



## OUTREACH NOTICE

### GS-7 Forestry Technician

Ironton Ranger District  
**Wayne National Forest**  
Pedro, Ohio

**Please respond by July 27, 2010**

An opening exists for an exciting and rewarding Forester position on the Ironton Ranger District of the *Wayne National Forest*, in southern Ohio. We are located seven miles north of the historic city of Ironton Ohio and the Ohio River on State Route 93, Pedro, Ohio.

#### **Major Duties:**

The Ironton Ranger District is looking for a dynamic individual to assist in most all aspects of vegetation management for a small, but growing timber program. The incumbent monitors and inspects timber sale operations having conventional contract requirements and conditions. Interprets and explains timber sale contract provisions to the timber operator. Informs supervisor of problems that have an effect on other forest resources or accuracy of marking and scaling. Inspects active timber sales areas for compliance with contract clauses governing location and construction of nonsystem roads, fire prevention, personal safety precautions, and cutting provisions. Obtains compliance or reports noncompliance to supervisor. Prepares written reports of all sale inspections and makes pursues deficiencies. Performs final inspections and recommends acceptance of the contract for closure. Prepares, develops, and executes timber cruises and sample surveys.

Other duties include performing duties related to the management of vegetation such as silviculture, timber management, reforestation and timber stand improvement. **Participation in the wildfire and prescribed fire program is expected.**



## **Ironton Ranger District:**



**Vegetation Management:** Our vegetation management program produces approximately 2.5 million board feet (MMBF) annually. Hand and herbicide techniques are the primary means of reforestation and timber stand improvement. We are actively restoring oak hickory ecosystems. We maintain a mixed pine/hardwood ecosystem dominated by oak and hickory forest type with large blocks of land designated for a variety of timber, plant, animal and recreational objectives.

**Endangered Species:** The Indiana Bat is one of our key, resident endangered species.

**Fire:** Fire is considered an ecosystem component rather than a periodic treatment. The District program is small but growing and utilizes prescribed fire on approximately 1,500 acres annually to maintain pyrotypic communities and treat hazardous fuels. The district also has an active wildfire suppression program.

**Recreation:** The District has an innovative and expanding recreation program. Two separate all-terrain vehicle trails are growing together with a 30-mile addition in progress. An active trail patrol helps maintain the existing 46 mile of ATV trails plus 24 miles of horse trail. The lake Vesuvius Recreation area not includes an archery trail, hiking and backpacking trails, 2 campgrounds, a boat launch and a beach. There are over 129-miles of trails on the Ironton District, The District offers a mountain bike trail, horse trails, and some of the best hunting in the area. Campgrounds, wildlife, hunting, and trails make the *Ironton District* a popular destination point for travel and tourism.

Special events held on the Ironton District each year include the Wheelin' Sportsmen Fishing event, which promotes and encourages persons with disabilities to explore recreation opportunities. Other special events include the Kids Fishing Derby and ATV rallies and numerous activities hosted by Ohio University Southern at the OUS Nature Center.

**Cultural Resources:** Vesuvius Furnace is one of several iron furnace stacks remaining on the Forest. A large Civilian Conservation Corps camp near the Iron furnace provided the labor to construct the Vesuvius Lake dam and Recreation Area.

## **LOCATION**

The Ironton Ranger District is located in the southern part of the state at Pedro, Ohio. It retains an air of nostalgia with covered bridges, rock shelters, springs and rugged hills covered with hardwood and pine trees. The district covers approximately 104,257-acres in Lawrence, Gallia, Scioto and Jackson counties. Pedro is within a few hours drive of metropolitan areas such as Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Ohio - Lexington, Kentucky – Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bordering states Kentucky and West Virginia make up the Tri-State area offering several state of the art medical centers, churches of various denominations, public and private schools, shopping plaza/malls and a wide variety of educational, sporting, cultural events and opportunities for all ages.

## **POPULATION**

The city of Ironton's population is approximately 11,320. The population of Ashland, KY is 21,352. The population of Huntington, WV is approximately 48,982. The estimated population for the tri-state area, which includes 2 counties in Kentucky, 2 counties in West Virginia, and Lawrence County in Ohio, is approximately 288,650.

## **CLIMATE:**

The Ironton, OH climate is warm during summer when temperatures tend to be in the upper 80's and cold during winter when daytime temperatures tend to be in the 30's. The warmest month of the year is July with an average maximum temperature of 88 degrees Fahrenheit, while the coldest month of the year is January with an average minimum temperature of 21 degrees Fahrenheit. The annual average precipitation at Ironton is 42 Inches. Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. The wettest month of the year is July with an average rainfall of 4.8 Inches.

## **HOUSING:**

Rental apartments are available in the city or county and in surrounding areas. There are several small communities or towns, such as Ironton, Coal Grove, South Point, and Hanging Rock in Ohio, to live in with close proximity to Pedro. There are also numerous communities across the river in Kentucky around the Ashland area. There are abundant opportunities for the purchase of nice housing in the area with prices ranging from \$50,000 to \$225,000 plus.

## **CHILD CARE:**

The Forest Service building is not equipped to handle childcare; however, there are several options available in the local area to accommodate children, ranging from infant care through teens.

## **CHURCHES:**

There are many churches in the area representing more than a dozen religious denominations.

## **MEDICAL:**

A great selection of health care is available, including doctors, dentists, and specialists. Kings Daughter Medical Center is located in Ashland, KY and is ranked as one of the top hospitals in the nation for heart care. Kings Daughter is also rated as one of the top 100 companies to work for. There are several other hospitals in the area within a short drive.

## **EDUCATION:**

There are numerous senior/junior high schools, and elementary schools. We have two private church school, covering K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Ohio University Southern Campus is also located in Ironton. Marshall University is 45 minutes away in Huntington, WV, and Ashland has several technical colleges.

## **SHOPPING:**

Ironton has a moderate selection of shopping opportunities available, including many small specialty shops within the area. Ashland has 2 malls and is located approximately 13 miles from Ironton.

### **ARTS / CULTURE:**



Ironton has one of the longest running Memorial Day parades in the nation. In addition to this great tradition Ironton host several other festivals throughout the year. Within the surrounding areas of Ashland, KY and Huntington, WV there are many theaters, art exhibits, museums, and community events throughout the year.

### **RECREATION:**

Excellent opportunities are available for hunting and fishing in the local area, as well as the whole state. There are several water-related areas, with 73 State Parks, 21 State Forests, and amusement parks within a few hours drive. Ohio is proud to have many cultural, historic and festive attractions.

There is a powerful tradition of sports in the area; including baseball, football, soccer, tennis, golf, racquetball, and swimming.



### **TRAVEL:**

Columbus, the state capitol, is 2-½ hours (120 miles) from Ironton. The state has several coliseums that host many exciting events, from state fairs and rodeos, to live concerts. Huntington, WV has its own airport, Tri State Airport is within 45 minutes, and Columbus and Cincinnati International Airports are 127 miles and 149 miles, respectively, from Ironton.

**Visit the websites below to view the Ironton District area.**

[www.irontontribune.com](http://www.irontontribune.com)

[www.herald-dispatch.com](http://www.herald-dispatch.com)

[www.dailyindependent.com](http://www.dailyindependent.com)

[www.lawrencecountyohio.com](http://www.lawrencecountyohio.com)

[www.ashlandalliance.com](http://www.ashlandalliance.com)

[www.lawrencecountyohio.org](http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org)

<http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org/ledc/>

**Outreach Reply:**

Name:

Current Duty Station/ forest/ Region or Agency/ company if other than USFS:

Current Title/Series/Pay grade

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**To express interest in this position please return this form by July 27, 2010 to Tim Slone at:**

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**Mailing address: 6518 State Route 93, Pedro, OH 45659**

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