

**2013 Temporary Employment
OUTREACH NOTICE**
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests



The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests will be advertising and filling several temporary positions for the 2013 summer season. Some positions will do maintenance and improvement work to recreation facilities and non-motorized trails on the District. Recreation facilities work could include garbage and litter pick-up, toilet cleaning, grass mowing and weed-eating, and minor construction and repair work. Trail work will involve building trails, clearing and brushing trail corridors, installing signage, and constructing drainage structures and bridges. The Biological Technician will work on wildlife and fisheries habitat improvement projects and non-native invasive species control.

The duties require working in all types of weather, and the employee must be capable of hiking long distances in remote areas or operate power equipment for extended periods of time, and perform physical labor, including bending, lifting, and carrying up to 40 pounds or more. Some positions require wearing a Forest Service uniform daily (provided). Weekend, holiday work, valid driver's license and DMV driving record are required.

Employment period is anticipated to be around early May through late August/early September 2013, depending on location. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

The Open Continuous Vacancy Announcements for these positions are posted on www.USAJobs.gov under the announcement numbers listed below. Applicants interested in these positions may select from the following duty locations when applying in USAJobs. Applicants may choose as many duty locations as they are interested in.

Job Title	Series/Grade	Hourly Pay	Announcement Number (USAJobs)
Forestry Tech – (Recreation)	GS-0462-4	\$13.41	TEMPOCR-462-4-REC-DT
Forestry Aid - (General)	GS-0462-3	\$11.95	TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT
Forestry Tech – (Trails)	GS-0462-4	\$13.41	TEMPOCR-0462-4-TRAILS-DT
Forestry Tech – (Wilderness)	GS-0462-4	\$13.41	TEMPOCR-462-04-WLDN-DT
Biological Science Tech	GS-0404-4	\$13.41	TEMPOCR-0404-4-WLDLF-DT

Position descriptions are available on www.USAJobs.gov for each of these announcements.

To be considered for these positions, you must apply to one of the OCR Vacancy Announcements listed above.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on March 3, 2013.

All applicants who have applied to the announcements before the listed date and are found to be qualified in the quality group will be referred to the selecting official for consideration.

There is no requirement to reply to this outreach notice.

Limited housing is available for seasonal positions on a first come, first serve basis on the Glenwood & Pedlar Ranger District.

For further information concerning positions offered at each district, please contact the individual district office.

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North River Ranger District

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About the Forest:

The George Washington and Jefferson National Forests stretch along the ruggedly beautiful Appalachian Mountains, extending from one end of Virginia to the other and even crossing into parts of West Virginia and Kentucky. Whether you are driving a back-country road, enjoying our glorious fall colors, using binoculars to spot colorful neo-tropical birds, or savoring the peacefulness of wilderness, remember that national forests are special places.

The George Washington National Forest in west central Virginia and the Jefferson National Forest in southwest Virginia were administratively combined in 1995 to form the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. The two national forests contain nearly 1.8 million acres; one of the largest blocks of public land in the eastern United States. The forests include 1,664,110 acres in Virginia, 123,629 acres in West Virginia, and 961 acres in Kentucky. The forests headquarters is the Forest Supervisor's Office in Roanoke, Virginia with eight Ranger District offices.

The Districts:

The Clinch Ranger District is the most southern district located on the Jefferson National Forest and manages the counties of Dickenson, Letcher (KY), Lee, Pike (KY), Scott, and Wise. Employee will be involved predominantly in Recreation Management activities. **The duty station is Wise, VA.**

The Eastern Divide Ranger District is on the Jefferson National Forest and runs from Botetourt county on the north end to Tazewell county on the south end, all west of I-81, including the counties of Bland, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Monroe (WV), Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Smyth, Tazewell, and Wythe. **The duty station is Blacksburg, VA.**

The Glenwood & Pedlar Ranger District is headquartered in Natural Bridge Station, VA and is located on both the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests and manages the counties of Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Nelson, and Rockbridge.

The combined Districts are about 224,000 acres in size. The *Blue Ridge Parkway* (administered by the National Park Service) extends through the length of the Districts, as does approximately 110 miles of the *Appalachian National Scenic Trail*. There are five *wildernesses* on the Districts: Saint Mary's, The Priest, Three Ridges, James River Face and Thunder Ridge. In addition to the Appalachian Trail, there are approximately 109 miles of other recreation trails on the Districts. In addition, there is a 65 mile designated Horse Trail and an 18 mile ATV Trail system. The Districts have an extensive recreation program with two major developed recreation areas (Sherando Lake Recreation Area and

Cave Mountain Lake Recreation Area), as well as several smaller campgrounds and other recreation sites. Land management on the Districts is very challenging due to the proximity of the Parkway and AT, as well as the variety of resources and uses occurring throughout the District. **The duty stations are Natural Bridge Station and Lyndhurst, VA.**

The James River and Warm Springs Ranger Districts are located in the beautiful Alleghany Mountains of western Virginia within the counties of Alleghany, Bath and Highland on the George Washington National Forest. **The duty station is Hot Springs, VA.**

The Lee Ranger District is the most northern district and is located on the George Washington National Forest managing the counties of Frederick, Hampshire (WV), Hardy (WV), Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren. **The duty stations are Edinburg, VA and Lost River, WV.**

The Mount Rogers National Recreation Area is located in southwest Virginia in the counties of Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe on the Jefferson National Forest. The Mount Rogers National Recreation Area (NRA) manages approximately 200,000 acres of National Forest land near Mount Rogers. The area features four Congressionally designated Wilderness areas; the Virginia Creeper Trail; the 50 miles Mount Rogers Scenic Byway; the 5000 acre Crest Zone featuring elevations over 4,000 feet, large rock formations, and a mixture of mountain balds and spruce-fir forests; a herd of wild, free-ranging ponies; and the highest elevated road in the state of Virginia leading to the summit of Whitetop Mountain. **The duty station is Sugar Grove, VA.**

The North River Ranger District covers nearly 395,000 acres in six counties in two states including: Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, Highland and Pendleton (WV) counties. The District is mountainous, with elevations ranging from 1,100 to 4,100 feet. There are ten lakes stocked for fishing, as well as several stocked and native trout streams. Developed recreation facilities include five campgrounds, six picnic areas, two swimming beaches, and two shooting ranges. An extensive system of trails provides opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The District office is located in Harrisonburg, Virginia, just outside the community of Bridgewater. Harrisonburg, a full service community with a population of approximately 41,000, is situated in the middle of the beautiful and historic Shenandoah Valley. Richmond, Roanoke, and Washington D.C. can all be reached within a two-hour drive. The Shenandoah National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway are both within a 30-minute drive. **The duty station is Harrisonburg, VA.**

HOW TO APPLY:

Go to <https://www.usajobs.gov>

Step 1 – Create a USAJOBS account at www.usajobs.gov. 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.

Step 2 - Create a Resume with USAJOBS or upload a Resume into your USAJOBS account. You may want to customize your resume to ensure it documents duties and accomplishments you have gained that are directly related to this position in order to verify that qualifications are met. 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. 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. Make sure you select a potential duty station. You can 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.