



NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

"Great Escapes to Nature"

Outreach Announcement

Forester (Prescriptionist)/GS-460-5/7/9

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

National Forests in Alabama

Talladega Ranger District

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The National Forests in Alabama, Talladega Division is looking for a highly motivated, self-starter that works well with people, enjoys challenging hard work, and practices safety first. The National Forests in Alabama will advertise a GS-460-5/7/9 Forester (Prescriptionist) position. 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: This **permanent full time position** will serve as a the Zone Prescription Forester for the Shoal Creek/Talladega Zone Silviculturist with responsibility for field going activities in support of the wildlife and silviculture programs of the Talladega Division. The incumbent will perform stand examinations (using data recorders), identify areas for various treatments, including non-native invasive species (NNIS) projects, mark and GPS project area boundaries, maintain computer databases, and administer silviculture contracts. If you enjoy being outdoors and appreciate a wide variety of work assignments, this may be the job for you!

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT

DUTY STATION: Talladega Ranger District

TELEWORK ELIGIBILITY: Yes (some ad hoc)

WORK SCHEDULE: Full-time

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the **460** 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 are authorized for the position.

THE FOREST: The Talladega Division contains about 240,000 acres located in five counties in east central Alabama. The Shoal Creek R.D. covers the northern portion of the Division and extends from Piedmont, AL in the north to Cheaha State Park in the south. The Talladega R.D. covers the southern portion of the Division and extends from Cheaha State Park in the north to Sylacauga, AL in the south. The Division is heavily involved in the restoration of the mountain longleaf pine ecosystem, has an active RCW program and is completing work under several environmental assessments. The current Division timber sale target is about 32,000 CCF with anywhere from 40 to 60 percent of that coming from the Talladega Ranger District. The annual prescribed burning program is 35,000 to 40,000 acres.

COMMUNITY: Talladega has a population of 18,175 and is located approximately 20 miles southwest of Oxford and Anniston. The area is about an hour from Birmingham, AL and less than two hours from Atlanta, GA. Nearby towns include Munford, Lincoln, Sylacauga and Ashland. The local community has several hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, hardware stores and a Super Wal-Mart. The local area has a newspaper, library, city recreation department and numerous banks. Housing is affordable with homes for sale starting at \$55,000 and rentals in the \$350 to \$600 per month range. For those who prefer the larger city atmosphere, Oxford and Anniston are located 20 miles north of Talladega on Interstate 20.

RECREATION: Locally most recreation is outdoor based. The area is well known for both large and small game hunting. There are opportunities for fishing, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, camping, picnicking, and most other forms of outdoor activities.

Talladega's recreation facilities include a recreation center with a 25 meter Olympic swimming pool. Outdoor facilities include 14 parks, 8 lighted ball fields, 2 soccer fields, a football and baseball field and a gym. The city of Talladega has recently renovated the Ritz Theater, an old downtown historic movie theatre, into a concert house entertaining with plays and concerts featuring local and nationally celebrated artists and actors. The Talladega International Speedway is located near the city for race fans. Nearby Logan Martin Lake can accommodate all water sports.

Cheaha State Park is located in the heart of the Division. It is the highest point in Alabama, and gives access to miles of hiking trails. Cheaha State Park offers a spacious lodge and restaurant accommodations in addition to cabins and camping areas. Nearby Birmingham offers a wide variety of entertainment opportunities found in larger cities.

EDUCATION: Talladega County operates its own school system with schools located throughout the county. The county system serves 8,300 students K-12 in 16 fully accredited schools. The Talladega City School System has 4,200 students. Enrolled at the high school are 1,100 students with a vocational school on campus. Sylacauga also operates its own school system. Talladega provides opportunities for advanced education also. Gadsden State Community College offers night courses at the Talladega Middle School. Talladega College has 21 buildings on 350 acres located on West Battle Street near the center of town. The Central Alabama Community College is a two year college and has a center in Talladega plus a campus in Childersburg. The Pittard Area Vocational School offers career preparation in several technical areas.

For people with disabilities, the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) serves blind students in K-12 and deaf students in K-12. AIDB also has the Helen Keller School educating disabled students ages 5-21. AIDB offers adult educational services at the E.H. Gentry Technical Facility.

HEALTH CARE: Citizens BMC Hospital is located in Talladega. This facility is fully accredited with 122 beds, consisting of 66 private rooms, 50 semi-private rooms and 6 intensive care units. There is a primary care center and a nursing home also located in the city. Additional services are provided by other health care professionals, including family physicians, specialists, dentists, optometrists, and chiropractors. There are also hospitals located nearby in Sylacauga and Ashland. The Regional Medical Center and Stringfellow Hospital are located in Anniston and there are numerous large medical facilities in Birmingham.

CHURCHES: Most religious denominations can be found locally.

OUTREACH RESPONSE:

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Daniel Wagner, Zone Silviculturist at (256) 362-2909 dswagner@fs.fed.us or Gloria Nielsen, Talladega District Ranger at (256) 362-2909 glorianielsen@fs.fed.us.

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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 2/16/2016 via e-mail to at Daniel Wagner at: dswagner@fs.fed.us or by surface mail:

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