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**NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA**

**Grandfather Ranger District  
Nebo, NC**



Natural Resource Specialist (Project Manager)  
GS-0401-11

**(Full Time – Term Position)**

**USAJobs.gov Announcement Number: [13-1108110005-1674D-CD](#)**

The National Forests in North Carolina is recruiting a Natural Resource Specialist stationed in Nebo, North Carolina. This is a 40-hour per week *term* position. Term positions provide for 1 year of employment with potential for 1-year extensions up to a total of 4 years, depending upon performance and availability of funding. To be considered, please submit your application prior to August 8<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## **Major Duties**

In February 2012, the Grandfather Ranger District on the Pisgah National Forest was recognized as a participating project within the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) Program. As a result, the Grandfather Restoration Project has received an increase in funding and accomplishment expectations. Project priorities are to restore fire-adapted communities; treat non-native invasive species in high priority areas, such as the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and along the Wild and Scenic Wilson Creek; to treat hemlocks for the hemlock woolly adelgid; to improve roads and trails, and to restore native forests to benefit threatened and endangered species as well as early successional wildlife species.

This position has responsibilities for leading high priority, special projects with complex and numerous resource and protection considerations. A primary focus will be providing leadership and program management for the Grandfather Ranger District's CFLR Project. The incumbent will be responsible for coordinating with a wide range of cooperators and partners to find and achieve common goals and accomplishments. We are looking for an individual with strong communication and leadership abilities.

The duties are primarily in an office setting with periodic field work in support of resource analysis and management activities.

## **How to Apply**

To apply for this position please visit [USAJobs.gov](#) and search announcement number [13-1108110005-1674D-CD](#) to submit an application for this position. To be considered, please submit your application prior to August 8th 2013.

Should you have any questions about the opportunity or application process, please contact Grandfather District Ranger, Nick Larson, at [nicholaslarson@fs.fed.us](mailto:nicholaslarson@fs.fed.us) or (828) 652-2144 ext. 103; or for questions about the CFLR project contact Lee Thornhill, Ecosystems, Fire and Forest Management Staff Officer, at [lwthornhill@fs.fed.us](mailto:lwthornhill@fs.fed.us) or (828) 257-4251.

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## Grandfather Ranger District



The Grandfather Ranger District is part of the Pisgah National Forest and consists of 192,540 acres in 5 counties. The District stretches from the McDowell/Buncombe County line just east of Asheville to US 321 between Lenoir and Blowing Rock. The Blue Ridge Parkway forms the northern boundary of the District and separates it from the Appalachian Ranger District.



Of interest on the District are the 12,002 acre Linville Gorge Wilderness; the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River and two wilderness study areas (Lost Cove and Harper Creek). There is also an extensive trail system that includes the Brown Mountain OHV Area.



The Grandfather Ranger District office is located beside Interstate 40 near Nebo, NC. Nebo is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains with easy access to the mountainous sections of Western North Carolina. There are also two beautiful lakes nearby. One is Lake James, a 6,500 acre reservoir, and the other is Lake Tahoma which is 200 acres. The northern and western part of the district is in mountainous terrain while the eastern and southern areas are mostly in the foothills. Elevations range from 900 to 5,665 feet above sea level.

A wide variety of recreational opportunities are provided locally, including: backpacking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, cycling, mountain biking, rock climbing, and bird watching.

For more information about communities in the area visit:

<http://mcdowellgov.com/>

<http://www.co.burke.nc.us/>

<http://www.caldwellcountync.org/>



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