

Outreach Notice

Temporary Employment Opportunity

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REGION 3 – APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS

DUTY STATION - Springerville, Arizona



GS-0462-04/05 SILVICULTURE TECHNICIAN

The **Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests** located in east-central Arizona , will be advertising one (1) **Silviculture Technician GS-0462-04** and one (1) **Silviculture Technician GS-0462-05** position. This position is a **Temporary Seasonal position** with a duty station of **Springerville, Arizona**. This position is zoned and will include work across Springerville and Alpine Ranger Districts and sometimes will allow for assistance with projects across the forests. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please submit an outreach response. Interested applicants should respond through the outreach database at the following link [OUTREACH DATABASE](#) or reach out to Jessica Alexander at Jessica.Alexander@usda.gov or 928-333-6290 to further discuss the position(s).

Position Description

As a silviculture technician, the incumbent will help support the program of work for the Apache Zone silviculture program during the FY22 field season. This individual will help solve technical problems and is expected to independently resolve problems. Supervisor provides assignments, to be achieved with explicit instructions on work methods and some guidance as needed. The incumbent should have some understanding of forestry practices, methods, and principles, basic use of tools used for forest measurements, data collection, and other forestry related activities, and be excited to work in the woods.

Other major duties include:

- Support reforestation program by assisting with contract administration, planting trees, and helping to inspect ongoing and previous reforestation projects. Support the tree climbing program.
- Collects Common Stand Exam data under close supervision. Perform task independently once comfortable with Common Stand Exam protocol. Includes assessment of fuels data.
- Assists in silviculture project preparation by layout of hand thin/ reforestation units, GPS of unit boundaries, and help supervisor maintain project records.
- Support Forest Health and Protection Program by collecting beetles, identifying common insects and diseases and locations that are endemic to Southwestern Region, and setting up moth traps.
- Observes and reports areas of possible archeological significance, and sightings of sensitive, threatened or endangered wildlife species.
- Participates in other aspects of resource management support work such as recreation, maintenance, timber, fire, etc.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

COVID Vaccination requirements - As required by the President's Executive Order 14043, Federal employees are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Vision of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests

- We believe in the diversity of natural resources, the long-term view, and multiple uses.
- We effectively manage for resiliency across the landscape.
- We ensure the perpetuation of a broad range of diverse habitats, exceptional recreation opportunities, functioning watersheds, robust rangelands, and a balanced flow of forest resources for future generations.
- We integrate community values and protection into all aspects of forest management.
- Our employees are appreciated individually for their contributions, and embrace safety as a core value.
- We embrace diversity and a collaborative approach with each other and the public.
- Our work is efficient, innovative, and adaptive.

About the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests:

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests (ASNFs) are some of the most diverse in the Southwestern Region, encompassing about 2.5 million acres including an extensive amount of the Mogollon Rim and the White Mountains. The Forests stretch from Leonard Canyon south of Winslow, Arizona to the New Mexico state line, then south of Springerville, Arizona to Clifton, Arizona. The landscape varies from high desert grasslands to above timberline with ponderosa, aspen, and spruce-fir forests in between. The Forests' elevations range from 3,500 feet on the Clifton Ranger District to over 11,000 feet on the Mount Baldy Wilderness. The ASNFs is home to a large part of the Mogollon Rim and White Mountains, rich in beauty and tranquility. Water is a major attraction with 24 lakes and reservoirs and more than 400 miles of rivers and streams - more than can be found in any other southwestern forest. The Forests supply timber, wildlife, grazing and tourism which help support local communities.

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is one of the leading National Forests in the country for the development and implementation of stewardship contracting. We are one of four forests involved in the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), with the goal of treating over 300,000 acres of ponderosa pine over a ten year period, as part of the restoration project. We supply major industry with fiber; from traditional sawmilling to a large pellet mill, a 25 megawatt bioenergy power plant, to a new high speed small diameter sawmill.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Springerville is located in East-Central Arizona on U.S. 60 and State Highways 180-191, approximately 220 miles Northeast of Phoenix and sits at an elevation of 7,000 feet. The towns of Springerville and Eagar make up the area referred to as Round Valley. The greater Springerville-Eagar population is approximately 6500 residents. The area is a haven for recreational enthusiasts in Arizona and New Mexico due to the proximity of a wealth of outdoor recreation year round, ranging from hunting and fishing to winter skiing. The “four seasons” attract many tourists which help support and economy based on ranching and timber.

Standard Position Description for the position is as follows:

GS-0462-04/05 Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement)

For more information about this position or questions pertaining to the hiring process, please contact **Jessica Alexander** at 928-333-6290 or e-mail at jessica.alexander@usda.gov.

The position will be advertised in the near future and those who respond to this outreach notice will be provided with the announcement number to apply to when the position is advertised. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted at the USAJOBS website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.gov>.



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