Allegheny National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE - 2014 Spring Fire Seasonals

Two (2) Full-Time Temporary Positions
(Not to exceed 6 Months)

Tentative dates of employment: March 16 - May 10, 2014

Openings will exist for two (2) seasonal technicians on the Bradford and Marienville Ranger Districts of the Allegheny National Forest. These jobs will be advertised on USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov) once the Fiscal Year 2014 Open Continuous Enrollment (TEMPOCR) vacancy announcement numbers are released.

If interested, please fill out and reply back with the attached Outreach Notice Form. You will then be contacted once the Fiscal Year 2014 TEMPOCR numbers are released.

***Outreach Reply Deadline is 11/29/2013***

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

Information on the WCT may be found at: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/wct_index.html
Forestry Aid (Fire) and Forestry Technician (fire) position information:

- Serve as a firefighter on a Type 6 engine, hand crew, or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain.
- Performs all aspects of wildfire and prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop-up.
- Staffs Type 6 engine during periods of **HIGH** fire danger and if qualified, drives engine to and from fire locations, frequently over unimproved roads.
- Positions equipment in appropriate locations; considering personal and crew safety and safety of equipment.
- Performs and may direct others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective delivery and use of water.
- May utilize chainsaws and brush cutters or act as a swamper for chainsaw activities.
- Participates in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fireline activities, with emphasis on those used in the particular function assigned.
- Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and fire critiques.
- Ensures personal and other crew member’s safety and in all aspects of assignments.
- May inventory fuel beds, prepare associated reports, perform hazard fuel reduction projects, monitor burning conditions, piles vegetation debris, and act in assigned positions such as ignition or holding specialist or other designated positions during actual fuel reduction efforts by prescribed fire.
- Additional duties may include: project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance.
- Applicants must be willing and able to work alone in remote forest locations or with others in a team setting, as well as completing office work.
- Positions are projected to last eight (8) weeks, but may be shortened/extended depending on funding, applicant availability, and/or a successful execution of the duties described above.
- Successful applicants must be highly motivated, attentive to detail, and enthusiastic about working outside, in hilly areas, and in various weather conditions (rainy, hot/humid, etc.) for 8-16 hours per day.
- Transportation to and from the duty location is the responsibility of the incumbent. No public transportation is available.
- **Government housing is available.**

**Questions about these positions may be directed to:**
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**Please email completed Outreach Notice Forms to:**
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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST
The Allegheny National Forest is headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania and has two Ranger Districts. The Marienville Ranger District is located in Marienville, PA and the Bradford Ranger District is located in Marshburg, PA. The 513,000-acre Forest is the only national forest in Pennsylvania and lies within a day’s drive of 1/3 of the Nation’s population. It includes two Wilderness areas, two National Scenic Areas, two National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and the Tionesta Research Natural Area (the largest contiguous tract of old growth forest in Pennsylvania). Our spring fire season typically runs from mid-March through mid-May (depending on weather).

A variety of recreation activities include boating, camping, hunting, fishing, ATV riding, and snowmobiling that result in about 4 million recreation visitor days annually. The 12,000-acre Allegheny Reservoir provides boating, camping, and fishing opportunities. Roughly, 1/3 of the world’s supply of black cherry furniture veneer is grown on the Allegheny National Forest, resulting in a profitable timber program. Abundant fish and wildlife provide a variety of hunting, fishing, and viewing opportunities. The changing colors of the hardwood leaves each fall provide spectacular views.

COMMUNITY
Warren and the surrounding communities of Bradford, Kane, Ridgway, Marienville, and Tidioute are located in northwestern Pennsylvania. Main access to Warren is US Route 62 from the north or south and US Route 6 from the east or west. The area’s climate provides a classic display of the four distinct seasons. Summers are warm and moderately humid with average temperatures of 75 to 80 degrees. Fall provides panoramic views as the foliage turns spectacular colors of yellow, red and purple. Spring time brings alive the many blooming wild flowers and other natural vegetation. The winters are moderate with average temperatures of 20 to 25 degrees. Annual precipitation is about 40 inches.

Residents of Warren County have access to five public libraries, each reflecting the unique communities they serve. A Public Libraries of Warren County card can be used at the Sheffield Township Library, Sugar Grove Free Library, Tidioute Public Library, Youngsville Public Library, and Warren Public Library. These five libraries cooperate to provide services and programs that benefit all residents of Warren County such as the “One County, One Book” program, a combined web-based public access catalog of all holdings and access to the 45 databases included in the PA POWER Library.

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OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
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Location: Bradford and Marienville Districts, Allegheny National Forest
Position: Forestry Aid (Fire) GS-03 or Forest Technician (Engine) GS-04 or 05

Name: ___________________________ Email address: ________________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________

Telephone No.: (Work) ___________________ (Home) _________________________

Current Employment: ____________________________________________________

Agency Employed with: USFS ______ DOI _______ Other (Specify) ____________

Type of Appointment: Permanent ______ Temporary ______ Term ______ VRA ______

Other (Specify) _______________________________________________________________________

Current Region/Forest/District: ________________________________________________

Current Series and Grade: _________________________________________________

Current Position/Title: _________________________________________________________

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