

Allegheny National Forest

Outreach Notice

GS-0462-08/09 Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Administrator)

Duty Station: Marienville, PA

Outreach Closes: February 17, 2016

The Allegheny National Forest is outreaching for a Timber Sale Administrator. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g. technical or professional series, target grade or multi-grade and government-wide or DEMO).

This outreach will be updated with the Vacancy Announcement numbers and link to USAJobs when they are available.

The duties of the Timber Sale Administrator position include:

Reviews the contract and related pre-sale data such as preliminary logging plan, environment assessment report, appraisal, etc. Determines that all prerequisites to contract work are taken care of such as, but not limited to, advance deposits, delegations of authority, road construction and timber cutting coordination, improvement locations, operating schedule, logging plan preparation, scaling arrangements, and environmental protection measures. Reviews plans and schedules with purchasers to assure common understanding of conditions and responsibilities.

Develops a schedule and plan for continuing field inspection and control of purchaser's operations such as falling, skidding and yarding, loading, and hauling. Determines whether utilization, slash disposal, and erosion control are adequate. Documents all findings for the sale record. Takes appropriate action to correct deficiencies, and assesses penalties when needed. Insures that stream courses and other land features are protected.

Advises purchaser's field representative of adequacy or inadequacy of operations and achieves compliance with contract terms, including safety and employment requirements.

Determines when log hauling may be allowed on system roads under construction, agreements, and monthly reports of progress.

Initiates requests for payment, bond changes, or cooperative work. Reviews timber sale statements or account and maintains controls to insure that all payments and deposits are made.

Coordinates sale administration duties with other unit timber and related activities. Keeps supervisor informed of major problems.

Insures that all contractual obligations are met before making final inspection and recommending sale closure.

For questions regarding the duties of this position please contact:

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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.asp>).

*Allegheny National Forest
Vicinity Map*

Pittsburgh, PA - 150 Mi.
Erie, PA - 65 Mi.
Philadelphia, PA - 335 Mi.
Morgantown, WV - 217 Mi.
New York, NY - 345 Mi.
Cleveland, OH - 160 Mi.



How to Apply: The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. **Individuals that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS.gov website by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.** The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official upon closing of the vacancy announcement. All applicants found to be qualified, and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Once in USAJOBS.gov applicants will be directed how to apply by submitting their profile information in USAJOBS. Interested applicants can set up a profile in USAJOBS before the announcement is posted that will enable them to receive an email when the announcement is posted. Applicants can also set up an alert on USAJOBS.gov citing the Series/Location and grade that will also notify them when the announcement is posted.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

The Allegheny National Forest is headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania and has two Ranger Districts. The Marienville Ranger District is located in Marienville, PA and the Bradford Ranger District is located in Marshburg, PA. The 513,000-acre Forest is the only national forest in Pennsylvania and lies within a day's drive of 1/3 of the Nation's population. It includes two Wilderness areas, two National Scenic Areas, two National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the Tionesta Research Natural Area (the largest contiguous tract of old growth forest in Pennsylvania). A variety of recreation activities include boating, camping, hunting, fishing, ATV riding and snowmobiling that result in about 4 million recreation visitor days annually. The 12,000-acre Allegheny Reservoir provides boating, camping, and fishing opportunities. Roughly, 1/3 of the world's supply of black cherry furniture veneer is grown on the Allegheny National Forest, resulting in a profitable timber program. Abundant fish and wildlife provide a variety of hunting, fishing, and viewing opportunities. The changing colors of the hardwood leaves each fall provide spectacular views.



MARIENVILLE COMMUNITY

Marienville is a small rural community with about 600 residents located in NW Pennsylvania in the southern part of the Allegheny National Forest. The Marienville Ranger Station, constructed in 2005, is an attractive and spacious office located north of the community. While there are limited services within the community; it does have a K-12 school, community center and swimming pool, library and a number of churches. In addition, the community has two small grocery stores, hardware store, pharmacy, satellite clinic, motels, restaurants and a gas station/convenience store.



SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

The Surrounding communities of Bradford (54 miles), Clarion (33miles), Kane (24 miles), Ridgway (32 miles), Tionesta (33 miles), and Warren (32 miles), are all within a 30-50 minute drive. The area's climate provides a classic display of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and moderately humid with average temperatures of 75-80 degrees. Fall provides panoramic views as the foliage turns spectacular colors of yellow, reds and purples. Springtime brings alive the many blooming wild flowers and other natural vegetation. The winters are moderate with average temperatures of 20-25 degrees. Annual precipitation is about 40 inches.

Bradford, Kane Warren and Clarion each have a general hospital, with several medical clinics, ambulance service, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists and nursing homes throughout the region. There are motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, all-weather track, tennis courts, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, four 18-hole golf courses in Warren County alone and several parks. In the immediate vicinity are trout fishing, hunting, hiking, ATV trails, bicycling, camping, and wildlife viewing. The main industries are manufacturing, social services and retail. The nearest commercial airports to Marienville are in Bradford, PA (52 minutes), Jamestown, NY (82 minutes), Erie, PA (2 hours) and Pittsburgh, PA (2.5 hours).

The area's educational opportunities consist of various elementary and high schools (K-12), and several satellite campus curriculums offered through the cooperative efforts of the Warren-Forest County Higher Education Council and Jamestown Community College. Within 30-90 minutes drive, you will find other major universities, such as Gannon in Erie, PA; and Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA, Clarion University in Clarion, PA; Penn State University-Dubois Campus in Dubois, Pa; University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Campus in Bradford, PA; Penn State University-Main Campus in State College, PA; and St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY.

Housing costs are among the lowest in the nation. There are rentals available ranging between \$300-\$600/month. Rental homes and apartments range from \$300-\$600 per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. The price of single family homes range from \$40,000 and up, depending on where you live in the county. The average price is \$61,000. Warren and Forest County residents are subject to real estate taxes computed by multiplying the property assessment by the millage rate. The total millage rate includes taxes for the county, the school district, and the local municipality. Property is assessed at half the market value.

For more information about the Forest and local communities, please visit the following websites.

- [Allegheny National Forest](#).
- For [travel in Pennsylvania](#).
- For the Bradford Ranger District:
 - [Warren County](#)
 - McKean County - <http://www.allegheny-vacation.com/>
- For the Marienville Ranger District:
 - Elk & Forest County - <http://www.pagreatoutdoors.com/>

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Fax **814.927.2285**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone No:

E-mail address:

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Are you currently a Federal employee? ___ Yes ___ No

IF YES: What is your Agency, Title, Series and Grade:

Type of Appointment: ___ Permanent ___ Term ___ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- ___ Person With Disabilities
- ___ Veterans Readjustment
- ___ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- ___ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- ___ Student Career Experience Program
- ___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- ___ Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position: