brad Turberville, District Silviculturist, at 814-363-6094 or email: bturberville@fs.fed.us or Kevin Wiltsie, Reforestation Forester, 814-363-6042, kwiltsie@fs.fed.us .**

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.asp>).

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Vicinity Map

Pittsburgh, PA - 150 Mi.
Erie, PA - 65 Mi.
Philadelphia, PA - 335 Mi.
Morgantown, WV - 217 Mi.
New York, NY - 345 Mi.
Cleveland, OH - 160 Mi.



How to Apply: When available, the vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. **Individuals that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS.gov website by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.**

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Once in USAJOBS.gov applicants will be directed how to apply by submitting their profile information in USAJOBS. Interested applicants can set up a profile in USAJOBS before the announcement is posted that will enable them to receive an email when the announcement is posted. Applicants can also set up an alert on USAJOBS.gov citing the Series/Location and grade that will also notify them when the announcement is posted.

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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

The Allegheny National Forest is headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania and has two Ranger Districts. The Marienville Ranger District is located in Marienville, PA and the Bradford Ranger District is located in Marshburg, PA. The 513,000-acre Forest is the only national forest in Pennsylvania and lies within a day's drive of 1/3 of the Nation's population. It includes two Wilderness areas, two National Scenic Areas, two National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the Tionesta Research Natural Area (the largest contiguous tract of old growth forest in Pennsylvania). A variety of recreation activities include boating, camping, hunting, fishing, ATV riding and snowmobiling that result in about 4 million recreation visitor days annually. The 12,000-acre Allegheny Reservoir provides boating, camping, and fishing opportunities. Roughly, 1/3 of the world's supply of black cherry furniture veneer is grown on the Allegheny National Forest, resulting in a profitable timber program. Abundant fish and wildlife provide a variety of hunting, fishing, and viewing opportunities. The changing colors of the hardwood leaves each fall provide spectacular views.

WARREN COMMUNITY

Warren and the surrounding communities of Bradford, Kane, Ridgway, Marienville, and Tidioute are located in northwestern Pennsylvania. Main access to Warren is US Route 62 from the north or south and US Route 6 from the east or west. The area's climate provides a classic display of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and moderately humid with average temperatures of 75 to 80 degrees. Fall provides panoramic views as the foliage turns spectacular colors of yellow, red and purple. Springtime brings alive the many blooming wild flowers and other natural vegetation. The winters are moderate with average temperatures of 20 to 25 degrees. Annual precipitation is about 40 inches.

Downtown Warren is currently undergoing a [revitalization effort](#).

Residents of Warren County have access to five public libraries, each reflecting the unique communities they serve. A Public Libraries of Warren County card can be used at the Sheffield Township Library, Sugar Grove Free Library, Tidioute Public Library, Youngsville Public Library, and Warren Public Library. These five libraries cooperate to provide services and programs that benefit all residents of Warren County such as the "One County, One Book" program, a combined web-based public access catalog of all holdings and access to the 45 databases included in the PA POWER Library.

Warren County is home more than 70 religious organizations representing 18 different denominations. Bradford, Kane and Warren have a general hospital, with several medical clinics, ambulance service, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists and nursing homes throughout the region. There are motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, all weather track, tennis courts, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, four 18-hole golf courses in Warren County alone and several parks. Organized youth and adult sports activities are numerous. In the immediate vicinity trout fishing, hunting, hiking, bicycling, camping and ATV riding are available. The [main industries](#) are manufacturing, social services and retail. The nearest commercial airports are in Bradford, PA (40 minutes), Jamestown, NY (40 minutes), Erie, PA (1.24 hours) and Pittsburgh, PA (3 hours).

The area's educational opportunities consist of various elementary and high schools (K-12), and several satellite campus curriculums offered through the cooperative efforts of the Warren-Forest

County Higher Education Council and Jamestown Community College. Within an hour and a half, you will find other major universities, such as Gannon in Erie, PA; Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA, Clarion University in Clarion, PA; and St. Bonaventure University in nearby Olean, NY. Penn State University in State College, PA, and the State University of Buffalo, located in Buffalo, NY, are both approximately 3 hours away. In addition, the University of Pittsburgh Bradford (UPB) Campus, a four year highly rated smaller eastern college, is located in Bradford, PA. With recent and continuing expansions to UPB, it has become an exceptional facility and a mainstay to the Bradford community.

Housing costs are among the lowest in the nation. There are rentals available ranging between \$300-\$600/month. Rental homes and apartments range from \$300-\$600 per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. The price of single family homes range from \$40,000 and up, depending on where you live in the county. The average price is \$61,000. Warren County residents are subject to real estate taxes computed by multiplying the property assessment by the millage rate. The total millage rate includes taxes for the county, the school district, and the local municipality. Property is assessed at half the market value.

Special annual events include the Warren Jaycees Fourth of July Parade, Warren County Fair, Wild Wind Arts Festival, Hickory Creek Ranch Wild West Pro Rodeo, American Power Boat Racing Association Power Boat Races, Tour de Forest ATV trail riding event, Music in the Park Concert Series, Annual Ribfest, Farmer's Market, Annual Santa Parade and Christmas Walk and several theatrical and musical presentations at the [Struthers Library Theatre](#).

[Major employers](#) in Warren County are Blair Corporation, Northwest Saving Bank, United Refining Corporation, Betts Industries, Ellwood Forge, Whirley Industries, Superior Tire and Rubber, Warren General Hospital, Berenfield Container, Lowes and Wal-Mart.

BRADFORD AND OTHER COMMUNITIES

The surrounding full-service communities of Bradford, Clarion, Kane, Ridgway, Brookville and Warren are all within a 30-50 minute drive of each other. The area's climate provides a classic display of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and moderately humid with average temperatures of 75-80 degrees. Fall provides panoramic views as the foliage turns spectacular colors of yellow, reds and purples. Springtime brings alive the many blooming wild flowers and other natural vegetation. The winters are moderate with average temperatures of 20-25 degrees. Annual precipitation is about 40 inches.

Bradford, Kane Warren and Clarion each have a general hospital, with several medical clinics, ambulance service, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists and nursing homes throughout the region. There are motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, all-weather track, tennis courts, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, four 18-hole golf courses in Warren County alone and several parks. In the immediate vicinity are trout fishing, hunting, hiking, ATV trails, bicycling, camping, and wildlife viewing. The [main industries](#) are manufacturing, social services and retail. The nearest commercial airports to Marienville are in Bradford, PA (52 minutes), Jamestown, NY (82 minutes), Erie, PA (2 hours) and Pittsburgh, PA (2.5 hours).

There is no government housing available for these positions, but housing costs are among the lowest in the nation. There are rentals available ranging between \$400-\$700/month.

For more information about the Forest and local communities, please visit the following websites.

- [Allegheny National Forest](#).
- For the Bradford Ranger District:
 - [Warren County](#)
 - McKean County - <http://www.mckeancountypa.org/>
- For the Marienville Ranger District:
 - Elk County - <http://www.co.elk.pa.us/>
 - Forest County - <http://forestcounty.com/>

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Allegheny National Forest
Bradford Ranger District

Respond to: bturberville@fs.fed.us or fax to: 814-362-2761 Attention: Brad Turberville

Reply by: May 30, 2015

Position Title/Series/Grade: Forester (Silviculture), GS-0460-7/9

Duty Station: Bradford, PA

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone No:

E-mail address:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Are you currently a Federal employee? ___ Yes ___ No

IF YES: What is your Agency, Title, Series and Grade:

Type of Appointment: ___ Permanent ___ Term ___ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- ___ Person with Disabilities
- ___ Veterans Recruitment Act
- ___ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ___ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- ___ Pathways Internship Program
- ___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ___ Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position: