



OUTREACH
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST
BEDFORD &
TELL CITY, IN

Forestry Technician
GS-462-3/4/5/6

The Hoosier National Forest in southern Indiana will be filling a Forestry Technician, GS-462-3/4/5/6 position within our Ecosystem Management organization. This position is located on the Tell City Ranger District, in Tell City, Indiana.

The Position:

Applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber harvest. Lays out boundaries of cutting areas as outlined in the NEPA, considering variables such as accessibility, steep slopes, stream protection, nesting tree protection, wildlife impacts, fuels management and regeneration requirements. Is able to follow clear direction given by supervisor or other senior personnel and implement it efficiently, producing high quality outcomes that meet Regional standards. Conducts timber cruises, stand exams and stocking surveys. Summarizes data and prepares reports and topographic maps indicating quantity of timber, condition of area, difficulties to be encountered, etc. Monitors and inspects for compliance stand improvement, tree planting and other contracts.

Manages the automated timber accounting system, by monitoring statements of account and inputting data as required. Monitoring timber sales and databases to ensure proper procedures are followed and deadlines are met. These duties require excellent organizational skills, attention to details, basic math skills and computer and data entry skills. The position would serve as a collection officer for forest product permits.

Participates as assigned to assist in other areas of natural resource management including recreation, wildlife, botany, heritage, fire and engineering.

The position will be based in Tell City, IN. The timber program is expected to sell 5,000 to 6,000 ccf per

year. This position is mostly field oriented and will require outside work in all types of weather conditions.

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, Ohio, Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky. 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 resides 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.

The Hoosier National Forest organization is non-traditional with emphasis on placing specialists closer to the ground. Certain Forest-level staff functions that traditionally reside in a Supervisor's Office work in a team environment and serve as District-level program managers. This serves to broaden District interdisciplinary teams and improve technology transfer, customer service, and quality of stewardship. We view the Districts as the backbone of the Forest Service organization and emphasize customer service at that level. Additional information about the Forest may be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier>.

The Area:

(Tell City) The Tell City Ranger District Office is located in Tell City in Perry County. Tell City is located on the banks of the Ohio River and was founded in 1858 by the Swiss Colonization Society for Swiss and German immigrants. Settlement occurred early due to the cities proximity to the Ohio River. Community development was directly related to river travel. The city recognizes it's Swiss and German heritage each August at the annual Schweizer Fest. Perry County has a population of approximately 18,900 people, with an estimated 7,500 in Tell City. The area observes central time zone.

Major industries in the area include lumbering, manufacturing, and farming, additional area employers include ThyssenKrupp Waupaca, Mulzer Crushed Stone, Accent Marketing Services, ATTC Manufacturing, and Branchville Correctional Facility.

Perry County has 3 public elementary schools (1 in Tell City); 3 junior –senior high schools (7-12) (1 in Tell City). In addition there are two private schools located in the county. Perry County also boasts a state community college campus (Ivy Tech).

Perry County Hospital is located between the communities of Tell City and Cannelton. Housing in Perry County is very affordable. Median home values in Tell City are around \$87,000.

Perry County's rolling hills along the Ohio River provide amazing views of natural beauty, the area is well suited to outdoor recreation pursuits. Several boat ramps on the Ohio River provide access for boating and fishing. The nearby Hoosier National Forest provides opportunities for camping, hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and more. Five man-made lakes in Perry County offer water-based recreation opportunities as well.

The Ohio River National Scenic Byway runs through the county providing scenic bicycling and driving areas that tell the story of the river, the county, and the culture of the area.

Find more information about the Tell City area by visiting <http://www.perrycountyindiana.org>.

The following link contains videos highlighting the quality of life and schools in Perry County: <http://www.pickperry.com/videos.html>.

What if I am interested:

If you are interested in this vacancy, please complete and return the Outreach Response (below) by July 1 2014.

This information is being sent to help determine the level of interest in the position we are planning to advertise. Please do not send your resume at this time. By responding to this outreach you will assure that you will receive information on how to apply when the position is ready to be filled.

Questions: For additional information or questions, please contact:

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

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