Vacancy Announcement
USDA Forest Service,
Southern Region     George Washington & Jefferson National Forests
James River/Warm Springs Ranger Districts
Hot Springs, Virginia
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Wildlife Biologist
GS-0486-5/7/9
Permanent Fill

Please see link attached for vacancy announcement; opening on 09/10/2019; closing 09/24/2019:
Job Opportunity Announcement Number 19-R8SVAJUL-617836-G-TW
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/544719700

The James River and Warm Springs Ranger Districts of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests are be filling a Wildlife Biologist, GS-0486-7/9 position with a duty station of Hot Springs, Virginia. This position offers a challenging career opportunity for an individual seeking a collaborative approach to forest management with a focus on increasing habitat diversity across the landscape.

ABOUT THE POSITION
This position is located on a Forest Service unit where the incumbent assist in and performs a wide variety of activities in planning, implementation, and administration of a comprehensive wildlife, fisheries, watershed, and invasive plant program.

The incumbent will serve under the district biologist as a professional wildlife biologist providing guidance and assistance in the protection, management, and improvement of wildlife and fisheries habitat within the framework of multiple-use management.

They will provide technical advice and leadership in gathering, compiling, and analyzing data to determine wildlife habitat requirements and management needs; assessing habitat quality and quantity, interpreting biological requirements for all wildlife species and their habitats; inventorying and monitoring habitat and in some cases populations; determining the need for and recommending wildlife habitat restoration, enhancement or improvement projects.; and studying
and recommending solutions to special coordination problems involving wildlife habitat protection.

The incumbent will work cooperatively with federal, state and private resource agencies and organizations and will coordinate program management with timber, fire, recreation and other internal resource programs.

The incumbent will prepare wildlife, fisheries and botany input for the district planning team, prepare environmental analysis reports, and develop biological evaluations for review by journey-level biologists.

Other duties include:
- Coordination of KV habitat work
- Database management
- Effectiveness monitoring
- Implementing herbicide spraying
- Establishing and maintaining professional contacts with other federal, state, and private organizations
- ID Team Leader/Member on wildlife and fisheries program specific projects integrating Forest Plan direction, GIS analysis, field review and ESA section 7 consultation (including wildlife, fisheries, and botany), contracting and internal implementation.
- Leads seasonal and permanent technicians to complete program of work.

**DUTY STATION(s)**

The Warm Springs and James River Ranger Districts are administratively combined and are located in the Alleghany Mountains of western Virginia within the counties of Alleghany, Bath, Rockbridge, and Highland. Lake Moomaw, one of the largest lakes in VA, is the centerpiece of recreation on both districts, offering both cool and warm water fisheries. Two congressionally designated wilderness areas are located on the James River and Warm Springs Ranger Districts. Several developed and dispersed recreation sites offer a multitude of opportunities for recreation and enjoying nature. Over 300 miles of multi-use trails course through the mountains and valleys offering day hikes or backpacking experiences for trail enthusiasts. Government Housing is available. Nearby towns include Hot Springs, Warm Springs, Covington, Clifton Forge, Lexington Virginia (1 hr) and Roanoke (1.5 hrs).

**Additional locality information:**
Bath County [https://discoverbath.com/](https://discoverbath.com/)
Alleghany Counties: [http://www.visitalleghanyhighlands.com](http://www.visitalleghanyhighlands.com)

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