



OUTREACH NOTICE

Biological Science Technician(s) (Wildlife) GS-0404-04

Biological Science Technician(s) (Plants) GS-0404-04

Full Time Temporary, not to exceed 6 Months

Supervisor's Office/Athens Ranger District
Wayne National Forest
Nelsonville, Ohio

Application deadline: April 16, 2012

Openings exist for seasonal technicians in the Supervisor's Office and Athens Ranger District of the *Wayne National Forest*, in southeastern Ohio. We are located between Athens and Nelsonville, Ohio, along U.S. Highway 33.

Plants technician position information (OCRT-404-4-PLANT-DT):

The incumbent provides habitat management work on the Athens Ranger District, performing a variety of tasks in support of the Forest's Botany, Wildlife and Invasive Species programs. These positions involve the following activities: operation of government vehicles, identification of native and invasive plant species, navigating off-road with topographic maps and GPS, the manual, mechanical and chemical control of invasive plants, seeding and transplanting native plants, weeding and other duties as necessary. Training in herbicide application will be provided. A valid state driver's license and willingness to apply herbicides are a requirement of this job. The incumbent is responsible for documenting daily herbicide applications, reporting spills or unexpected exposures of herbicides, invasive plant mapping and data input into various natural resource databases. Work will be done in all weather conditions. Hiking and walking on uneven terrain, lifting up to 75 pounds, occasional long hours and working in hot, humid environments will be required.

Additional duties may include conducting vegetation surveys and monitoring, collecting native plant materials, working with the Wildlife Technician(s) on projects, and other duties as assigned. The ability

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to identify eastern North American flora, especially southern Ohio trees and plant species is greatly desired.

Applicants must be able to work individually or as a member of a team. Experience with GIS and GPS, as well as basic computer skills and first aid familiarity are desired.

Wildlife technician position information (OCRT-404-4-WLDLF-DT):

Primary duties would include wildlife data entry, surveying for selected wildlife species by sight and/or sound, and working with Plant Technicians/invasive plant crew (see above). Other duties may include trail maintenance, plant surveys and monitoring, other wildlife surveys and monitoring, and additional duties as assigned. Basic computer skills, experience with GIS and GPS, southern Ohio plant and tree species identification skills, and first aid familiarity are desirable. Applicants must be willing and able to work alone in remote forest locations or with others in a team setting, as well as completing office work.

Multiple Plants and Wildlife Technician positions may be filled at a GS-4 (up to \$15/hour), depending on qualifications and work experience levels.

Positions are projected to last three to six months, May through September, but may be shortened or extended depending on funding, applicant availability, and/or a successful execution of the duties described above.

Successful applicants must be highly motivated, attentive to detail, and enthusiastic about working outside, in hilly areas and in various weather conditions (rainy, hot/humid, etc.) for 8-10 hours per day.

Transportation to and from the duty location is the responsibility of the incumbent. No public transportation is available.

Interested applicants should visit WWW.USAJOBS.GOV, search for the relevant vacancy announcement number (below), follow the application instructions, and indicate a duty location of Nelsonville, OH. Application deadline is by midnight on Monday, April 16, 2012:

Vacancy: OCRT-404-4-PLANT-DT for Plant position

Contact Cheryl Coon for more information: ccoone@fs.fed.us or 740-753-0558.

Vacancy: OCRT-404-4-WLDLF-DT for Wildlife position

Contact Katrina Schultes for more information: kschultes@fs.fed.us or 740-753-0901.

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Wayne National Forest:



Vegetation Management: Our vegetation management program focuses on providing various habitats to support our native flora and fauna species.

Hand and herbicide techniques are a primary means of removing invasive plant species and managing habitat. 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, American Burying Beetle and Running Buffalo Clover are three of our key, resident threatened and endangered species.

Fire: Fire is considered an ecosystem component rather than a periodic treatment. The Forest program uses prescribed fire to maintain pyrotypic communities and treat hazardous fuels. The Forest also has an active wildfire suppression program.

Recreation: The Forest has trails for all-terrain vehicles, horses, mountain bikes, backpacking and hiking. Campgrounds, wildlife, hunting, and trails make the Forest a popular destination point for travel and tourism.

Cultural Resources: Iron Furnace stacks and Civilian Conservation Corps camps are some of the cultural resources available for the public to visit.

LOCATION

The Supervisor's Office and Athens Ranger District are co-located in the southeastern part of the state near Nelsonville, Ohio. There is an air of nostalgia with covered bridges, rock shelters, springs and rugged hills covered with hardwood and pine trees. The district covers over 120,000-acres in Perry, Hocking, Athens, Vinton, Morgan, Washington, Noble and Monroe counties. Nelsonville contains Hocking College, and is only 15 minutes from Athens, Ohio and Ohio University. The Athens Ranger District is within an hour drive of Columbus, OH and Parkersburg, WV and a few hours from other metropolitan areas such as Cincinnati and Cleveland, OH, Lexington, KY, Huntington and Charleston, WV, and Pittsburgh, PA.

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.

CLIMATE:

Nelsonville, 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 is 42 inches. Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year.

HOUSING:

Rental apartments are available in the city or county and in surrounding areas. Forest Service housing is **not available**. There are several communities and towns nearby, including Nelsonville, Athens, The Plains, and Logan, Ohio.