The Monongahela National Forest is seeking qualified applicants for a North Zone Forestry Technician position. The incumbent would provide expertise and assistance in the Timber Program for the north zone of the Monongahela National Forest (Cheat-Potomac and Greenbrier Ranger Districts). The duties of the position:

Establishes timber sale program and production goals, sets priorities and outlines work schedules. Develops annual program of work, prepares project work plans, and develops long-and-short-term budget needs for the district’s timber management program.

Documents work progress and accountability of the timber program activity.

Reviews and appraises the forest area timber resource to determine the area’s capacity to meet allowable cut/public demand and future needs, as well as the protection and regeneration of the resource.

Determines staffing and equipment needs needed for the sales layout program; oversees cruising and marking of timber; determines sales volume; oversees
preparation of timber sale reports and appraisals; and prepares timber sale contracts.

Reviews logging plans with the sale prep forester to ensure understanding of contract requirements.

Investigates reports of improper logging activities such as improper cutting practices, cutting of unauthorized timber, damage to residual stands or reserve trees, and disputed interpretations of contract intent.

Negotiates or directs changes in operations as required.

Analyzes timber management operating plans; determines financial needs of the resource program and prepares recommendations for budgetary requirements of equipment, material, and personnel; documents work progress and accountability of the timber resource program activity.

Assists in overall administration of the district including staff assistance to the Greenbrier District Ranger, safety, information and education, and overall work planning and management.

Reviews and/or writes Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) reports for considering all alternatives in the timber sale design.

**Duty Station**

The duty station for the position is the Greenbrier Ranger District office in Bartow, WV [http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mnf/null/recarea/?recid=6990&actid=64](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mnf/null/recarea/?recid=6990&actid=64). The Greenbrier Ranger District office was constructed in the early 1990s and has an open, modern atmosphere. The District office complex is situated at about 2,800 feet in elevation in a river valley surrounded by mountains, and thus the summers are typically mild and the winters are usually snowy and beautiful.

The Monongahela is located in the Allegheny region of the central Appalachian Mountains ([http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mnf/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mnf/home)). The Monongahela National Forest occurs in eastern WV, bordering the Virginia state line and the George Washington National Forest to the east. The Forest consists of over 920,000 acres in Federal ownership in 10 counties in WV, making it the fourth largest National Forest in the 20 northeastern states. Located within a day’s drive of one-third of the population of the U.S., it is a major recreation and tourist destination attracting over 3 million visitors annually. The topography is varied, ranging from 900 to 4,861 feet, supporting a wide range of ecological communities including many species typically found much farther north or south. The Forest has 4 Ranger Districts (2 north zone and 2 south zone), 2 modern visitor centers, 7 Wildernesses, and one National Recreation Area.
The Monongahela and the surrounding area are primarily rural and offer a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. Hunting and fishing opportunities are excellent, and hundreds of miles of hiking and mountain bike trails exist across the Forest. Three large ski resorts are located within the proclamation boundary of the Monongahela National Forest, and several smaller downhill and cross-country ski areas occur nearby. Rivers, streams, and lakes offer flat water and whitewater canoeing and kayaking opportunities. Rock climbing and caving opportunities also occur on the Monongahela National Forest.

The Monongahela National Forest produces 8-10 MMBF of timber annually, primarily high value hardwood species such as black cherry and several oak species. Helicopter logging is becoming more prevalent on the Forest, especially on steep slopes where erosion concerns exist. The Forest supports populations of several threatened, endangered, and sensitive species of plants and animals. The Forest has small but active prescribed burning and range programs.

Community
Bartow and the surrounding communities are small and number only a few hundred in population. Pocahontas County (http://www.pocahontascountywv.com/) supports a population of approximately 9,000. Primary employers in the area include a large ski resort (http://www.snowshoemtn.com/), regional railroad (http://mountainrailwv.com/), logging and lumber companies, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/gbt/), and a variety of small stores and other businesses. Services in the Bartow area are minimal, but include small grocery markets, restaurants, hardware stores, an auto parts store, a bank, auto repair garages, an automobile dealer, a health clinic, and a pharmacy. Cable TV, satellite TV and fiber optic internet are available. A local public radio station and weekly county newspaper operate in the area.

More facilities are available in Marlinton (http://www.local.wv.gov/marlinton/Pages/default.aspx), which is about 35 miles from Bartow. The city of Elkins (http://www.cityofelkinswv.com/), which is about 40 miles from Bartow, offers a wide variety of facilities, such as a large hospital, numerous restaurants, a movie theater, large department stores, large grocery stores, several auto parts stores, auto dealers, repair shops, a college, and most other facilities required for daily life. Numerous churches occur in the commuting
Large shopping malls are available in Clarksburg, WV or Harrisonburg, VA (100 miles away).

Government housing is available at the Greenbrier Ranger District office complex in Bartow. The surrounding communities offer a range of houses for rent or purchase.

**Additional Contacts**

This position will be advertised in the near future. Please respond if you have an interest in applying.

For additional information on this position, please contact Jack Tribble, Greenbrier District Ranger, at (304) 456-3335, ext. 116, or jtribble@fs.fed.us

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