



NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

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Outreach Announcement

Timber Marker GS-462-04/05/06

USDA Forest Service, Southern Region

National Forests in Alabama

Talladega, Alabama

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The National Forests in Alabama, Talladega Division (Talladega and Shoal Creek Ranger Districts) 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 soon fill a GS-462-6 Forestry Technician (Timber Marker) position. Depending on the responses to this outreach, the position may be advertised on the [OPM's USAJobs](http://www.opm.gov) website 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.

Duties:

The timber marker will serve as a field technician for the Talladega and Shoal Creek Zone Timber Layout Technician and Zone Timber Management Assistant with responsibility for field going activities in support of the timber program of the Talladega Division. The incumbent will work independently or as a skilled member of a marking crew engaged in timber management primarily for forest health, longleaf restoration and wildlife habitat improvement. They may use a variety of hand and power tools, including GPS units, data records, and chainsaws. They will gather data and record information on timber volumes and conditions. Cleans, maintains, reconditions, and stores tools and equipment. May be assigned to other resource management activities such as recreation, fire, wildlife, or reforestation when not performing timber management duties. 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:

The duty station will be in Talladega, Alabama on the Talladega Ranger District. No Government Housing is available for these positions.

Telework Eligibility: No

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

Bargaining Unit: Yes

Work Schedule: Full-time**Qualification Requirements:**

Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for **the 462 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. No Relocation Allowance is provided for this position.

The 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. The State Park offers 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.

Contact Information:

Anyone interested in further information is advised to complete the attached Outreach Response Form by April 24, 2016. Indicate your interest in the position and send to Jessica Blackwell, Shoal Creek District Ranger at (256) 463-2272 x114 jessicablackwell@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 April 24, 2016 via e-mail to Jessica Blackwell at: jessicablackwell@fs.fed.us or by surface mail:

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