The National Forests in North Carolina (NFsNC) is advertising to fill a permanent full-time Forestry Technician position on the Pisgah Ranger District. This position will serve as the Forest Service lead for trails and wilderness on the Pisgah RD and have a duty station of Pisgah Forest, NC.
Applications for this position will be accepted through **January 19, 2024**. Applications that are submitted after January 19, 2024 will not be considered. The Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) vacancy announcement number for this position is 24-POD3-OCR-0462-REC-6-7DP. The vacancy announcement can be accessed at: 24-POD3-OCR-0462-REC-6-7DP. Please be sure to select Pisgah Forest, NC as the selected duty station.

**Primary Contact for any questions:** Kristen Sikorsky, Assistant Recreation Director, Pisgah Ranger District kristen.sikorsky@usda.gov, 828-877-3265 ext. 229.

**About the Position:**

This position will serve as the lead Trails and Wilderness Technician for the Pisgah Ranger District. The District has over 400 miles of trails and two Wilderness Areas; Shining Rock and Middle Prong. Additional recreation and volunteer/partnership responsibilities are also expected to be performed. Major duties include the following:

- Prepare and execute trail management plans and projects including project development, cost estimates, logistics, and project implementation.
- Develop Wilderness plans and projects involving trails, monitoring, condition surveys, or resource protection.
- Draft specifications for trail contracts. Serves as contracting officer representative and monitors efforts related to the contracts.
- Assist Volunteer and Partnerships Coordinator with developing, tracking, and monitoring various agreements.
- Perform trail construction, reconstruction, maintenance, reroutes, and condition surveys either independently or by leading other groups/crews.
- Keep records of visitor use and monitors types and pattern of use.
- Plan, maintain, and install signage for both trails and Wilderness areas.
- Serve as liaison with volunteer and partnership groups focused on trail and Wilderness assistance. Facilitates District trail leader meetings
- Supervise volunteer and service groups involved in trail or Wilderness projects.
- Lead and support a full range of safety training for individuals supporting trails and Wilderness. This will include chainsaws, crosscut saws, tool and equipment use, and proper personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Properly maintain trail and Wilderness tool caches.
- Lead or assist with Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly educational efforts
- Prepare and schedule personnel to accomplish agreed work priorities and to meet target deadlines.
- Assist with other developed and dispersed recreation area maintenance efforts.
Pisgah National Forest, Pisgah Ranger District

The Pisgah District boundary spans 4 counties and is comprised of more than 165,000 acres that features; mile-high peaks, cascading waterfalls, and diverse forested lands. It is considered a premier recreational destination with over 400 miles of trails and abundant opportunities to fish, hunt, camp, or simply enjoy the scenery. It features a broad program of land management activities that includes vegetation programs, fire, wildlife, fisheries, and Special Uses.

The Pisgah National Forest was established in 1916. This District is home of the first school of forestry in the United States, now preserved at the Cradle of Forestry in America historic site.

In addition to the Cradle of Forestry in America, notable places within the District include:

- Forest Heritage Scenic Byway
- Sliding Rock Recreation Area
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Two designated wilderness areas: Shining Rock and Middle Prong
- Looking Glass Rock
- Waterfalls such as Looking Glass Falls and Rainbow Falls
- Bent Creek Experimental Forest

Additional Information:
The town of Pisgah Forest is located near Brevard. For more information about the community, visit the Brevard/Transylvania website at http://www.brevardncchamber.org or by calling (828) 883-3700.

The National Forests in North Carolina:

The Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie, and Croatan National Forests make up the National Forests in North Carolina. Combined, the National Forests in North Carolina are among the most visited National Forests in the nation. The four national forests encompass 1.25 million acres, featuring ecosystems from the mountains to the sea. The Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests each contain more than 500,000 acres, the Uwharrie National Forest is the smallest unit with more than 50,000 acres, and the Croatan National Forest is more than 160,000 acres.

More information on the National Forests in North Carolina can be obtained by visiting the Forest website at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc
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- Flexible Work Schedules
- Highly competitive Federal Health, Vision and Dental Plans
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- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Wellness programs that allow for reimbursement of Fitness Memberships and/or Work-time to exercise
- Comprehensive Federal Retirement Package

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