

# Outreach Notice

Hoosier National Forest



Lead Forestry Technician (Engine Squad Leader)  
GS-0462-06

Please respond by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014



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The Hoosier National Forest will soon be advertising a vacancy for a permanent full-time Lead Forestry Technician (Engine Squad Leader) position, GS-0462-06, on the Brownstown Ranger District Office in Bedford, Indiana. The purpose of this outreach is determining interest for the position. The Forest will be utilizing the Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR's) process. Applicants will need to apply through the Forest Service on-line USA Jobs process under the vacancy Job Announcement Number OCRP-462-AFEO-6G & DP, and select Bedford, Indiana as the desired duty location.

## **The Position**

The primary purpose of this position is to perform wildland firefighting work and to lead crews performing such work. These may be engine crews, hand crews, and/or prescribed fire crews. These crews perform work directly related to wildland fire suppression and control activities including suppression, preparedness, prevention, monitoring, and hazardous fuels reduction. Incumbent will be responsible for the readiness of engines and other equipment used in fire suppression and prescribed fire activities as well as building and maintaining cooperative relationships. Incumbent will be required pass work capacity test at the arduous level. Incumbent may also perform duties in other fuels related or ecosystem restoration projects. The incumbent will have the opportunity to spend portions of the summer months on off-forest assignments.

## **The Forest**

The Hoosier National Forest encompasses over 200,000 acres in South Central Indiana stretching south from Bloomington to the Ohio River. The Forest is located within a two hour drive of Cincinnati, Oh, Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Ky. The Hoosier has land in nine counties starting just south of Bloomington, Indiana and stretching all the way to the Ohio River.

The Hoosier National Forest sits in the hills of Southern Indiana. The Forest provides a range of opportunities and resources for people to enjoy. The many recreation opportunities including camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, mountain bike riding, and viewing scenery. The only congressionally designated wilderness in Indiana, the 13,000 acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness provides opportunities for users desiring higher levels of solitude. In addition the Forest has over 265 miles of trails for hiking, biking, or horseback riding.

The Hoosier works to provide integrated resource management on the complex mosaic that make up National Forest System Lands in Indiana. Only 31% of the land within the Forest Boundary is National Forest System land, this scattered ownership pattern adds

a complexity to the management of this valued natural resource. Forest managers are responsible for protection of some very unique resources. The Hoosier is located in an area rich in caves and karst features. These underground features are largely unknown to most Forest visitors but play home to many species that are specific to these habitats.

The Hoosier has four endangered species: the fanshell and rough pigtoe mussels reside in rivers to the south; the gray and Indiana bats and their habitat occur throughout the Forest. The wildlife program on the Forest focuses on management to provide habitat for the species above as well and other species that occur through the area.

The Forest works to maintain and restore sustainable ecosystems. The vegetation management on the forest focuses on promoting native oak and hickory regeneration, reducing nonnative pine planted to restore over farmed lands, and reducing nonnative invasive plant and animal species. Much of the resource/vegetation management needs on the Forest involves the application of fire. Additional information about the Forest may be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier>.

### **The Community**

The City of Bedford is home to around 14,000 people. Bedford has excellent schools, outstanding shopping, cultural amenities and small town atmosphere. Bedford is about 70 miles equidistant from Indianapolis and Louisville, and 18 miles south of Bloomington, the home of Indiana University. Additional information about Bedford can be found at the following website, <http://bedfordareachamber.com/>

### **Contacts**

If you have any questions regarding the position, please contact Cory Henry, Engine Captain Brownstown RD, 812-276-4721 or 701-371-3707, [coryhenry@fs.fed.us](mailto:coryhenry@fs.fed.us) or contact Jeremy Kolaks, District Fuels Tech, at 812-279-0848, [jkolaks@fs.fed.us](mailto:jkolaks@fs.fed.us).



### **Outreach Response Form**

**Forestry Technician (Engine Squad Leader), GS-462-6  
Permanent—Full Time  
Hoosier National Forest  
Bedford, Indiana  
Please respond by March 18, 2014**

**Name:**

**Current Title, Series, Grade (if you are a Federal Employee) or Your Current Job:**

**If you are a current Federal Employee, are you:**

Temporary/Term     Career Conditional     Career

**Your E-mail address:**

**Current mailing address:**

**Phone Number where we can reach you:**

**Your level of interest: \_\_\_\_\_ just inquiring                      \_\_\_\_\_ will apply**

**Email completed outreach to Cory Henry at [coryhenry@fs.fed.us](mailto:coryhenry@fs.fed.us) or you can fax responses to (812) 279-3423 attention Cory.**