



United States Department of Agriculture

# 2020 Summer Season Temporary Employment Opportunities

## US Forest Service, Eastern Region Ottawa National Forest



FOREST SERVICE HIRING  
 TEMPORARY JOBS  
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**USAJOBS.gov**  
**September 16 - 30**  
 RECREATION | FORESTRY | WILDLIFE | ARCHAEOLOGY  
 ENGINEERING | HYDROLOGY | RANGE | BIOLOGY | FIREFIGHTING  
 VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES | AND MORE

The USDA Forest Service is hiring for temporary or seasonal jobs across the country. Temporary and seasonal jobs are a great way to gain experience, work outdoors, and explore different careers.

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The **Ottawa National Forest** is seeking qualified applicants to fill a variety of temporary, full-time positions for the **2020 summer season**. For additional information on the Ottawa National Forest and employment opportunities please call any of our offices.

Temporary positions (approximately 3-6 months) will be advertised on the USAJobs website ([www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)). To receive information on how to apply for any of the positions identified, please call the listed “Point of Contact” identified for each position. Please specify only those locations for which you wish to be considered.

### Positions available at the following locations:

**Ironwood, MI** (Supervisor’s Office and Bessemer Ranger District)

**Kenton, MI** (Kenton Ranger District)

**Ontonagon, MI** (Ontonagon Ranger District)

**Watersmeet, MI** (Iron River and Watersmeet Ranger Districts)



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## Recreation Positions



**Forestry Aid (Recreation & Trails) GS-0462-03** – Applicant works in the district recreation program. Typical duties for trail crew members include: trail maintenance activities such as clearing fallen trees or maintaining trail tread; installing, repairing, or painting trailhead signs. Developed recreation crew activities include campground maintenance activities; performing maintenance at developed recreation sites such as installing signs, repairing facilities, cleaning facilities, mowing, and making forest visitor contacts. The work can be physically demanding, in all types of weather, and usually consists of a 40 hour work week, weekend and holiday work possible. Valid state driver’s license required.

**Contacts:** Jim Sobrack, 906-285-6912 or [jim.sobrack@usda.gov](mailto:jim.sobrack@usda.gov); OR Randi Ellsworth, 906-358-4020 or [randi.j.ellsworth@usda.gov](mailto:randi.j.ellsworth@usda.gov).

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-2327-3DT-AM**

### **Forestry Tech (Recreation) GS-0462-04 and GS-0462-05** -

Applicants will perform a variety of technical work in support of the unit’s recreation, trails, and wilderness program. This could include: visitor contacts; compliance checks; serving as a collection officer; serving as a Forest Protection Officer, maintenance of developed recreation areas and campsites; maintenance of trails; patrol of dispersed recreation areas and backcountry wilderness; and/or, collection of data for recreation and trail data management systems. The work can be physically demanding, in all types of weather, and usually consists of a 40 hour work week, weekend and holiday work possible. Valid state driver’s license required.



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### **Forestry Tech (Recreation) GS-0462-04**

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### **Forestry Tech (Recreation) GS-0462-05**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-5584-5DT-AM**





## Natural Resource Management Positions

### Biological Technician (Plants) GS-0404-04 and GS-0404-05 -

These positions may serve as part of the invasive plant treatment crews or may be part of rare plant survey and inventory crews. Incumbents perform a variety of tasks relating to native plants surveys and monitoring, invasive plant control and monitoring, native plant restoration, and a pollinator program support. Duties may include: herbicide application to invasive plant populations (using backpack sprayer or truck mounted sprayer) or other treatment methods, field surveys for invasive plants, surveys, inventory and monitoring of rare plants, collecting field data and entering it into spreadsheets and databases, using GPS units, evaluating invasive earthworm infestations; and assessing habitat conditions and requirements of rare plants.



Contact: Ian Shackelford, 906-285-6911 or [ian.shackelford@usda.gov](mailto:ian.shackelford@usda.gov)

### Biological Science Tech GS-0404-04

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 20-TEMP1-R9-5607-4DT-AM

### Biological Science Tech GS-0404-05

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Biological Technician (Plants) GS-0404-07. – This position supports a variety of complex duties in support of the Forest’s ecological programs. This could include: arranging for and laying out study sites; developing data required for studies and preparing data for processing; organizing collections, and recording and verifying plant habitats and population data; preparing reports, summarizing data processed, and cross-referencing facts, dates, and other data to determine past management history; and, compiling and summarizing the vegetation types. Applicants need to have a valid driver’s license.

Contact: Mark Fedora, 906-285-6892 or [mark.fedora@usda.gov](mailto:mark.fedora@usda.gov)

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Hydrologic Technician GS-1316-04 – This position will serve as a member of a Forest-wide watershed/road monitoring crew. Applicants will conduct surveys, record data, prepare notes and complete data entry. Performs a variety of inventory and monitoring in accordance with established methods. Evaluates and records findings. Work will be primarily along forest roads and in streams. Applicants need to have a valid driver’s license.

Contact: Mark Fedora, 906-285-6892 or [mark.fedora@usda.gov](mailto:mark.fedora@usda.gov)

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**Forestry Technician (Timber/Silviculture) GS-0462-04 and GS-0462-05** - These positions perform a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to timber and silviculture. Work could include: marking specified softwood and hardwood trees for cutting as saw logs, pulpwood, posts, poles, etc., according to prescriptions; measuring tree diameters and heights and observing defects; serving as a member of a timber cruising crew; and/or inspecting contracts for reforestation, timber stand improvement, or genetic tree improvement. Work may vary by unit and program.



**Contacts:** Jim Pelkola 906-852-3500, ext. 8524032 or [james.pelkola@usda.gov](mailto:james.pelkola@usda.gov); OR Paul Tikusis 906-285-6956 or [paul.tikusis@usda.gov](mailto:paul.tikusis@usda.gov)

**Forestry Technician GS-0462-04**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-5596-4DT-AM**

**Forestry Technician GS-0462-05**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-5597-5DT-AM**



**Biological Science Tech (Fish/Wildlife) GS-0404-04 and GS-0404-05** -

Applicants will perform a variety of technical work in support of the unit's natural resources programs. This could include: conducting surveys of game and non-game wildlife species and plant species; recording data manually and electronically using a Global Positioning System unit and computer; summarizing data obtained from field collections; preparing reports from data; performing habitat improvement projects; and/or, performing inventories of nesting structures, wildlife openings, etc.

**Contacts:** Holly Jennings, 906-285-6897 or [holly.jennings@usda.gov](mailto:holly.jennings@usda.gov); OR Pamela Nankervis, 906-852-3500, ext. 8524019 or [pamela.nankervis@usda.gov](mailto:pamela.nankervis@usda.gov)

**Biological Science Tech GS-0404-04**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-5605-4DT-AM**

**Biological Science Tech GS-0404-05**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-5606-5DT-AM**





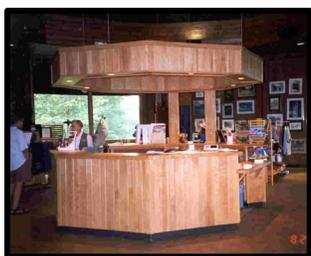
## Other Positions

**Equipment Operator WG-5716-08** – Operates one or more types of heavy equipment, such as graders, tractors with bulldozer or angle dozer blades, front-end loaders, backhoes, trench diggers, and large industrial tractors with attachments. Work is generally done on forest roads. Responsible to ensure equipment is maintained in good working condition. Incumbent must possess and maintain a valid state driver's license and a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Applicants for and employees of positions in which they are required to have a CDL to perform their duties are subject to random alcohol and drug testing.

**Contact:** Justin Blake 906-285-6959 or [justin.blake@usda.gov](mailto:justin.blake@usda.gov)

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**Customer Service Representative GS-0303-04** - Applicants will perform customer service duties such as greeting visitors, answering telephones, responding to routine inquiries from a variety of customers, serving as a Collection Officer, using a computer to create, edit and store documents and reports, and providing overall support to the administrative staff on the unit.

**Contact:** Lisa Klaus, 906-285-6904 or [lisa.klaus@usda.gov](mailto:lisa.klaus@usda.gov)

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## J. W. Toumey Nursery Positions

In addition to our regular seasonal workforce, the Ottawa National Forest is seeking the following positions to provide seasonal support at the J. W. Toumey Nursery. Work at the Nursery is seasonal in nature and includes a variety of tasks and duties which contribute to the successful operations of the Nursery. Duties may include: greenhouse work; field work (including lift and pack, inventory, weeding, pruning, etc.); seed preparation, packing and inventory; native species planting and inventory; and, various other duties.

**Contact:** Lindsay Colegrove, 906-385-4352 or [lindsay.colegrove@usda.gov](mailto:lindsay.colegrove@usda.gov)

**Biological Science Aid GS-0404-03**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-2267-3DT-AM**

**Biological Science Tech (Plants) GS-0404-04**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-3490-4DT-AM**

**Biological Science Tech (Plants) GS-0404-05**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NO. **20-TEMP1-R9-4386-5DT-AM**





## HOW TO APPLY

- Contact the individual listed for positions you are interested in to get more information about the job, work location, availability of housing, etc.
- To be considered for these temporary positions, **you will need to apply through USAJobs: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)**. Search for jobs using the vacancy announcement number provided above or the duty station.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS and PAY ESTIMATES

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>
<b>GS-4</b>	<b>\$14.54</b>
<b>GS-5</b>	<b>\$16.27</b>

### Example of Minimum Qualification Requirements for GS-4 and GS-5 Forestry Technicians

**Grade 04:** Qualifying experience for the GS-04 level includes six months general experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or that provided familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the occupation AND six months specialized experience at the GS-03 level that is directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

*Substitution of Education for Experience:* Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of two (2) academic years of post-high school education which included at least 12 semester/18 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 3 semester hours in mathematics is creditable.

*Combination of Education and Experience:* Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

**Grade 05:** Qualifying experiences includes one year of specialized experience equivalent to GS-4. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.





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*Substitution of Education for Experience:* Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of a four (4) year course of study leading to a bachelors' degree or the equivalent. Education must include at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 6 semester/9 quarter hours in mathematics is creditable.

*Combination of Education and Experience:* Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.



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