



NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

"Great Escapes to Nature"

Outreach Announcement

Natural Resource Program Specialist GS-0401-07/09
USDA Forest Service, Southern Region
National Forests in Alabama
Talladega National Forest, Oakmulgee District
Brent, Alabama
www.fs.usda.gov/alabama

The National Forests in Alabama will soon advertise a Natural Resource Program Specialist GS-0401-07/09, position on the Talladega National Forest, Oakmulgee Ranger District. The position will be located at the Oakmulgee Ranger District office in Brent, Alabama.

This position is a new position on the Oakmulgee Ranger District and will serve as a primary staff reporting to the District Ranger providing program oversight for an active and growing partnership program as well as associated program planning and fiscal responsibilities. The position will support the District in building capacity and increasing community engagement.

The Position Descriptions are currently being classified; draft documents are available upon request.

Depending on response to this outreach, the position may be advertised on the OPM's [USAJobs website](http://www.usajobs.gov) at: www.usajobs.gov. Additional information about the [National Forests in Alabama](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alabama) can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/alabama.

The Position and Its Duties:

The Oakmulgee Ranger District is one of six districts in the National Forests in Alabama and encompasses approximately 157,000 acres in six west-central Alabama counties. District staff includes 18-20 employees working as an integrated mission-driven team with strong traditions of innovation, partnerships, and accomplishment.

The incumbent has the full range of supervisory duties pertaining to the one (1) subordinate employee, the District Administrative Support Assistant. In addition there will be several partnership and volunteer leadership responsibilities that will require oversight of student interns, VISTA volunteers, camp host, etc. In the delivery of a partnership program, this position will support the District in managing trust funds, stewardship receipts, partner contributions and volunteer support, and thus require budget analysis skills. The position will assume the role of NEPA project management in the development of materials for public collaboration, as well as serve as the primary staff

responsible for documentation and collating/editing/formatting the project files and environmental analyses. Strong technical skills are needed for this job, as well as the ability to communicate in writing. The incumbent will need to organize Forest Service employees, partners and volunteers in a collaborative approach to developing and achieving goals.

The Natural Resource Program Specialist will provide leadership, allocate resources and implement activities to accomplish Forest Service multicultural organization direction and Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements, goals, policies, and objectives. The position will provide technical and administrative supervision to subordinate employees. They will need to work with a wide range of multicultural partners and volunteers.

This position will function as part of a team analyzing complex ecological projects including the operational component of their delivery. The position requires knowledge of data analyses and geographic information systems (GIS) analysis. The incumbent will need a working knowledge of partnership authorities and the fiscal and administrative requirements to implement and track progress. They will manage District input in several corporate databases such as, but not limited to, PALS (Planning, Appeals, and Litigation System), NICE (NatureWatch, Interpretative, and Conservation Education), and NRM-Grants and Agreements.

The incumbent will work in an integrated approach and support other resource areas (timber, fire, wildlife, silviculture, recreation, roads, etc.) as needed and assigned.

Type of Appointment: Permanent

Work Schedule: Full Time

Duty Station:

Duty Station is the Oakmulgee Ranger District Office at 9901 AL Hwy 5, Brent, AL.

Telework Eligibility: No

Position Covered by the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFEE)

Bargaining Unit: No

Qualification Requirements: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for GS-0401 series. The [OPM Qualification Standards Handbook Manual](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/standards/group-stds/GS-PROF.asp) 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:

Brent, Alabama is located adjacent to the City of Centreville and is often referred to as the Centreville/Brent area. Nearby cities include West Blocton, Tuscaloosa, Marion, Greensboro, Selma, and Clanton. The cities of Birmingham and Montgomery are both an hour drive away from the District Office.

Population: Brent and Centreville are located in Bibb County named in honor of William Wyatt Bibb, the first governor of Alabama. The county seat of Centreville, with a population of 3,000, is the county's second largest city. Other incorporated places are Brent and West Blocton, with populations of approximately 3,000 and 1,500 respectively.

Education: Brent-Centreville is a full service community with elementary, middle and high schools. Tuscaloosa is 30 miles west of Brent and is home of the University of Alabama, Stillman College and Shelton State Community College. The University of Montevallo, Marion Military Institute and Judson College are approximately 20 miles away. Birmingham is home to the University of Alabama – Birmingham (UAB), Sanford, and Jefferson State University.

Health Care: The Bibb Medical Center is located in Centreville. The medical staff includes specialists in respiration therapy, mammography, surgery, radiology, gynecology, and internal medicine. Bibb Medical Center provides diagnostic laboratory service, 103-unit long-term convalescence housing for the elderly or others who need assisted living arrangements. There are numerous large medical facilities in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa.

Recreation: The area is known for both large and small game hunting, with spring turkey hunting opportunities attracting enthusiasts from across the U.S. There are opportunities for fishing, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, and most other forms of outdoor recreation. The Cahaba River transects the Oakmulgee District and is a popular canoe trail. The city of Tuscaloosa is a 30-minute drive from the District office and offers a wide variety of restaurants and shopping opportunities. Tuscaloosa is home to the University of Alabama – Crimson Tide, which consistently produces national champion sports teams including football, baseball, basketball, and gymnastics. The Talladega International Speedway is only an hour away for race fans.

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 January 11, 2016. Indicate your interest in the GS-0401-7/9 Natural Resource Program Specialist position and send to cragland@fs.fed.us or Cynthia Ragland, USDA Forest Service, 9901 Highway 5, Brent, Alabama 35034, 205-926-9765.

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Personal Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number: _____

Are you currently a Federal Employee: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, current agency and location: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

Type of Appointment: Permanent _____ Temporary _____ Term _____
VRA _____ PWD _____ Other _____

Do you have current non-competitive appointment status through completion of AmeriCorps or Peace Corps service program?
Yes _____ No _____

How did you hear about the position? _____

Thanks for your interest!

Please return your completed form on or before COB January 11, 2016 via e-mail to Cynthia Ragland at: cragland@fs.fed.us or by surface mail:

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