The Daniel Boone National Forest will soon be advertising a forestry technician position on the Stearns Ranger District with the duty station in Whitley City, KY. This is a permanent, full-time position.

**DUTIES**

This position is established to perform a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to natural resources management programs, (i.e., timber/silviculture, recreation, wildlife and fire/fuels management). Position will emphasize timber, silviculture, and vegetation management project support. Accomplishment of the following assignments supports field projects and program planning activities for the unit:

**Timber:**

Prepares, develops, and executes timber cruises and sample surveys for resource information and estimate quality and quantity of timber for purpose of appraisal, sales administration, management planning, and logging plans. Assembles and summarizes data, and prepares reports and maps regarding areas cruised.

Lays outs sales in accordance with EAR and other instructions, considering variables such as accessibility, steep slopes, stream protection, nesting tree protection, wildlife impacts, fuels management and regeneration requirements. Brings to attention of responsible individual situations where specific prescriptions do not fit ground conditions.
Independently marks trees using and adapting complex marking rules in areas complicated by variations in type, species composition, defect, site, age, class, etc.

Plans and implements timber stand improvement projects and oversee contracts related to vegetation improvement projects.

**Wildlife:**

Conducts a variety of field studies of sensitive wildlife species to determine numbers, environmental conditions, and the condition of the species and its habitat, and factor affecting the health and welfare of the species and its habitat. Data elements collected include, but are not limited to such things as habitat conditions, age of habitat, location of species, nesting status, and the condition of the species being studied.

Evaluates data and makes recommendations for improvement of habitat or species. Data is collected in field locations, away from the unit. Develops work plans to collect required data, determines recording requirements, and factors to use for complete habitat and species condition analyses.

**Fire and Fuels:**

Executes fuel treatment plans, slash hazard appraisals and hazard reduction plans. Records fuel treatment activity records for required reports and final project completion. Operates motor vehicles and equipment in support of fire suppression activities as directed within training and physical capabilities.

**Recreation:**

Gathers, compiles and recommends improvements for developed and dispersed recreation sites on the unit. Is the point of contact with community organizations and interest groups to generate interest in and utilization of forest recreation facilities. Involves the community in program and activities, determines, and recommend possible public involvement. Recruits and trains volunteers.

Serves as COR determining when contracting is the best means to complete a project. Works with contracting personnel to describe the job and develop specifications and a bid package.

Serves as inspector and contracting officer’s representative on service contracts insuring work is completed properly. Inspect recreation areas, areas of concentrated public use, and special use permits for compliance with the permit and management plans, public health regulations, and safety plans.

Functions as Collection Officer for recreation sites. Collects fees, count, reconciles money collected, and ensures deposits are made appropriately. Performs all aspects of Special Use Permit administration for activities within undeveloped and developed areas of the unit.
DUTY STATION SPECIFICS:

The duty station for this position is the Stearns Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest located in Whitley City, Kentucky. The Stearns Ranger District manages approximately 171,000 acres in portions of four counties. The majority of the district is located in McCreary County, KY.

Developed recreation facilities include three campgrounds, three boat launching ramps, two shooting ranges, three picnic areas, Natural Arch scenic area, Beaver Creek Wilderness, two state Wild Rivers, (Rock Creek and Cumberland), and two federal candidates for National Wild and Scenic River designation (Marsh Creek and Rock Creek). The district surrounds the northern portion of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. The area has over 300 miles of cliffs and dozens of natural arches.

The dispersed recreation program includes over 120 miles of trails, including a section of the Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail. Most are hiking trails, but some are managed for horseback riding, biking, or OHV use.

The district vegetation management program is small but increasing with a focus on restoration of upland shortleaf pine and oak-dominated, fire-mediated ecosystems. Planning for restoration and forest plan implementation is accomplished through an integrated resource management strategy with goals to incorporate all the tools needed to successfully restore healthy ecosystems.

Wildlife management on the district includes both management for recovery of listed and sensitive species and projects to provide habitat for game species. The district encompasses the Beaver Creek Wildlife Management Area which is cooperatively managed by the Forest Service and the KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

Prescribed fire is an important part of our management and is used to treat 4,000 to 5,000 acres annually. Our district typically suppresses about 33 wildfires annually.

Additional information can be found at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

McCreary County has a population of approximately 18,300. There are no incorporated cities in the county; however the three major population centers are Whitley City (1100), Stearns (1600), and Pine Knot (1700). McCreary County offers many amenities, including a good selection of schools; full service medical and dental providers; community college; public library; shopping; golf course; motels; Protestant and Catholic churches; and a variety of restaurants and fast food establishments. Closest hospitals are Scott County Hospital (about 21 miles south in Oneida, TN) and Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital (about 25 miles north in Somerset, KY). Whitley City is about 90 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky, and 64 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee. Both are accessible by I-75. Additional data about Whitley City can be found at [http://www.city-data.com/city/Whitley-City-Kentucky.html](http://www.city-data.com/city/Whitley-City-Kentucky.html)
Housing is obtainable with both purchase and rental options available. Rentals range from $450 per month to $700 per month. Home prices range from $80,000 to $250,000. More information about the Whitley City area is available online at http://www.kyvacations.com/, quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/21/21147.html, or http://www.city-data.com/city/Whitley-City-Kentucky.html.

Other nearby cities are Somerset, KY (24 miles north) and Oneida, TN (21 miles south). Both are full service communities with substantial housing opportunities.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For additional information regarding the position contact John Hull, District Silviculturist at 606-376-5323, or email: jahull@fs.fed.us.

If interested in this position, please complete the attached outreach response form and return to District Ranger Tim Reed by email at timreed@fs.fed.us or by mail to the address above or by fax to 606-376-3734.
RESPONSE OUTREACH FORM
Forestry Tech, Timber/Silvic (Permanent Full Time)
GS-0462-6/7
Stearns Ranger District
Daniel Boone National Forest
Whitley City, KY
Please Reply By July 18, 2018

Name: ____________________________ E-Mail Address: ____________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________________

Are you currently a permanent Federal Employee?   YES _____   NO ______

If YES, current Agency/Region/Forest/District:_____________________________________

Current Title/Series/Grade:______________________________________________________

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If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

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_____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
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_____ Student Career Experience Program
_____ Other _____________________

Please return your completed form via e-mail to: timreed@fs.fed.us
or by mail: Stearns Ranger District, ATTN: District Ranger, 3320 Hwy 27N, Whitley City, KY 42653
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Thank you for your interest in our Forest.
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