

National Forests in Alabama...

"Alabama's Largest Natural Treasure"

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

SOUTHERN REGION, R8 NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA

The National Forests in Alabama will soon be advertising the position of Zone Air Specialist. The incumbent serves as program manager and staff advisor for issues related to air quality for the National Forests in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi. The position will be located at the National Forests in Alabama Supervisor's Office in Montgomery, Alabama.

The position of Air Specialist requires specialized knowledge and skills. Although outreach response will affect the final advertised grade range, initial analysis appears to support advertising the position as a GS-9/11/12 to insure a broad base of qualified candidates. The target grade for this position is GS-12. Below is a partial listing of duties:

- Serves as the Technical Air Quality Specialist for the National Forests in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, and the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests, in Georgia.
- Provides assistance to the Staff Officers responsible for the Air Resource Management Program on each of these NF's.
- Serves as technical leader in the interpretation and implementation of requirements imposed by regulations and legislation such as the Clean Air Act, as amended.
- Conducts reviews of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) applications for major emitting facilities to affirmatively protect the AQRV's including visibility, of Class I and Class II FS areas.
- Prepares Forests' responses to PSD permit applications, State redesignation proposals, and State Implementation Plans for the Federal Land Manager's signature.
- Implements procedures for incorporating air resource and atmospheric deposition management in Land Management Planning.
- Determines what affects various land uses, such as prescribed burning, have on air quality, AQRV's, and atmospheric deposition.
- Plans, prepares budgets, executes work, and monitors results of the annual Air Resource program of work.

THE COMMUNITY

This position is located in **MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**. With close to **200,000** people living in the City of Montgomery, and an additional **300,000** living in surrounding counties, Montgomery is not only a center of commerce but a leading cultural, medical, educational and recreational center.

Montgomery lies in the coastal plain region of central Alabama. Terrain is moderate to rolling and the city's historic section lies on the banks of the Alabama River. A network of reservoirs and waterways surround the city, and the availability of water-based recreation adds to the charm of the community. Montgomery's central location also provides easy access to other areas of interest. Atlanta is an easy 2 ½ hour drive, 165 miles to the northeast. Montgomery is only 90 miles south of **BIRMINGHAM, AL** and 175 miles northeast of **MOBILE, AL** and the **GULF OF MEXICO**.

The climate is warm but pleasant with an average annual temperature of 65.6 degrees. Montgomery has four seasons, although the winters are extremely mild, with the average annual snowfall at 0.3 inches. Cool, comfortable clothing is appropriate year-round, with sweaters and jackets worn during the cooler months.

A wide variety of educational opportunities are available. Montgomery is the home of Alabama State University, Auburn University at Montgomery, Faulkner University, Huntingdon College, Southern Christian University, and Troy State University at Montgomery. There are two technical colleges and **58 public schools** in the county, in addition to numerous private schools and academies.

Cultural opportunities include the historic State Capital and an opportunity view government activities. Montgomery hosts the regionally renown, Alabama Shakespeare Festival and both Faulkner University and Auburn University at Montgomery also offer public theater. There are a variety of museums and cultural sites throughout the city.

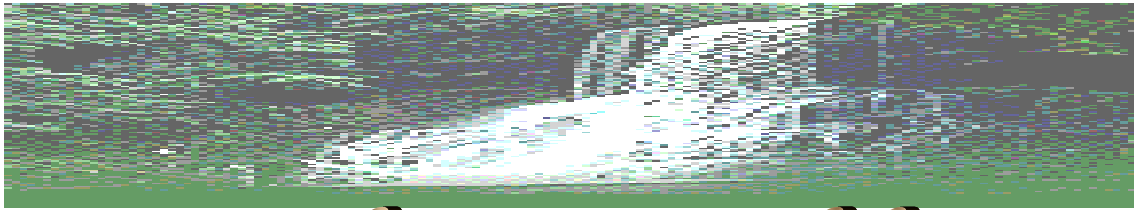
Montgomery serves as the **medical center for central Alabama** and is home to **three** community hospitals, a Veterans Administration hospital, a mental hospital, a U.S. Air Force Regional hospital, and a rehabilitation center. In addition, there are several walk-in clinics throughout the city.

Montgomery is an especially attractive large city for those who enjoy sports and the outdoors. The City has more than 80 parks that offer a variety of leisure time facilities and sporting activities for youth and adults. Those activities include golf, tennis, softball, baseball, soccer. The city hosts a minor league baseball team, the Montgomery Biscuits, and the State of Alabama Park system has established two "Robert Trent Jones Golf Tour" courses within the general metropolitan area. Nearby lakes, rivers, State wildlife management areas and the Tuskegee National Forest offer boating, fishing, and hunting opportunities. Both the Gulf coast and the mountains on north Alabama are within easy travel distance and complete the range of recreational opportunities.

There are numerous churches in the area representing a wide range of religions.

Plenty of nice homes are available with high quality three to four bedroom houses. The price of the houses in Montgomery and surrounding counties could range from **\$90,000** to **\$300,000** or more, depending on the location. **Rental houses** and **apartments** are available.

CONTACT: For information on duties and responsibilities, contact Charles Price, Planning and Natural Resources Staff Officer, at 334-241-8166.



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ZONE AIR SPECIALIST

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, CURRENT AGENCY AND LOCATION: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM _____
VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest!

Please return your completed form via e-mail to Deidre Smith at: dwsmith@fs.fed.us

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