Outreach Notice
Forestry Technician (Integrated Resources), GS-0462-05

Duty Station:
Daniel Boone National Forest
Redbird Ranger District
Big Creek, Kentucky

This is a permanent full-time position.

Respond by June 14, 2017

The Daniel Boone National Forest is filling a GS 462 05 Forestry Technician - Integrated Resources Management position with a duty station in Big Creek, Kentucky. This position is a permanent, full-time appointment. For more information on this position or questions about the district contact Bobby Claybrook, District Ranger at 606-598-2192 ext. 101 or rclaybrook@fs.fed.us. All interested candidates should fill out the attached outreach form and return to the District Ranger.

DUTIES
This position performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to natural resources management programs. Typical duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assures recreation sites and areas are operated and maintained in accordance with operation and maintenance plans. Reports on conditions and use of sites and areas. Serves as inspector for recreation area cleanup and maintenance contracts. Inspects recreation areas and areas of concentrated public use for compliance with the management plans and public health and safety requirements.

- Performs safety hazard analyses of public recreation use areas and takes or recommends corrective action. Cleans both roadside and backcountry dispersed sites. Naturalizes sites where necessary in order to control use and prevent resource damage. Installs and maintains information boards, travel signs, regulatory signs, and other signs associated with recreation sites, travel management, and safety. Oversees the construction and maintenance of trails. Monitors the condition and use of trails.

- Independently applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground that are inconsistent with guidelines. Acts as a certified timber cruiser. Independently applies the instructions issued in a cruise plan. Takes and records tree measurements, assesses quality, and determines defect. Prepares and computer processes cruise data. Observes
and reports areas of possible archeological significance and sightings of sensitive, threatened, or endangered wildlife species. Traverses harvest unit boundaries and road locations, and determines area. Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, silviculture, tree planting, etc

- Performs other duties as assigned.

Bargaining Unit Status: Eligible - Coverage is dependent upon unit location.

**Knowledge Required:**

Practical knowledge of forestry techniques and methods with sufficient knowledge of standard forest recreation area operation, maintenance and use regulations, and procedures to perform a variety of assignments in support of the unit recreation program.

Knowledge of recreation operation and maintenance plans to schedule daily activities, establish maintenance schedules, and inspect cleanup operations.

Working knowledge of forest practices and techniques, including application of silvicultural prescriptions, aerial photographs, maps, environmental analysis reports, and like guides in order to independently select harvest timber in a variety of stand conditions.

Knowledge of timber cruising commensurate with being a "Qualified Timber Cruiser,” including a working knowledge of measuring tree diameters and heights, map reading, compass use, tree species identification, obvious defect recognition and determination, traversing, and the use of tools associated with timber cruising to cruise timber.

**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**REDBIRD RANGER DISTRICT (Big Creek, KY)**

The Redbird Ranger District is one of the newest units in the Southern Region. Purchased in 1965, the district is blessed with a richly diverse and scenic hardwood forest and abundant wildlife reminiscent of that encountered by pioneering frontiersmen over 200 years ago. In fact, the District is at the heart of the largest free ranging elk herd east of Montana. The expanding elk population is expected to reach 11,000 animals this year.

The unit encompasses over 145,000 acres in the headwaters of the South and Middle Forks of the Kentucky River of southeastern Kentucky. The Redbird Wildlife Management Area is located in the center of the District and is approximately 24,000 acres of Federal land, making it the largest cooperatively-managed wildlife management area in the state. Forest vegetation is predominately mixed hardwoods. Steep slopes separated by narrow ridges and valleys characterize the terrain known as the rugged foothill section of the Appalachian Mountains.

Recreational opportunities on the district include hunting, fishing, hiking, picnic areas, and scenic byways. Of interest to many off-road enthusiasts is our Redbird Crest Trail, a 100-mile long multiple use trail open to OHV, motorcycle, mountain bikes, horses and foot travel. Our trail system currently connects with the Leslie County Daniel Boone Trail system.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BIG CREEK

The Redbird Ranger Station is located on the banks of the Redbird River at the historic town site of Peabody, which is near the town of Big Creek, Kentucky. Our Ranger Station, a historic building built in 1924 by the Fordson Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Ford Motor Company, is in a rural setting approximately three miles off the Hal Rogers/Daniel Boone Parkway. The Ranger Station had a complete renovation in 2012, and has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The office is located in Clay County, 17 miles east of Manchester, the county seat.

Manchester is a full service community of approximately 2,500 people and has banks, doctors, dentists, clinics, a hospital, several churches, a variety of fast food restaurants, a Wal-Mart and many other small shops and businesses. There is a golf course at Manchester as well as a swimming pool, tennis courts, volleyball courts, and baseball and softball fields.

Other full service communities in the local commuting area include London (37 miles west, on the Hal Rogers/Daniel Boone Parkway), and Hazard (29 miles east, on the Hal Rogers/Daniel Boone Parkway). Lexington and Knoxville are 110 miles and 130 miles respectively. Other major cities in the east accessible via Interstate are Atlanta (5 hours), Louisville (3 ½ hours), and Cincinnati (3 ½ hours).

The Clay County school system has one high school (grades 9-12) that was opened in 1991; one junior high (grades 7-8); and 9 elementary schools (grades K-6).

The Big Creek Elementary School is located three miles from the District Office. The Redbird Mission at Queendale (United Methodist Church affiliation) operates a K-12 school as well as a clinic staffed with a doctor, dentist, and an ambulance service. The Redbird Mission is about 14 miles up the Redbird River from the District Office.

Housing is limited in the Big Creek area. However, housing may be available on the compound. Houses are moderately priced ($75,000 – $250,000) in the communities of Manchester and London. Cost of living is moderate.

DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST

The Daniel Boone National Forest is located along the Cumberland Plateau in the Appalachian foothills of eastern Kentucky. The forest encompasses over 706,000 acres of mostly rugged terrain. The land is characterized by steep forested ridges dissected by narrow ravines and over 3,400 miles of sandstone cliffs.

These lands are federally managed to provide the nation with a sustained yield of natural resources, including wood, water, forage and wildlife. Recreation opportunities on the national forest are an added bonus. The conservation management of natural resources and recreation provides significant economic, environmental and social benefits in the public interest.

Millions of visitors come to enjoy the scenic beauty and abundant wildlife that the forest has to offer. Cave Run lake and Laurel River Lake are popular attractions on the forest. Other special
areas include the Red River Gorge Geological Area, Natural Arch Scenic Area, Clifty Wilderness, Beaver Creek Wilderness, and five wildlife management areas.

Over 600 miles of trails provide a quiet escape to more remote places within the forest. Hikers, horseback riders and other trail users get back to nature along the 269-mile Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail that extends the entire length of the Daniel Boone. Hundreds of miles of winding rivers and streams provide the finishing touch in outdoor beauty.

Candidates may learn more about the Forest by visiting our web site. http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone
CANDIDATE RESPONSE OUTREACH FORM
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Name: _______________________________
E-Mail Address: _______________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________
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Telephone Number: ______________________________

Are you currently a Federal Employee? YES _____ NO _____

If YES, current Agency/Region/Forest/District: ______________________________
Current Title/Series/Grade: __________________________________

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

_____ Person with Disabilities
_____ Veterans Readjustment
_____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
_____ Student Career Experience Program
_____ Other: __________________________________

Please send this completed form to Bobby Claybrook, District Ranger:
Email: rclaybrook@fs.fed.us
FAX: (606) 598-3648
US mail: Bobby Claybrook, District Ranger
Redbird Ranger Station
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Big Creek, KY 40914

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.
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