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Outreach Announcement

Silviculturist / GS-0460-11

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region
National Forests in Alabama
Bankhead Ranger District
Double Springs, Alabama

[National Forests in Alabama website](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alabama)

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The National Forests in Alabama will soon be advertising a District Silviculturist GS-0460-11, position on the Bankhead Ranger District. The position will be located at the Bankhead Ranger Station in Double Springs, AL.

Depending on the responses 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 Bankhead Ranger District is one of six districts in the National Forests in Alabama and encompasses approximately 180,000 acres in three northwest Alabama counties. The District staff includes 22 employees working on a diverse forest with active management and recreation programs. The District is located on the southern terminus of the Cumberland Plateau and is home to a unique combination of natural communities, including such species as Eastern hemlock, oak/hickory, shortleaf and longleaf pine. The range of natural communities, the need for restoration and the active public involvement makes this an exciting and challenging place to practice the art and science of silviculture.

This position will be responsible for the planning, implementation and oversight of the Bankhead Ranger District's silviculture program as well as associated duties. Duties will include:

- Frequent collaboration with internal (fellow IDT members, FS researchers, etc.) and external stakeholders (Bankhead Liaison Panel, regional conservation groups, local communities, State of AL partners, etc.) regarding the overall direction of vegetation management on the District as well as individual projects.
- Serving as an active member of interdisciplinary teams for NEPA projects (often as the IDT Leader), writing/editing NEPA documents and serving as the District NEPA Coordinator.
- Prepare silvicultural prescriptions and ensure that projects and timber sales are implemented in a manner that is consistent with prescriptions, NEPA documents, and Land and Resource Management Plan goals and objectives.

- On-the-ground examination and analysis of forested ecosystems to determine short and long-term cultural treatment needs.
- Functioning as a Certified Silviculturist upon regional certification.
- Managing forest health issues in a pro-active manner.
- Supervisory duties (less than 20%).
- Budget and work planning.
- Database management and coordination (FACTS Spatial, TESP, FSveg, PALS, etc.).
- Serve as the coordinator/manager of the following areas: K-V, NNIS, Pesticide and NEPA.
- Serving as a full member of the District Leadership Team.
- Manage the completion of reforestation, stand improvement, NNIS, inventory and tree planting projects.

Type of Appointment: Permanent

Work Schedule: Full Time

Duty Station: Bankhead Ranger District Office, 1070 Hwy 33 North, Double Springs, AL

Telework Eligibility: Yes (ad-hoc only)

Position Covered by the Nation Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE)

Bargaining Unit: No

Qualification Requirements: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0460 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: Double Springs is a small community and is the county seat of Winston County. The population of Winston County is approximately 25,000 and contains many outdoor recreation opportunities. Cities that are within an hour's drive of Double Spring include, Jasper, Haleyville, Moulton, Cullman, Hartselle, Decatur and the outskirts of Birmingham.

A variety of educational opportunities are available. Elementary and high schools (K-12) and private daycare facilities are located within Double Springs and nearby communities. Higher education is available at Northwest Alabama Community College in the nearby town of Phil Campbell and Beville State Junior College in Jasper. Alabama A&M University, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Miles College, Birmingham-Southern, and other major colleges are within commuting distance, approximately 70 from Double Springs.

There are family physicians and a medical clinic in Double Springs. Full medical services and specialists are located in Birmingham, Huntsville and other nearby communities.

The Bankhead is known as the "land of a thousand waterfalls" and is popular for hiking, horseback riding, hunting, boating, fishing, swimming, canoeing and more. Within the forest lies the 25,000-acre Sipsey Wilderness with a host of wildlife and an abundance of swift streams, canyons, bluffs and waterfalls. The Sipsey is the second largest wilderness area east of the Mississippi and offers outstanding opportunities for solitude.

There are numerous recreation areas scattered about the Bankhead National Forest, each offering a unique experience of its own, three of which are located on Lewis Smith Lake, an Alabama Power reservoir. Facilities for camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, and swimming are abundant.

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 29, 2016. Indicate your interest in the GS-0460-11 Silviculturist position and send to dmcasey@fs.fed.us or Dave Casey, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 278, Double Springs, AL 35553 / 205-489-5111.

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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 January 29, 2016 via e-mail to Dave Casey at dmcasey@fs.fed.us or by surface mail:

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