

WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST
Outreach Notice
Forest Zone Botanist
Supervisors Office - Nelsonville, OH

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The Wayne National Forest is located in the hills of southeastern Ohio. This small national forest, in the heart of the heavily populated Midwest, covers almost a quarter million acres of Appalachian foothills. The Wayne is divided into three blocks administered by two Ranger Districts at Athens and Ironton. A field office is also located east of Marietta.

Visitors to national forest lands are welcome to camp, hike, hunt and fish. The Forest boundaries surround a checkerboard pattern of ownership, with public and private ownership interspersed.

There are over 300 miles of trails on the Forest for hiking, [all-terrain vehicle \(ATV\) riding](#), mountain biking, or horseback riding.

The Wayne National Forest will soon be filling a permanent full-time GS-0430-09 to serve as the Forest Zone Botanist, located in our Supervisors Office in Nelsonville, OH to join our Forest team.

MAJOR DUTIES

Serves as a botanist with staff responsibilities for developing, evaluating, and monitoring threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species and plant community and vegetation management programs.

Participates on interdisciplinary teams to provide the documentation and coordination necessary for the effective management of threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species.

Develops and/or modifies established procedures for recording plant survey information in order to meet environmental assessment requirements, botanical baseline data requirements, and for maintaining plants. Assists others in plant identification, as well as conducts training to help assigned field personnel recognize, identify, and locate plant species.

Conducts and oversees vegetation inventories, population, and community monitoring in compliance with selected protocols to contribute to the project's baseline data for botanical resources and coordinating surveys for special status plants and noxious weeds.

Maintains plant surveys and monitoring records in appropriate data base files, in addition to collection and preparation of voucher specimens for plants. Is responsible for the analysis and interpretation of population trend and community composition monitoring data and the preparation of summary reports. Assists unit personnel or contract personnel in conducting botanical research and studies.

Assists in the development and implementation of management plans for the protection and enhancement of habitat for special status plants, and the control of noxious weeds or other invasive species. Performs assignments which may include collaborating with other resources specialists in the preparation of prescribed fire, pesticide use and NEPA compliance documents for a variety of vegetation management and restoration actions. Assists in project planning and identifying suitable plants for restoration projects.

For more information about this position, please contact Sierra Patterson, Forest Botanist at (740) 753-0558 or sierralpatterson@fs.fed.us.

If you are interested in joining our team, please send the completed Outreach Response Form to Ann Grasso, Operations Staff Officer at agrasso@fs.fed.us by the close of business on March 27, 2015.

When we receive your outreach response form, we will notify you of the announcement number in USAJOBS automated application system at WWW.USAJOBS.GOV for you to apply for the position.

HOW TO APPLY: go to <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Step 1 — Create a USAJOBS account (if you do not already have one). It is recommended that as part of your profile you set up automatic email notification to be informed when the status of your application changes. If you choose not to set up this automatic notification, you will need to log into your USAJOBS account to check on the status of your application.

Step 2 — Create a resume with USAJOBS or upload a resume into your USAJOBS account profile. You may want to customize your resume to ensure it accurately depicts your duties and accomplishments as they pertain to the position for which you're applying. Include accurate information about the length of time you performed such duties as it is a key factor in determining whether or not you qualify for a specific grade. In addition, your resume must support your responses to the online questionnaire (you may preview the online questionnaire by clicking on the link at the end of the "How You Will Be Evaluated" section of the job announcement).

Step 3 — Search for the job announcement number or simply click on the provided hyperlink. Please read the entire announcement and all the instructions before you begin. Click "Apply Online" and follow the prompts to complete the "Occupational Questionnaire" and attach any additional documents that may be required.

You may update your application or documents anytime while the announcement is open. Simply log into your USAJOBS account and click on "Application Status." Click on the position title, and then select "Update Application" to continue.

If you need assistance with navigating through the USAJOBS website, please visit:

https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page

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Persons with disabilities, who wish to file a program complaint, please see information above on how to contact us by mail directly or by email. If you require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) please contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

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Outreach Response Form

(Reply Requested by March 27, 2015)

I am interested in the following position on the Wayne National Forest Position
Grade: **GS-0430-09 Forest Zone Botanist**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

E-Mail Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Are you currently a Federal employee: [Choose an item.](#)

If YES, Current Region/Forest/District: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Current Series and Grade: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Current Position Title: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Agency employed with if NOT the Forest Service: [Choose an item.](#)

Type of Appointment: [Choose an item.](#)

If NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

- Person with Disabilities
- Veterans Readjustment
- Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Pathways Intern/Student Career Experience Program
- Other, explain: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Return this form to Ann Grasso at agrasso@fs.fed.us or 13700 US HWY 33, Nelsonville, OH 45764 by close of business Friday, March 27, 2015.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Sierra Patterson at (740) 753-0558 or Ann Grasso at (740) 753-0852.