



NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

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Outreach Announcement
District Fire Management Officer GS-0301-11
USDA Forest Service, Southern Region National
Forests in Alabama
Talladega National Forest, Oakmulgee District
Brent, Alabama
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“Temporary Promotion for up to a year, may convert to a permanent position without further competition.”

The National Forests in Alabama is currently seeking to competitively fill a full-time temporary GS-0301-11 District Fire Management Officer position on the Talladega National Forest, Oakmulgee Ranger District. *The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine interest and/or fill the position as a one year NTE position, which can be extended up to four years. During and after this time the position may be filled without further competition, being converted to a permanent position.* The position will be located at the Oakmulgee Ranger District office in Brent, Alabama.

If interested in this position, please complete and submit the attached Outreach Response Form by February 4, 2016.

This position will serve as a primary staff reporting to the District Ranger providing program oversight for an active and growing fire program as well as associated program planning and fiscal responsibilities. The position will support the District in building capacity and increasing community engagement relative to its longleaf ecosystem restoration program.

This position is categorized as a Moderate Complexity District/Zone Fire Management Officer (DZFMO) position that is subject to the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide, as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards (MQS) for this position must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the Forest Service FS-FPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the MQS. **(Position Description FS2162)**

This is a covered secondary position under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous wildland firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment is a basic qualification requirement for this

position.

This position was approved for Secondary Firefighter Retirement Coverage under CSRS and FERS by USDA on 6/18/2012, B10.

Depending on response 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.

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. All Districts on the National Forests in Alabama work in a supportive environment sharing resources and successes. The Oakmulgee District prescribed burns an average of 20,000 acres annually and supports the Forests in a 100,000 acre annual burn program. There is a definite need to grow the Oakmulgee burn program to 35,000 to 40,000 acres. Smoke management concerns exist as the District is challenged with nearby population growth and Clean Air Act attainment concerns in three counties surrounding the District.

The incumbent will supervise fire personnel and provide operational oversight and supervision during pre-suppression activities, prescribed fire preparation, and both suppression and prescribed fire operations. The incumbent has the full range of supervisory duties pertaining to the four (4) subordinate employees, the District Assistant Fire Management Officer, a GS-462-7 Forestry Technician (Fuels), a GS-462-7 Dispatcher, and a GS- 5716-10 Equipment Operator. In addition there will be several partnership and volunteer leadership responsibilities that will require oversight of student interns, VISTA volunteers, etc.

The District Fire Management Officer 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. They will be responsible for upward reporting through the database of record for program accomplishments. The incumbent will also need a working knowledge of NEPA and the associated authorities for documentation and collaboration with the public.

Type of Appointment: Temporary – NTE one-year **Work Schedule:** Full Time

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

Telework Eligibility: No

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

Bargaining Unit: No

Qualification Requirements: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for GS-0301 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 February 3, 2016. Indicate your interest in the GS-0301- 11 District Fire Management Officer 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: _____

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 February 4, 2016 via e-mail to at Cynthia Ragland at: cragland@fs.fed.us or by surface mail: National Forests in Alabama
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