



**USDA-FOREST SERVICE
SOUTHERN REGION (REGION 8)
ASHEVILLE, NC**

OUTREACH NOTICE

**AIR QUALITY SPECIALIST
GS-0401/1301-12**

The USDA Forest Service, Southern Region will soon be advertising for an Air Quality Specialist (GS-0401/1301-12). The incumbent will be responsible for providing a variety of tasks associated with managing air resources for the National Forests in the Southern Region. The position may be stationed in Asheville, NC or Atlanta, Ga, and will report to the Director of Biological and Physical Resources in the Atlanta, GA Regional Office.

A description of the duties, point of contact, and an outreach reply form for the position are provided. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know by returning the reply form and resume by July 1, 2020.

Duties

This position will serve as the Zone Air Quality Specialist, with responsibility for providing leadership, coordination, guidance and advice as a member of the USDA Forest Service Southern Region's Air Resource Management (ARM) Team, including smoke management training and technical assistance (including smoke modeling and monitoring), prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit review, inventory & monitoring of Class I Areas' Air Quality Related Values, and review of State Implementation Plans associated with regional haze, ozone, and particulate matter. While many air resource management responsibilities within the Southern Region are carried out in a collaborative atmosphere with other ARM Team members, the position will act independently as the primary contact for a subset of the National Forests in the Southern Region.

Given the large prescribed fire programs within the Region, a large portion of the work will involve assisting forests with evaluating and mitigating smoke management issues. The incumbent will be expected to engage with fire management personnel at both the forest, district, and Regional levels. Extensive travel may be required (up to 10 nights per month) during prescribed fire season.

These positions will be supervised by Director of Physical and Biological Resources in the Atlanta Regional Office. Individuals needing additional information on duties of the position may contact Regional Air Program Manager, Chuck Sams, at 404-290-4794.

Duty Location: National Forests in NC Supervisor's Office, Asheville, NC

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 Forest units 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.

Education

The Buncombe County and Asheville City school systems serve approximately 30,000 students. The high schools are medium size and consistently rank among North Carolina's best in scholastics and athletics. There are several private primary and secondary schools in the area and one charter school.

The University of North Carolina - Asheville (UNCA) is a modern, progressive four-year university offering 30 undergraduate degrees and a master's degree program in Liberal Arts. With more than 3,000 students, UNCA is ranked as one of the nation's best buys for a liberal arts education and is located across the street from the Supervisor's Office.

Western Carolina University at Cullowhee is within commuting distance and offers 90-degree programs and nine master's degree programs.

The Asheville commuting area also includes four private, four-year institutions -- Brevard, Mars Hill, Montreat, and Warren Wilson Colleges.

The Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College offers dozens of career programs for local employment and for transfer to baccalaureate programs in colleges and universities.

Health Care

Asheville is a regional health care and medical center. Residents of the area routinely travel to Asheville for specialized health care. There are over 1,500 hospital beds in Asheville and Buncombe County, more than 350 physicians, and about 95 dentists practicing in the area.

Mission Hospital is ranked as one of the nation's top heart surgery centers. The Department of Veterans Affairs also operates a regional medical center here.

Learn more about the National Forests in North Carolina at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/nfsnc>. For more information about the Asheville area, contact the Asheville Chamber of Commerce at (828) 258-6101 or visit the Chamber website at <http://www.ashevillechamber.org/>.

CONTACT for questions: Southern Region Air Quality Program Manager, Chuck Sams, charles.sams@usda.gov, (404) 290-4794.

OUTREACH REPLY FORM

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Please respond by July 1, 2020

RETURN REPLY FORM AND RESUME TO:

Margrett Boley
Director of Biological and Physical Resources
margrett.boleyn@usda.gov

NAME: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER _____
TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____
CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE: _____
CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____
WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH? _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- ____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- ____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- ____ OTHER _____

This outreach form does not constitute an application

Submission of this form is voluntary, but is encouraged.
Thank you for your interest!

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