



## Monongahela National Forest

Duty Station: Parsons, WV

Outreach Notice - Reply by **August 04, 2021**

Please return outreach responses to:  
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The Monongahela National Forest (MNF) plans to advertise a permanent GS-0401-07/09 Natural Resource Specialist (NEPA Writer-Editor) position soon.

### **GS-0401-07/09, Natural Resource Specialist (NEPA Writer-Editor) – Parsons, WV**

#### **Primary responsibilities of the position:**

Primary responsibilities are reviewing and/or writing environmental (EA/EIS) documents; managing small NEPA projects (categorical exclusions); gathering and evaluating subject matter documents prepared by others, including the required information and assumptions into NEPA documents; supporting Team leader with work planning and tracking of NEPA documents.

This position:

- Supports team with work planning by tracing the progress of NEPA documents and fully supporting team members in meeting timelines.
- Supports GIS specialists in identifying spatial information, assessing, interpreting, and applying GIS data to the NEPA process.
- Assesses and documents environmental impacts on social, economic, environmental, and other resources and makes recommendations regarding the management of specific natural resources.
- May perform field reconnaissance, collection, and analysis of data needed for preparation of environmental documents.
- Reviews permits, contracts, or work plans to ensure design criteria or mitigation specified in the NEPA decision are incorporated into the implementation tool.
- Gathers and reviews subject matter documents and includes the required information in the NEPA source document.
- Responsible for ensuring findings and recommendation are documented.
- Evaluates comments received to determine how best to respond to their concerns in accordance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

## About the North Zone

The Cheat and Potomac Districts were administratively combined under a single District Ranger in 1995. The District covers 274,206 acres of National Forest land and manages three wilderness areas (Dolly Sods 17,776 acres, Otter Creek 20,706 acres, and Roaring Plains West 6,792 acres), Seneca Creek Back Country, and Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area (the nation's first Forest Service National Recreation Area). The National Recreation area encompasses the prominent features of Seneca Rocks and Spruce Knob (4,863 feet) the highest point in West Virginia.

The Greenbrier Ranger District office is located in Bartow, WV and was constructed in the early 1990s and has an open, modern atmosphere. The District office complex is situated at about 2,800 feet in elevation in a river valley surrounded by mountains, and thus the summers are typically mild, and the winters are usually snowy and beautiful.

## About the Community

The duty station for this position is Parsons WV. Parsons, with a population of 1,592, is a full-service community with grocery stores, sit-down and fast-food restaurants, several banks, a hardware store, churches of many denominations, and a number of health-care providers. Schools offer K-12, and a community college is located nearby. No government housing is available, but housing is relatively affordable, and taxes are low. Purchase prices of a nice three-bedroom house in the Tucker County area range from \$125,000 and up. Rental homes and apartments are generally available. Within commuting distance are the towns of Seneca Rocks (25 min.), Thomas (25 min.), and Davis (25 min.) and Elkins (30 min). Property values may rise soon in these areas because of new highway construction and [business development](#).

For more information on the Parsons area, please visit the following internet links:

<https://tuckercounty.wv.gov/>

<https://parsonsadvocate.com/>

<https://tuckercountyschools.com/>

<http://www.homes.com/real-estate-agents/tucker-county-wv/>

Employees hit the local links: the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District is supportive of social outings to build comradery!



## About the Forest

The Monongahela National Forest includes over 921,150 acres of Federal lands in 10 West Virginia counties, making it the fourth largest National Forest in Region 9. The Forest is within a day's drive of 1/3 of the US population and is a recreation/tourist destination hosting over three million visitors each year. The Forest has four Ranger Districts, two Visitor Centers and eight Wilderness Areas.

The MNF currently has approximately 120 permanent employees. Summer hires, Ameri-Corp and SCA positions can add up to 30 employees each year. We have an actively growing fire program incorporating prescribed fire with some wildfire activity throughout the spring, summer, and fall.



The Monongahela is located in the central portion of West Virginia's Appalachian Ridge and Valley and Allegheny Plateau physiographic regions. The species diversity combined with the rural setting and interesting cultural environment, contribute to the unique lifestyle of the region. Communities boast friendly people, a reasonable cost of living, low crime rates, and enviable locations nestled in the Appalachian Mountains surrounded by forested landscapes interspersed with mountain meadows and rangeland. Opportunities abound for outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Recreation opportunities include three nearby downhill ski areas, cross-country skiing, numerous golf courses, river canoeing/kayaking/rafting, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, backpacking, mountain biking, horseback riding, caving, and nature watching. The numerous State Parks and Forests add to the number of locations available for such recreational activities in the area.

We enjoy all four seasons, but no one season is extreme. Winters are generally mild, yet we get enough snow at higher elevations to enjoy winter sports. Springs are mild and bring an explosion of green after winter snows melt. Summers are great for swimming, horseback riding, and fishing. Autumn brings cool, crisp nights and warm, sunny days loaded with some of the most colorful foliage to be seen.

**If you are interested in this position, please send the enclosed Outreach Response Form and a copy of your resume to North Zone NEPA Planner Amy Albright at [amy.albright2@usda.gov](mailto:amy.albright2@usda.gov) by **August 4, 2021**.**

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Outreach Response Form**

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**Natural Resource Specialist (NEPA Writer/Editor) GS-7/9**

**Name:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

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**Current Agency or Forest:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Current Job Title, Series and Grade:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

- Schedule A authority for hiring people with disabilities
- Veterans' Recruitment Appointment (VRA)
- 30 Percent or More Disabled Veteran
- Military Spouse Appointing Authority
- Veteran Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Public Land Corps
- Pathways Program
- Other (*please explain*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please provide a brief statement of how you think your experience/education meets the duties and basic qualifications of the outreach position.

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