



**OUTREACH NOTICE
WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN
NATIONAL FORESTS IN MISSISSIPPI
*De Soto Ranger District
Wiggins, Mississippi***

Title, GS-Series-Grade:	Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-06/07
District/Unit:	De Soto Ranger District National Forests in Mississippi
Date of Notice:	April 21, 2017

The National Forests in Mississippi will soon be filling a GS-0404-06/07 Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) for the De Soto Ranger District. This position has a duty station of McHenry, Mississippi. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity.

If you are interested in the position, fill out the attached Outreach Response Form.

POSITION INFORMATION:

We are looking for a highly motivated, self-starter that works and communicates well with people, enjoys challenging and diverse work, and practices safety first. This position primarily involves the management of threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife species. The duties require tree climbing and the use of chainsaws, tractors, boats, and GPS. Additionally, the incumbent will work with other programs dealing with recreation, prescribed burning, wildfire suppression, and other projects as needed. While the De Soto Ranger District is an exciting and rewarding place to work, the harsh field conditions require resilient individuals that can perform well in extreme heat and humidity, thick vegetation, and insects. The incumbent needs to be willing to work a flexible schedule in order to accomplish assignments. Some weekend, early morning, and late evening work will be required especially during the red-cockaded woodpecker breeding and augmentation seasons.

The incumbent will serve on several teams that work to advance goals across all National Forests in Mississippi; therefore, work will include working across program areas and district boundaries, working in all resource areas, and some weekend work.

This position will report to, and be supervised by, the Wildlife Biologist.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS: Eligible

DISTRICT INFORMATION

The De Soto National Forest is the largest National Forest within the National Forests in Mississippi with over 500,000 acres (the De Soto Ranger District has approximately 382,000 acres and the Chickasawhay Ranger District has approximately 150,000 acres). The District is located in eight southern Mississippi counties and extends from just south of Hattiesburg, MS to within 5 miles of Gulfport, MS.

The District has over 200 special uses, the largest being an 117,000 acre special use with the Mississippi Military Department, known as Camp Shelby, MS. Camp Shelby is the largest National Guard Training installation in the United States.

The De Soto Ranger District plans to sell around 10-15 million board feet of timber annually. Recreational use of the district is high by local residents, Louisiana residents, and visitors from other states and abroad; with 10 developed recreation areas, 175 miles of hiking, mountain bike, ATV and horse trails. The district also features the only two wilderness areas, the only National Wild and Scenic River, and the only handicapped accessible lake in the state.

With the rapidly growing population on the Gulf Coast, the district is experiencing a tremendous wildland/urban interface situation. The District is considered an urban forest because of its proximity to New Orleans, Gulfport/Biloxi, and Mobile.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The District office is located in Wiggins, MS, approximately halfway between Hattiesburg and Gulfport. Wiggins, the county seat for Stone County, has a population of approximately 4,000 residents, with the total population of Stone County being approximately 13,000. The District's 41 employees live in the Wiggins/Stone County general area, Hattiesburg, or Gulfport. Mississippi summers are hot and humid with an average temperature of 92 degrees. Winters are mild with an average low temperature of 33 degrees and an occasional freeze or snowfall.

WIGGINS

<http://www.cityofwiggins.com/>

<http://stonecounty.com/>

GULFPORT/BILOXI

<http://www.gulfcoast.org/>

<http://www.gulfport-ms.gov/>

<http://gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org/>

<http://biloxi.org/>

<http://www.biloxi.ms.us/visitor-info/>

HATTIESBURG

<http://www.hattiesburg.org/>

<http://www.theadp.com/greater-hattiesburg/overview-of-greater-hattiesburg>

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the position contact Ed Moody, Wildlife Biologist, Wiggins, MS 601-528-6176 or by email address: manmoody@fs.fed.us.

OUTREACH NOTICE RESPONSE FORM

De Soto National Forest

Please Respond by May 24, 2017

Position

Title/Series/Grade: Biological Science Technician (Wildlife), GS-0404-06/07

Location: McHenry, Mississippi

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Current Region/Forest/District/Agency: _____

Current Position Title/Series/Grade: _____

Wildlife Experience:

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

- _____ Persons with Disabilities
- _____ Veterans Recruitment Act
- _____ Disabled Veteran w/ 30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Student Intern Program
- _____ Other _____

Interested applicants should return this form to Ed Moody by May 24, 2017 at: manmoody@fs.fed.us or Fax 601-528-6193 or Mail: PO Box 248, Wiggins, MS 39577.