SEASONAL POSITION

Title, Series, and Grade:  Forestry Technician, GS-0462-4 (Timber Stand Improvement)
Position:  1
Tour of Duty:  Full-time, Seasonal (40 hours a week).
Location:  Wayne National Forest, Athens Ranger District, Nelsonville, OH

If you are interested in this position, please apply at USAJOBS.GOV under Vacancy Number: TEMPOCR-0462-4-TSI-DT Please select either Nelsonville, or Marietta, OH as the Duty Location. Apply by January 12, 2013.

Major Duties:
Primary duties include marking timber to meet silvicultural guidelines for oak-hickory restoration. Knowledge of forestry skills, including measuring and evaluating standing hardwood trees is necessary. The Forest is striving to improve wildlife habitat to meet the desired future condition described in each area of the Wayne Forest Management Plan. Duties also include leading crews for timber stand improvement and invasive species control using herbicides, manual and/or mechanical control methods throughout the Athens Ranger District. Forest Service chainsaw and state herbicide licensure qualifications are desired. Applicant’s possessing basic wildland fire-fighting skills and having current pack test qualifications are preferred to participate on prescribe burning and/or wildland fire assignments.

Knowledge and identification of tree species native to southeastern Ohio is necessary. Experience with Arc GIS and GPS, as well as, basic computer skills are desired. Applicants must be willing and able to work alone in remote forest locations or with others in a team setting. Successful applicants must be highly motivated, attentive to detail, and enthusiastic about working outside, in hilly areas and in various weather conditions (cold, rainy, hot/humid, etc.) for 8-10 hours per day. Other duties may be assigned.
About the Athens Ranger District:
The Athens Ranger District comprises about 135,000 acres located near the cities of Athens and Marietta, Ohio.

About the Area: 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 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. Nearby Nelsonville is home to Hocking College, which boasts an enrollment of 5,800 students.

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)

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Warren Tucker, Forester, at (740) 753-0890 (wtucker01@fs.fed.us). For more information, contact Gala Goldsmith, Athens District Ranger at (740) 753-0101 (ggoldsmith@fs.fed.us).

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