

# Outreach Notice

USDA – Forest Service  
Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests



**Title/Pay Plan/Series/Grade:**  
**Forestry Technician**  
**GS-5/6/7**

**Salary Range (estimated): \$34,916 - \$43,251**

The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests (FM&S), in South Carolina, will soon advertise a Forestry Technician position on the Andrew Pickens Ranger District in Mountain Rest, South Carolina. This position is a federal government job. The primary timber responsibilities are to prepare timber harvest units (mark, cruise, etc), and inspect logging operations. The primary recreation responsibilities are to maintain recreation areas and trails through contracts, force account labor and volunteers.

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position. All applicants must meet the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) position qualification standards, to be considered eligible for this position.

Interested applicants should complete the attached Response Form and submit to Victor Wyant (Silviculturist/TMA), 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mountain Rest, SC 29664 by **DUE DATE**. **For more information about this position, contact Victor Wyant, at 864-638-9568, or via email, [victor.wyant@usda.gov](mailto:victor.wyant@usda.gov).**

This position will be posted and filled using USAJOBS: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

## **Position Information:**

The position is supervised by the District TMA. This is not a supervisory position. However, field/project leadership and oversight of marking technicians during a portion of the year is one of the major duties. Other major duties of the position include the following:

### **TIMBER:**

At the full performance level, serves as a qualified timber cruiser, harvest inspector, and level 1 contracting officer's representative (COR). Tasks include timber harvest unit layout and boundary traverse (GPS), marking timber per silviculture prescription, and timber cruise implementation. Serves as crew leader of 1 to 3 seasonal employees during field season (November through May). Serves as timber harvest inspector to inspect logging activity for contract compliance. Serves as level 1 COR to inspect service contracts such as thinning, herbicide spraying, tree planting, etc.

### **RECREATION:**

At the full performance level, serves as a level 1 contracting officer's representative (COR) and will oversee recreation maintenance contracts. Will also serve as a Forest Protection Officer and will monitor recreation areas for compliance. General recreation areas include developed and dispersed recreation, trails, wilderness, and wild and scenic rivers. Tasks will include maintenance, visitor education, compliance checks, special use permit inspections, and volunteer work days, etc.

### **OTHER:**

The work requires moderate to strenuous physical exertion including walking on steep or uneven terrain, bending, lifting, and carrying. The Andrew Pickens is a small district, therefore personnel are expected to help with a variety of natural resource management work beyond their primary duties. Examples of other work expected of the incumbent include, but are not limited to, helping with prescribed burning, fish stocking, and road maintenance (clearing fallen trees, checking culverts, etc).

## **Duty Station Information:**

The Stumphouse Ranger Station - near Mountain Rest in Oconee County, South Carolina - is the duty station for the Andrew Pickens Ranger District. Popular attractions on the district include hunting, fishing, hiking, fall color sightseeing, camping, horse-back riding, and white-water floating on the wild and scenic Chattooga River. The Ellicott Rock Wilderness is also collocated on the District, with neighboring Forests in Georgia and North Carolina.



The Andrew Pickens Ranger District has a fairly even distribution of programs and work across all functional areas including wildlife,

fisheries (including cold water trout streams), fire, timber, recreation, special uses, and lands. The management on the district emphasizes habitat restoration and enhancement for a diverse range of wildlife and plant species with emphasis on rare, threatened, endangered, and sensitive species.

The district is slightly over 85,000 acres located in Oconee County. There are approximately 14 full time employees at the present time, and a varying number of temporary employees in any given year.



The District is located along the Blue Ridge physiographic province, on the edge of the Blue Ridge escarpment. Elevation ranges from 800 to 3400 feet. There is a broad diversity of forest types across the district landscape. Waterfalls, mountain streams/rivers, and lakes (both natural and man-made) are plentiful in the area.

Headquarters for the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests is located in Columbia, South Carolina. The Forests consist of five staff groups in the Supervisor's Office, and four ranger districts encompassing more than 629,000 acres in the mountains, the piedmont, and on the coast.



The other two Sumter NF districts are the Long Cane Ranger District, in Edgefield, SC, and the Enoree Ranger District, in Whitmire, SC. The Francis Marion NF and Ranger District is located in Huger, SC, near Charleston.

### **Community information:**



Mountain Rest is one of several small communities located within the boundaries of the District. The towns of Walhalla (population 4,000), Westminster (3,400), Salem (128), and Seneca (8,000) are located just outside the District boundaries. Schools with K-12 are located in Walhalla, Seneca, Salem, and Westminster. Clemson University (12,000) is about 18 miles away, in Clemson. The city of Greenville (SC) is a little over a one hour drive from Mountain Rest; and Atlanta (GA) is about a two hour drive.



More information about living in and around Oconee County is available via these web links:

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

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

<http://oconeesc.com/>

<http://sc.gov/Residents/Pages/movingToSC.aspx>



### **Housing/Travel:**

Government housing is not available. Airports are located in Greenville, SC, Atlanta, GA, and Charlotte, NC.

### **Climate:**

The average maximum summer temperature for Walhalla is 88.6°F, in July. The average minimum winter temperature is 30.2°F, in January. Average total precipitation is 60.64 inches per year. Average total snowfall is 3.8 inches per year. Temperatures in the mountains (Mountain Rest) are typically a few degrees cooler than the rest of the state year round, with heavier rainfall amounts.

### **How to apply:**

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement.

**Your outreach response does not constitute an application.**

The vacancy announcement will be posted at the US Government's official site for jobs and employment information: [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

Anyone interested in receiving a vacancy announcement for this position should complete the Outreach Response Form and return it to Victor Wyant, Timber Management Assistant.

E-mail: [victor.wyant@usda.gov](mailto:victor.wyant@usda.gov)

Surface mail: Victor Wyant  
112 Andrew Pickens Circle  
Mountain Rest, SC 29664

Thank you for your interest in the Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests!



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## **Outreach Response Form**

**Forestry Technician  
GS-0462-5/6/7**

**Location: Mountain Rest, SC**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal employee? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

IF YES:

Current Agency and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment: \_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_ Temporary

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a current permanent (career or career-conditional) employee, please indicate if you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

\_\_\_\_\_ Person With Disabilities

\_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Readjustment

\_\_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Career Experience Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

*Thank you for your interest in employment with the  
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