



EXTENDED
OUTREACH
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST
TELL CITY, IN

Realty Specialist
(Special Uses)
GS-1170-7/9

The Hoosier National Forest in southern Indiana is planning to fill a permanent GS-1170-7/9, Realty Specialist (Special Uses) position located in Tell City, Indiana. The position will have Forest-wide responsibility for the lands special uses program under the direction of the Lands & Minerals Program Manager.

The Position:

The position administers various aspects of the special use program, including a complex variety of special use authorizations (permits, term permits, leases, and/or easements) for a wide range of activities, including linear rights-of-ways, electric power lines, gas pipelines, communication uses, etc. The incumbent will serve as the primary contact for prospective and existing special use holders and work with them to resolve problems if they arise. The incumbent will also coordinate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis of proposed use and occupancy of National Forest System (NFS) land, including serving as an interdisciplinary (ID) team leader or member in the preparation of environmental analyses and appropriate environmental decision documents.

Other responsibilities of the position include: Providing technical advice on the appropriate authorities and fees for issuance of special use authorizations in accordance with policy, laws, regulations, and local conditions; processing special use authorization renewals, terminations, revocations, or suspensions; conducting on-the-ground inspections and overseeing corrective actions; generating and tracking cost recovery and land use bills for recreation and lands special uses; maintaining the SUDS database, ensuring special use data is entered and updated in a timely fashion so data remains reliable.

The Forest:

The Hoosier National Forest encompasses over 203,000 acres located in nine counties in South Central Indiana, stretching south from Bloomington in the north to the Ohio River in the south. The Forest is located within a two hour drive of Cincinnati, Ohio, Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky. The Forest provides a wide 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 of lands that make up National Forest System (NFS) in Indiana. Only 31% of the land within the Forest Boundary is NFS land, and this scattered ownership pattern adds a complexity to the special uses program and overall management of this valued natural resource.

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 three public elementary schools (1 in Tell City); three junior –senior high schools (7-12) (one 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, and 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>.

Questions: For additional information or questions, please contact:

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ronscott@fs.fed.us (email)

What if I am interested:

If you are interested in this vacancy, please complete and return the Outreach Response (below) by March 31, 2015. ***If you previously responded to this Outreach Notice during the fall of 2014, you do not need to resubmit your response.***

This information is being sent to help determine the level of interest in the position we are planning to advertise on USAJOBS (<http://www.usajobs.gov>). The vacancy announcement is anticipated to be posted by April 15, 2015. Please do not send your resume at this time. By responding to this outreach you will ensure that you will receive information on how to apply when the position is ready to be filled.

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Return by March 31, 2015

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER: _____

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Please return before March 31, 2015

Email to: ronscott@fs.fed.us or Fax to 812-547-6144 (Attention: Ron Scott)

I will send you an e-mail message when the vacancy announcement is posted on USAJOBS.

Thank you for your interest in this position.