



OUTREACH NOTICE

**Timber Sale Contracting Officer
(Multi-Forest)
Monongahela National Forest
&
Wayne National Forest
GS-0462-11/12**

The Monongahela and the Wayne National Forests plan to advertise to fill a shared Timber Sale Contracting Officer position. The Monongahela and Wayne National Forests are in the Eastern Region (R9) in West Virginia and Ohio. The respective Forest Supervisor's Offices are approximately 3.0 hours apart. This position will be advertised as a Forester, GS-0462-11/12 (Timber Sale Contracting Officer) with a duty location of Elkins, West Virginia.

----- **REPLY TO OUTREACH BY July 25, 2014** -----

DUTIES

This position is located in the Forest Supervisor's Office of the Monongahela National Forest and will be a member of the Natural Resources staff area on that forest. This position is in charge of the Monongahela's timber organization with responsibility for developing and tracking the annual program for timber sales and related functions, as well as the Timber Sale Contracting Officer for both Forests responsible for timber sales, log accountability, and timber sale contract administration. The incumbent is certified as a timber sale Contracting Officer (CO) or is able to obtain those credentials in a reasonable time from date of appointment.

Incumbent serves as CO for executing contracts for commercial sales and Integrated Resources Timber Contracts and provides direct review and input in the development of Integrated Resources Service Contracts.

Incumbent plans, evaluates, and provides professional leadership to the overall Forest Timber Sale Administration Program and assures work meets Forest and Regional standards. The incumbent is relied on as the Forest's expert and authoritative source of information concerning contract content, accepted interpretation, and proposed course of action; and acts as the timber expert in formal appeals by purchaser on timber sale contracts. The incumbent advises Forest Supervisors, Staff Officers and District Rangers.

Incumbent reviews timber trespass cases connected with timber sale contracts, preparing cases with recommendations for appropriate action, for forwarding through Forest Supervisors to the Regional Foresters.

Incumbent attends industry group meetings as a Forest Service representative, to explain various phases of the Timber Management Program.

Supervisory duties may be included.

FORESTS INFORMATION

THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST



About the Forest:

The Monongahela National Forest includes over 921,000 acres of Federal ownership in 10 counties in West Virginia, making it the fourth largest National Forest in the 20 northeastern states. It is within a one-day drive of one-third of the population of the United States. The Forest is a recreation destination and a tourism attraction hosting over 3 million visitors annually. The topography is varied, with elevations ranging from 900 feet at Petersburg to 4,863 feet at Spruce Knob, the highest point in West Virginia. The Forest has four Ranger Districts, two Visitor Centers, eight Wildernesses, and the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area (the nation's first Forest Service National Recreation Area). The Forest is located in the Allegheny Mountains in southeastern West Virginia.

Year-round natural beauty and a tremendous range of slopes, aspects, and habitats characterize the Forest. The area contains a range of dense forest ecosystems, ranging from the high elevation red spruce forests to tall yellow poplar and other cove hardwoods, to drier oak-hickory and pine stands, interspersed with small openings. The diversity of habitats and underlying soils and geology led The Nature Conservancy to include most of the Monongahela in an area deemed to be globally important for its ecology.

Within this mountain and valley setting, recreational opportunities abound throughout all times of the year. A blanket of snow often covers the ground for much of the winter. Spring brings moderate temperatures perfect for trout fishing. Summers are typically moderate, with pleasantly

sunny days perfect for camping and hiking. The forest is a favorite destination in the fall, when the days turn cooler and the trees feature a beautiful palette of reds, oranges and yellows. The Forest offers some of the best big and small game hunting in the state. Fishing is also spectacular, especially trout fishing with designated areas for fly fishing and catch and release. For more about the Monongahela National Forest, visit us on the web at www.fs.fed.us/r9/mnf/.

Community Information:

The Monongahela National Forest is located in the central portion of West Virginia's Appalachian Ridge and Valley and Allegheny Plateau physiographic regions. The species diversity combined with the rural setting and interesting cultural environment, contribute to the unique lifestyle of the region. Add to that the friendliness of the people and recreational opportunities and you have the reasons why Elkins has been consistently rated among the top 100 small towns in the United States.

Elkins, in Randolph County, West Virginia is a community of 8,000 and boasts a reasonable cost of living, low crime rate, and enviable location nestled in the Appalachian Mountains. Surrounded by primarily forested landscapes interspersed with mountain meadows and rangeland, opportunities abound for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Widely recognized for its beautiful scenery and colorful four seasons, Elkins is a gateway community into West Virginia's mountain playground and was recently named a top mountain biking destination in the country. Recreation opportunities include three nearby downhill ski areas, (Snowshoe Mountain, Timberline, and Canaan Valley Resort) cross-country skiing, five golf courses, whitewater boating, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, backpacking, and nature watching. The proximity of the Monongahela National Forest to numerous State Parks and Forests adds to the number of locations available for such recreational activities in the Elkins area. The position is located at the Forest Supervisor's Office, which is easily accessible and within walking distance of all amenities.

Elkins has many of the services of a larger city, including Davis Memorial Hospital which has 90 beds and includes a Family Birthing Center, Pain Management Center, surgical services, Cardiac and Vascular Diagnostic Center, Imaging Services, and Sleep Disorder Services.

Also in the Elkins community are a new high school, middle school, vo-tech center, four K-5 schools, a Montessori pre-school, and Davis and Elkins College, a small liberal arts school within city limits.

There are a number of other state and private colleges or universities, including West Virginia University, Alderson-Broaddus College, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Salem International University, University of Charleston, Fairmont State University, and Glenville State College within one-half to two hour commuting distance.

Shopping choices range from large chains to unusual specialty stores. Driving distances to metropolitan areas include 4 hours to the Washington, D.C. – Baltimore area, 2.5 hours to Pittsburgh, and 4.5 hours to Philadelphia.

Named one of the one hundred best small arts communities in the U.S., Elkins has an active theatre and concert schedule, opportunities to learn or buy fine arts, take dance lessons, or enjoy a wide variety of live music (from bluegrass to symphonic bands) on a weekly basis. The internationally recognized Augusta Heritage Program, a 5-week celebration of cultural and folk arts, offers a tremendous range of classes, concerts, and dances right in the heart of town. Each year, Elkins hosts the Mountain State Forest Festival, one of the largest festivals in the state. The Randolph County Community Arts Center offers visitors and residents year-round opportunities for cultural enrichment.

The area supports several fitness centers for adults and presents a diverse assortment of organized sports and recreation activities for children. Randolph County is the home of a Rail to Trails project that converts unused railroad tracks to finished trails, perfect for walking, jogging, biking, or cross-country skiing.

National and international airports are located within 175 miles. Government housing is not available.

Additional information on the area can be obtained at <http://www.randolphcountywv.com/>

THE WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

Wayne NF: The Wayne National Forest is comprised of about 244,000 acres located in the Appalachian Foothills of southeastern Ohio. The Wayne National Forest Supervisor's Office is located on US Route 33, between Athens and Nelsonville, Ohio. The forest includes two districts, the Athens Ranger District, which includes the Marietta Purchase Unit, and Ironton Ranger District.



The City of Athens is the county seat of Athens County, which has a population of 63,000, and sits along the Hocking River. The city of Athens has a population of a little over 23,500 year-round residents and is a full-service community with numerous medical professionals, two (2) fully staffed hospitals, churches of various denominations, and small shopping plazas.

University Mall is only a 10-minute drive from downtown Athens.

Athens is the home of Ohio University with an enrollment of 16,845 and has undergraduate and graduate programs in numerous disciplines. Athens offers a wide variety of educational, sporting, and cultural events and opportunities for all ages. Hocking College is located in nearby Nelsonville, which boasts an enrollment of 5,800 students.

To learn more about the Athens area, visit the following websites:

www.ci.athens.oh.us (City of Athens); www.athensohio.com (Athens County Visitors Bureau)
www.ohiou.edu (Ohio University); www.hocking.edu (Hocking College); www.mariettaohio.org
(Marietta-Washington County Visitors Bureau); www.mariettaoh.net (City of Marietta);
www.marietta.edu (Marietta College); www.wscs.edu (Washington State Community College)

OUTREACH RESPONSE AND INFORMATION

Interested applicants should complete and return the form below. For further information contact:

Monongahela N.F. – Jason Reed at 304-636-1800 Ext.242 or email at jareed02@fs.fed.us

Wayne N.F. – Gary Willison at 740.753.0684 (work), 740.591.9701 (cell), or email at gwillison@fs.fed.us

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Contracting Officer)
GS-0462-11/12

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Current Region/Forest/District: _____

Current Position Type (Permanent, Temporary, Term, etc.): _____

Current Position Title: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

Are you a certified Timber Sale Contract Officer? _____

List other timber-related certification you have: _____

Interested applicants should return this form or information to:

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