

## The Forest Service

The U.S. Forest Service, with your help, manages and protects the National Forest System. Together we ensure that the national forests are there for your recreational use and that the natural resources are adequately preserved and used responsibly.

## Why Volunteer?

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Forest Service. Stewardship of the national forests is everyone's responsibility. The national forests and grasslands are there for you to enjoy because many people have already served to preserve, protect, and improve them. Now you too can help by volunteering.

But volunteering isn't just beneficial for the forests, it benefits you. It's fun! You can pursue a special interest, such as plant identification or hiking. It can enrich and improve your life. Spending time in the outdoors, enjoying the company of your fellow volunteers and visitors, can give you a new perspective on life. Being immersed in the beauty of the national forests and experiencing the environment is a special way to relax.



## What Can You Do?

The types of work a volunteer can perform are many and varied; the only tasks a volunteer cannot perform are law enforcement and firefighting. You may work on a part-time or full-time basis. You can participate in a one-time project or serve over several months, or all year. The commitment you make is up to you. Training may be provided to you if your volunteer job requires it.

Some typical volunteer activities include:

- Maintaining and hosting campgrounds.
- Answering phones, greeting visitors, and answering mail at Forest Service visitor centers and ranger stations.
- Building and maintaining trails.
- Planting trees and seeding damaged areas.
- Presenting environmental education programs.
- Building and repairing fences, nesting boxes, picnic tables, and other structures.
- Restoring damaged stream banks and burned-over areas.

## Who May Volunteer?

Individuals and groups can contribute to the work of the Forest Service. People under the age of 18 must have the written consent of their parent or guardian. Volunteers must be in good enough health so they can work safely. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to volunteer.



You can mail your application to the  
Volunteer Coordinator for the Forest  
Service in Happy Jack, Arizona

Suzy Lankford  
Coconino National Forest  
Mogollon Rim Ranger District  
8738 Ranger Rd  
Hwy 87 mile marker 299  
Happy Jack, AZ 86024

Or call:

Blue Ridge Office 928-477-2255

Suzy Lankford 928-477-5014  
Email: [slankford@fs.fed.us](mailto:slankford@fs.fed.us)

Or visit our website at  
[www.fs.fed.us/volunteer/](http://www.fs.fed.us/volunteer/)

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The Forest Service is an equal  
opportunity provider and employer.



## How Do You Apply?

- Complete a Volunteer Application. Be specific about your skills, experience, education, and interests. Include a letter if you want additional information or have questions.
- Send your application to the volunteer coordinator where you want to volunteer.
- The volunteer coordinator will contact you. If you are selected as a volunteer, you will sign an agreement detailing the conditions of your working arrangement.

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