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*******VACANCY NOTICE*******
WAYNE NATIONAL FOREST

POSITION

Title, Series, and Grade: Fire Management Officer, Zone FMO – GS-301-9/11

Tour of Duty: Full- time, Permanent (40 hours a week)

Duty Station: Wayne National Forest, Ironton Ranger District, Pedro, OH

If you are interested, please complete the application process at www.usajobs.com by February 8th, 2013. Current federal employees will apply under OCR-301-DZFMO(m)-9/11 G. Others can apply under OCR-301-DZFMO(m)-9/11 DP. Remember to select Pedro, Ohio as the duty station.

For more information, call Jonathan Olsen, Acting District Ranger at 740-534-6538 (jolsen@fs.fed.us).

Major Duties:
The Ironton and Athens Ranger Districts share wild land urban interface issues with a number of communities and their governments, including Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio Division of Forestry, and local County entities. The position serves as Zone Fire Management Officer with responsibility for the professional development, implementation and administration of both unit's fire and fuel management programs. The incumbent will also assist the District Rangers in the development and prioritizing of fire management plans and programs. Because of the critical nature of the fire management program to the total Forest program, the incumbent's decisions and participation will play a key role in effective ecosystem and policy management of the Wayne National Forest.

Fire resources include Two Type 6 Engines and 6 full time fire-fighters. The incumbent is responsible for the supervision of suppression and prevention personnel, and the suppression actions both on and off forested lands. We average approximately 50-80 wild- fires per year. Both district's prescribed fire program is varied and complex, with both urban interface work as well as forest health restoration.

Many of our prescribed burns, 1500-3000 acres annually, encourage oak-hickory restoration and are of moderate complexity.

Ironton Ranger District:

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 foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The rugged hills are forested with a diverse mixture of 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.

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. In the City of Ironton there are two city high/junior high schools and five elementary schools. We have two private church school, covering K-12th 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.

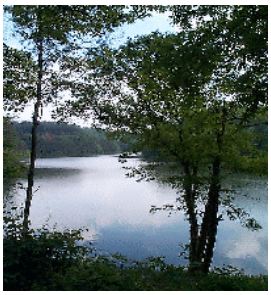
SHOPPING:

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 (120miles) 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 www.herald-dispatch.com www.dailyindependent.com

www.lawrencecountyohio.com www.ashlandalliance.com www.lawrencecountyohio.org

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

Athens Ranger District: The Athens Ranger District includes two units, the Athens and Marietta units. Athens Ranger District contains approximately 224 miles of recreation trails and waterways where visitors enjoy biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, ATV riding, hunting and picnicking.

Areas: The Athens Ranger District comprises about 135,000 acres of the Wayne National Forest's 241,000 acres located in the Appalachian Foothills of southeastern Ohio near the cities of Athens and Marietta, OH. The Athens District Office is closest to Athens.

The city of Athens is located in Athens County, which has a population of 63,000, and sits along the Hocking River. Athens has a population of a little over 23,500 year-round residents and is a full-service community with numerous medical professionals, two (2) fully staffed hospitals, churches of various denominations, and small shopping plazas. University Mall is only a 10-minute drive from downtown Athens.

Athens is the home of Ohio University with an enrollment of 16,845 and has undergraduate and graduate programs in numerous disciplines. Athens offers a wide variety of educational, sporting, and cultural events and opportunities for all ages. Hocking College is located in nearby Nelsonville, which boasts an enrollment of 5,800 students.

Housing in the Athens area range from about from $70,000 to $125,000, although less expensive housing can be found. Rentals are also available. Columbus, Ohio is a 1-1/2 hour drive from Athens. Cincinnati is a 2-1/2 hour drive. Southeast Ohio is known for its beautiful fall colors and its abundance of state parks and forests.

The city of Marietta, population 14, 080, offers a rich heritage marked with historical museums and centuries-old landmarks. Marietta is located in Washington County near the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers and across the state line of West Virginia. Parkersburg, WV is located just across the Ohio River.

Housing in the Marietta is also comparable to the prices in the Athens areas with available rentals. There are several colleges in the area including Marietta College, Washington County Career Center-Adult Technical Training Center, Washington State Community College.

To learn more about the Athens area, visit the following websites:
www.ci.athens.oh.us (City of Athens); www.athensohio.com (Athens County Visitors Bureau) www.ohiou.edu (Ohio University); www.hocking.edu (Hocking College); www.mariettaohio.org (Marietta-Washington County Visitors Bureau); www.mariettaoh.net (City of Marietta); www.marietta.edu (Marietta College); www.wscc.edu (Washington State Community College)