



OUTREACH
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST
BEDFORD, INDIANA

Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)

GS-0462-06/07

Respond by April 5, 2013

The Hoosier National Forest will soon be filling one vacancy for a permanent full-time Technician (Fire) position, GS-0462-06/07, at the Brownstown Ranger District in Bedford, Indiana. The Forest will be utilizing the Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR's) process. Applicants will need to apply through the USA JOBS process under the vacancy Job Announcement Number **OCR-462-SFEO(M)-6/7DP** and select Bedford, Indiana as the desired duty location. This position has been classified as a primary firefighter retirement coverage position.

The Position:

The primary purpose of this position is to perform wildland firefighting work and to supervise crews performing such work. These crews perform work directly related to wildland fire suppression and control activities including suppression, preparedness, prevention, monitoring, hazardous fuels reduction, and prescribed burning.

This position is categorized as a Supervisory Engine Operator (SEOP) in the Interagency Fire program Management (IFPM) Standard and Guide as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. The IFPM selective placement factors for this position must be attained by October 1, 2010, and thereafter must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire.

Major Duties:

- Serves as a supervisory wildland firefighter on a wildland fire engine.
- Directs the operation of a wildland fire engine, ensuring the correct positioning, proper use, and operation.
- Serves as a supervisory wildland firefighter on a prescribed fire crew.
- Directs and performs prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up.
- Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents.
- Makes initial evaluation of fire situations and determines suppression method(s) to use.

- Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used for wildland and prescribed fire situations.
- Implements formal and informal training programs to comply with policy and regulations.

The Forest: The Hoosier National Forest encompasses over 200,000 acres in South Central Indiana stretching south from Bloomington to the Ohio River. The Forest is located within a two hour drive of Cincinnati, Ohio, Evansville and Indianapolis, Indiana, and Louisville, Kentucky. The Hoosier has land in nine counties starting just south of Bloomington, Indiana and stretching all the way to the Ohio River. Two ranger districts include the Brownstown District in Bedford, Indiana and the Tell City District in Tell City, Indiana.

The Hoosier National Forest sits in the hills of Southern Indiana. The Forest provides a range of opportunities and resources for people to enjoy. There are many recreational opportunities including camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, mountain bike riding, and viewing scenery. The only congressionally designated wilderness in Indiana, the 13,000 acre Charles C. Deam Wilderness provides opportunities for users desiring higher levels of solitude. In addition the Forest has over 265 miles of trails for hiking, biking, or horseback riding.

The Hoosier works to provide integrated resource management on the complex mosaic that make up National Forest System Lands in Indiana. Only 31% of the land within the Forest Boundary is National Forest System land, this scattered ownership pattern adds a complexity to the management of this valued natural resource. Forest managers are responsible for protection of some very unique resources. The Hoosier is located in an area rich in caves and karst features. These underground features are largely unknown to most Forest visitors but play home to many species that are specific to these habitats.

The Hoosier has four endangered species: the fanshell and rough pigtoe mussels reside in rivers to the south; the gray and Indiana bats and their habitat occur throughout the Forest. The wildlife program on the Forest focuses on management to provide habitat for the species above as well and other species that occur through the area.

The Forest works to maintain and restore sustainable ecosystems. The vegetation management on the forest focuses on promoting native oak and hickory regeneration, reducing nonnative pine planted to restore over farmed lands, and reducing nonnative invasive plant and animal species.

The Hoosier National Forest organization is non-traditional with emphasis on placing specialists closer to the ground. Certain Forest-level staff functions that traditionally reside in a Supervisor's Office work in a team environment and serve as District-level program managers. This serves to broaden District interdisciplinary teams and improve technology transfer, customer service, and quality of stewardship. We view the Districts as the backbone of the Forest Service organization and emphasize customer service at that level. Additional information about the Forest may be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier>.

(Bedford, IN.) The Hoosier National Forest Supervisor's Office is co-located with the Brownstown Ranger District Office in Bedford, Indiana. Bedford is a full-service community of approximately 14,000 residents. Bedford has excellent schools, outstanding shopping, cultural amenities, and small town atmosphere. Bedford is in the Eastern Time zone. Bedford features a broad-based economy. Major

employers are GM Powertrain, Indiana Limestone, Manchester Tank, and Stone City Products. Bedford is known as the “Limestone Capital of the World” because of the abundance and quality of the limestone which has been used on many landmark buildings in the U.S.

Bedford has five elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school (includes area vocational school) and Bedford City College, which offers adult education and college credit courses. Eighteen miles north of Bedford is Bloomington, home of Indiana University. In addition, Bedford is within commuting distance of six degree granting institutions. Indianapolis is approximately 70 miles north and is the state capitol.

There is a good selection of housing in the \$80,000 range, with many higher valued homes (\$150,000+) in developments outside the city. Rentals are also available and range from \$350 to \$800 per month.

Local services include over 25 churches of major denominations, a library, two hospitals providing comprehensive medical services, and a variety of banking, shopping facilities, and restaurants. Additional services are found nearby in Bloomington.

Questions: For additional information or questions, please contact: Terry Severson, Fire Management Officer at 812-547-9247, tseverson@fs.fed.us.

If interested in this vacancy, please complete and return the Outreach Response to Terry Severson, Fire Management Officer, Hoosier National Forest (email: tseverson@fs.fed.us) by April 5, 2013.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes
If YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: ___ USFS ___ BLM ___ OTHER: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:	___ PERMANENT	___ TEMPORARY	___ Other

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

I will send you an e-mail message when the vacancy announcement is posted
Thank you for your interest in this position.