



OUTREACH NOTICE
Hoosier National Forest
Brownstown Ranger District
Bedford, Indiana

Forestry Technician (Recreation) GS-0462-4/5
Recruitment for Permanent

Job Vacancy:

The Hoosier National Forest will be filling a permanent position. The selected applicant will serve as a **GS-0462-4/5 Forestry Technician** within the Recreation Management organization. The work schedule is full-time, permanent and will work weekends during the recreation season. The position is located on the Brownstown Ranger District, in Bedford, Indiana.

The Position:

Duties include:

- ✓ Management of the Forest Recreation Fee Program (trail use permits program)
- ✓ Serves as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO)
- ✓ Assists with maintenance and monitoring of Forest trails
- ✓ Assists with recreation (developed and wilderness) maintenance and duties
- ✓ Assists with inspection and monitoring of special use events and special use trails

The candidate will work directly with trail permit vendors throughout south central Indiana and Forest recreation and wilderness staff. Interaction with forest recreationists will occur regularly, including checking for regulations compliance. This position requires effective communication skills and the ability to manage money and documentation. Work is arduous, field-going and requires working in various terrains and weather conditions. This position includes extensive hiking, heavy lifting, and the use of chainsaws, cross cut saws, hand tools, heavy equipment, ATVs, and the use of stock (mules) for trail maintenance and patrolling duties.

The Forest:

The Hoosier National Forest (Hoosier) encompasses over 200,000 acres in South Central Indiana stretching south from Bloomington to the Ohio River. The Forest is located within a two hour drive of Cincinnati, Ohio, Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky. The Hoosier has land in nine counties starting just south of Bloomington, Indiana and stretching all the way to the Ohio River.

The Hoosier sits in the hills of Southern Indiana. The Forest provides a range of opportunities and resources for people to enjoy. The many recreation opportunities include 265 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding; camping, fishing, hunting, and viewing scenery. Additionally, the only congressionally designated wilderness in Indiana, the 13,000 acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness provides opportunities for users desiring higher levels of solitude.

Additional information on the Hoosier National Forest may be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier> .

The Area:

(Bedford) The Forest Supervisor's Office is co-located with the Brownstown Ranger District Office in Bedford, Indiana. Bedford is a full-service community of approximately 14,000 residents. Bedford has excellent schools, shopping, cultural amenities, and a small town atmosphere.

Bedford features a broad-based economy. Major employers are GM Powertrain, Indiana Limestone, Manchester Tank, and Stone City Products. Bedford is known as the "Limestone Capital of the World" because of the abundance and quality of the limestone which has been used on many landmark buildings in the US.

Bedford is within commuting distance of six colleges or universities and eighteen miles north is Bloomington, home of Indiana University. Indianapolis is approximately 70 miles north and is the state capitol. Bedford has five elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school (includes area vocational school) and Bedford City College, which offers adult education and college credit courses.

There is a good selection of housing in the \$80,000 range, with many higher valued homes (\$150,000+) in developments just outside the city. Rentals are available and range from \$350 to \$800 per month. Local services include over 25 churches of major denominations, a library, two hospitals, motels/hotels, and a variety of banking, shopping facilities, and restaurants. Additional services are found nearby in Bloomington.

Recreational and cultural activities abound in the area. Top quality cultural and sporting events associated with Indiana University are available in Bloomington. Professional theater can also be found in Nashville, a charming arts and crafts community. Area outdoor recreational opportunities include golf, fishing, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, bicycling, camping, canoeing, and swimming. Lake Monroe, the largest lake in Indiana, lies just to the north of Bedford and provides boating, fishing, and water sport opportunities. A seasonal snow ski resort is located approximately 30 minutes south of Bedford. Several State Parks are within an hour of Bedford.

Additional information on the Bedford community is available at: <http://www.bedfordonline.com> or [CityOf Bedford, Indiana - Homepage](#) .

To Indicate Interest:

Please complete and return the Outreach Response (below) by December 8th, 2015. This Outreach Notice is being sent to help determine the level of interest in the position to be advertised. Please do not send your resume at this time. By responding to this outreach you will assure that you will receive information on how to apply when the position is advertised.

If you would like more information regarding this vacancy, please contact Stacy Duke, District Recreation Manager for the Brownstown Ranger District at (812) 276-4726 or sduke@fs.fed.us . More information on the Hoosier National Forest can be found on the Forest's website <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier> .



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HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST

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2015

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

CURRENT FEDERAL EMPLOYESS

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

CURRENT OCCUPATION: _____

AGENCY/COMPANY: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ PATHWAYS INTERN PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Send this completed form via e-mail or fax by December 8th, 2015

Email:

sduke@fs.fed.us

Fax:

812-279-3423 (attention Stacy Duke)

**Thank you for your interest in our vacancy
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