

Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation), GS-0462-05/06

EMPLOYER	LOCATION	SALARY RANGE	CLOSE DATE
United States Forest Service	MARIENVILLE, Pennsylvania	\$26,699.00-\$38,694.00	11-10-2004

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: ADS04-R9ANF-216FS

OPENING DATE: 9-29-2004

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 06

WORK SCHEDULE: Full Time

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Current Agency employees

TIME LIMIT: Permanent - No time limit

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NOTES:

This position is located on the Marienville Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest.

The duties of this position include but are not limited to Timber Sale Preparation Activities, Contract Inspections and other Natural Resource support activities.

While not required, your voluntary response to any KSAs listed will assist in the evaluation process.

Forest Service employees can apply using Connect HR at <http://www.fs.fed.us/connecthr>

For addition information about the duties of this position, please contact Dave Lombardo at 814-776-6172 or dlombardo@fs.fed.us.

This vacancy has been extended to 11/10/2004.

DUTIES

Performs timber sales preparation duties, such as cruising timber, in support of timber sales

activities.

Applies a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of forestry and other biologically based resource management fields to perform work in support of an organization's vegetation management efforts.

SCREEN OUT ELEMENT(S)

Ability to perform timber sale preparation duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES *(The KSAs below may not apply at all grades)*

Ability to maintain written records.

Ability to use and maintain forestry technician equipment, tools, and instruments.

Knowledge of forestry methods and techniques.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Grade 5: Qualifying experience for the GS-5 level includes one year of specialized experience equivalent to GS-4. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE: Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of a four (4) year course of study leading to a bachelors' degree or the equivalent. Education must include at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 6 semester hours in mathematics is creditable.

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

Grade 6: Qualifying experience for the GS-6 level includes one year of specialized experience equivalent to GS-5. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE: The experience requirements for the GS-6 level may be met by completion of 6 months of graduate level education in a position-related field of forestry or natural resources management.

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

Please check Job Posting Information, Summary, for the area of consideration (i.e., Who May Apply), and time limit information.

Bargaining Unit Status: Eligible - Not Covered.

BASIS OF RATING: Applicants will be evaluated based on the quality and extent to which their experience and education show possession of the qualifications, knowledges, skills, abilities and/or competencies required. Credit will be given for the percentage of time that applicants have spent on those specialized duties listed. Please provide those percentages when describing your work history if your position or work experience involves mixed duties, i.e., where only a portion of your work experience is relative to the duties of this position. Evaluation will be based upon information submitted in the application package and received or postmarked on or before the applicable closing or cutoff date.

To ensure that you receive consideration, an application package submitted by mail must be postmarked by the closing date of the announcement and received within seven (7) working days. Applications submitted through the on-line application process must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the closing date.

Applications submitted in postage-paid Government envelopes will not be accepted.

Applications received become the property of the USDA Forest Service and will not be returned.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

To file an informal complaint of discrimination (EEO), based on your race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability (physical and/or mental), and/or reprisal for participation in an EEO related activity, write USDA, Forest Service, Civil Rights Staff, 201-14th Street, SW, Rm. 4SW-Wing, Washington, DC 20250, or call (202) 205-1585. To file a formal complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (202) 720-7467 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: The USDA Forest Service provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact the point of contact listed on the vacancy announcement. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Relocation expenses are authorized.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: All Federal employees are required to have Federal salary payments made

by direct deposit to a financial institution of their choosing.

Applicants covered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Career Transition Assistant Program (CTAP) may apply and will be given priority consideration if determined to be well-qualified. Well-qualified is defined as meeting the qualification standards, selective factors, quality ranking factors, and physical qualifications under the Agency's specific selection process.

HOW TO APPLY: In order to determine if you meet the eligibility and qualification requirements for this position, please submit the following information:

1. Experience/Employment Information:

a. Apply On-Line at www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html. This online application process allows applicants to submit employment information that can be printed for personal use and saved and/or edited on the website for future use. The application process contains all the data elements that are required for resumes submitted for federal employment and may be submitted electronically.

OR

b. Apply by Scannable Questionnaire: This Questionnaire requires completion of a scannable form. You must request the instructions and form and submit the scannable application form and supporting documentation by mail. A facsimile of the scannable form cannot be accepted.

2. Eligibility Information:

One or more of the following documents may be required with your application or prior to appointment, if you are selected, to verify eligibility and basic qualifications. If you are applying on-line and able to scan these documents into your application, you are encouraged to do so. Otherwise, you will be contacted if you need to provide these documents.

(1) DD-214/SF-15 to verify veterans preference claim and/or eligibility for VRA or VEOA appointments.

(2) Transcripts, diplomas, or certificates of training if education is used to meet basic qualifications requirements.

(3) Resume.

(4) Notice of Expected Separation or other proof document if requesting priority placement consideration under the Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP).

(5) Performance appraisal information for current Federal employees. For applicants applying on-line, enter the summary appraisal on the Additional Information screen.

(6) SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action or equivalent document to verify current or former federal employment status.

TO REQUEST A SCANNABLE FORM: Please refer to the contact name and phone number

listed in this vacancy announcement.

The position requires that the incumbent must possess and maintain a valid state driver's license.