



NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

"Great Escapes to Nature"

Outreach Announcement

Ecologist/GS-0408-11/12

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

National Forests in Alabama

Montgomery, Alabama

www.fs.usda.gov/alabama

The National Forests in Alabama will soon be advertising an Ecologist position. The incumbent serves as member of Natural Resources and Planning Team and is responsible for providing a variety of responsibilities associated with restoration and maintenance of native ecosystems. The incumbent may coordinate with others or work independently to provide ecological program management for the forest. The position will be located at the Supervisors Office in Montgomery Alabama. Depending on the responses to this outreach, the position may be advertised on the OPM's USAJobs website at: www.usajobs.gov. Additional information about the National Forests in Alabama can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/alabama

DUTIES: The Ecologist position provides leadership, allocates resources, and implements activities to accomplish Forest Service multicultural organization direction and Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements, goals, policies, and objectives. The position provides technical and administrative supervision to subordinate employees. This position analyzes complex ecological projects which cover the full range of ecological work within the National Forests in Alabama. The incumbent serves as an interdisciplinary team leader or member and provides environmental analyses and write-ups for NEPA documents. The position requires professional knowledge of ecological processes, resource management, biological and physical sciences, and planning concepts. The incumbent must be familiar with related environmental resource management fields (e.g. wildlife, recreation, geography, fire, engineering, landscape architecture, hydrology, soil science, silviculture, and forest and rangeland pests). The position requires knowledge of data analyses and geographic information systems(GIS) analysis and mapping.

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: Permanent

DUTY STATION: Montgomery Alabama

TELEWORK ELIGIBILITY: YES

POSITION COVERED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (NFFE) BARGAINING UNIT: NO

WORK SCHEDULE: Fulltime

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the 0408 series. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual is available at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group->

[stds/GS-PROF.asp](#). Applicant must have one year of specialized experience at the next lower level. Specialized experience is that which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled.

RELOCATION ALLOWANCE: Authorization of relocation allowances will be made according to the federal travel regulations (FTR) 302-1.1(b) and 302-2.6. The vacancy announcement will state if relocation expenses, relocation bonus, recruitment bonus or other incentive(s) are authorized for the position.

THE COMMUNITY: This position is located in MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. With close to 200, 000 people living in the City of Montgomery, and an additional 300,000 living in surrounding counties, Montgomery is not only a center of commerce but a leading cultural, medical, educational and recreational center.

Montgomery lies in the coastal plain region of central Alabama. Terrain is moderate to rolling and the city's historic section lies on the banks of the Alabama River. A network of reservoirs and waterways surround the city, and the availability of water-based recreation adds to the charm of the community. Montgomery's central location also provides easy access to other areas of interest. Major metropolitan cities such as Birmingham, Mobile, the Gulf Coast and Atlanta are within 200 miles.

The climate is warm but pleasant with an average annual temperature of 65.6 degrees. Montgomery has four seasons, although the winters are extremely mild, with the average annual snowfall at 0.3 inches. Cool, comfortable clothing is appropriate year-round, with sweaters and jackets worn during the cooler months. A wide variety of educational opportunities are available. Montgomery is home to Alabama State University, Auburn University at Montgomery, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, Southern Christian University, and Troy State University at Montgomery. There are two technical colleges and 58 public schools in the county, in addition to numerous private schools and academies.

Cultural opportunities include the historic State Capital and an opportunity to view government activities. Montgomery is home to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. Faulkner University and Auburn University at Montgomery also offer public theater. The historic Rosa Parks Museum is one of a variety of museums and cultural sites throughout the city.

Montgomery serves as the medical center for central Alabama and is home to three community hospitals, a Veterans Administration hospital, a mental hospital, a U.S. Air Force Regional hospital, and a rehabilitation center. In addition, there are several walk-in clinics throughout the city.

Montgomery is an especially attractive large city for those who enjoy sports and the outdoors. The City has more than 80 parks that offer a variety of leisure time facilities and sporting activities for youth and adults. Those activities include golf, tennis, softball, baseball, and soccer. The city is called home by the Montgomery Biscuits, a minor league baseball team, and the State of Alabama Park system has established two "Robert Trent Jones Golf Tour" courses within the general metropolitan area. Nearby lakes, rivers, State wildlife management areas and the Tuskegee National Forest offer boating, fishing, and hunting opportunities. Both the Gulf coast and the mountains on north Alabama are within easy travel distance and complete the range of recreational opportunities.

There are numerous churches in the area representing a wide range of religions. Plenty of nice homes are available with high quality three to four bedroom houses. The price of the houses in Montgomery and surrounding counties could range from **\$90,000** to **\$300,000** or more, depending on the location. **Rental houses** and **apartments** are available.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Anyone interested in further information or in receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens is advised to complete the attached Outreach Response Form by December 18, 2015. Indicate your interest in the GS-0408-11/12 Ecologist position and send to fhumphrey@fs.fed.us or Felicia Humphrey, USDA Forest Service, 2946 Chestnut Street, Montgomery, AL 36107, 334-241-8146.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, CURRENT AGENCY AND LOCATION: _____

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

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE POSITION? _____

Thanks for your interest!

Please return your completed form on or before COB 12/18/2015 via e-mail to Felicia Humphrey at: fhumphrey@fs.fed.us, fax at 334-241-8111 or by surface mail: National Forests in Alabama

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