Job Opportunity

Biological Science Technician (Plants)

GS-4 ($14.95 per hour)
GS-5 ($16.73 per hour)

Ottawa National Forest
Ironwood, Michigan

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Vacancy Announcements
GS 4: 21-TEMP4-R9-5607-4DT-CB
GS 5: 21-TEMP4-R9-5608-5DT-JN

Open Period: October 16 to 26, 2020

The Ottawa National Forest is seeking applicants for summer work treating invasive plant infestations during the 2021 field season (approximately May through August or September).

Work will be conducted along roads and various habitat types. Infestations will include garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, Japanese barberry, Japanese knotweed, exotic honeysuckle, and exotic buckthorns. Methods to be used include herbicide application, hand-pulling, weed-whacking, cutting, and digging. The work involved is strenuous. Employees should be able to carry a 30-pound backpack sprayer over long distances in difficult terrain. Employees will be required to wear personal protective equipment such as hard hats, and for chemical applications, gloves, eye protection, rubber boots, and disposable Tyvek suits. All employees will be expected to pass a written test to become certified Michigan pesticide applicators (test preparation time will be allowed at the start of the position).

The duty location is Ironwood, Michigan. Work will occur across the million-acre Ottawa National Forest with transportation to work sites provided. Government housing is not available.

Qualifications & Pay

GS-4. $14.95 per hour. GS-04 positions require two years of education beyond the high school level with courses related to the position or one year of experience which included at least 6 months of specialized experience. Combinations of education and experience may be used to qualify.

GS-5. $16.73 per hour. GS-05 positions require four years of education beyond the high school level leading to a Bachelor's degree, or a Bachelor's degree with courses related to the position, OR 1 year of specialized experience equivalent to at least a GS-04. Combinations of education and experience may be used to qualify.
Please review the lengthier qualifications required given in the vacancy announcement online. A valid state driver’s license is required.

**How to apply**

The vacancy announcement will be available from **October 16 to 26**, on the USAJobs website found at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). Applicants must create or upload a resume and respond to vacancy announcement numbers 21-TEMP4-R9-5607-4DT-CB or 21-TEMP4-R9-5608-5DT-JN. Indicate Ironwood, Michigan, as a duty location you are interested in working.

Applications must be submitted electronically by **October 26, 2020**, to be considered. No applications can be accepted at local offices.

If you have any additional questions regarding this employment opportunity or application process, please contact:

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**Description of the Ironwood duty location:**

Government housing is not available. Apartment and small house rentals are available in the local community for approximately $350 to $500 per month. Ironwood, Bessemer, Wakefield, Ramsay, and Hurley are within 20 miles. There is limited public transportation available. Grocery and department stores and medical facilities are available in the Ironwood area. For more information, visit the Ottawa National Forest web page ([www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ottawa)) or contact Ian Shackleford.

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