

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILL**  
**Southern Region Eight, National Forest In MS**

**Title, GS-Series-Grade:** Forest Fire Management Officer, GS-462-12  
**Unit:** National Forests In Mississippi  
**Date of Notice:** February 19, 2010

The National Forest in Mississippi will soon be filling a GS-462-12, Forest Fire Management Officer. This position is a permanent full-time position located in the Forest Supervisors Office in Jackson, Mississippi. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) under vacancy announcement **PERM-OCR-462-12-FMO-G**

**Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement NO LATER THAN March 22, 2010.** The Referral List request date for this position will be **March 31, 2010**. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed date and are found to be qualified in the quality group will be referred for consideration. **Interested persons must apply through Vacancy Announcement PERM-OCR-462-12-FMO-G. Be sure to specify Jackson, MS as the duty station:**

[http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/Channels/USAJOBS/search.aspx?q=PERM-OCR-462-12-FMO-G&jbf574=AG11&lid=498&jbf522=&salmin=&salmax=&paygrademin=&paygrademax=&FedEmp=Y&tm=&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=%2Fagency\\_search.asp&submit1.x=86&submit1.y=15&pg=1&re=0](http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/Channels/USAJOBS/search.aspx?q=PERM-OCR-462-12-FMO-G&jbf574=AG11&lid=498&jbf522=&salmin=&salmax=&paygrademin=&paygrademax=&FedEmp=Y&tm=&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=%2Fagency_search.asp&submit1.x=86&submit1.y=15&pg=1&re=0)

*Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact the person listed below:*

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**POSITION INFORMATION:**

This position is located in the Fire, Minerals, Lands and Safety section of the Supervisor's Office in Jackson, Mississippi. The position provide technical management duties and responsibilities for the fire management program which includes; operations, fuels, fire ecology, aviation, fire training and safety. The National Forest in Mississippi usually averages over 225,000 acres of prescribed burning annually and averages over 100 wildfires a year; this workload requires the position to travel often to visit districts to ensure proper procedures and safety is being enforced.

**LOCATION/COMMUNITY INFORMATION:**

**ABOUT THE NATIONAL FOREST'S IN MISSISSIPPI**

The Supervisor's Office administers six National Forests, which includes seven Ranger Districts: Bienville, Chickasawhay, Delta, De Soto, Holly Springs, Homochitto and Tombigbee.

The land base of the NATIONAL FORESTS IN MISSISSIPPI covers approximately 1.2 million acres of land from the Mississippi-Tennessee state line to the Gulf Coast. The rolling hills of the Holly Springs Ranger District to the dark winding waters of the De Soto Ranger District offer travelers in Mississippi wildlife viewing and unlimited recreational opportunities.

## **ABOUT THE JACKSON COMMUNITY:**



### **LOCATION:**

Jackson, the state capital, is located in the west-central part of the state. Jackson is a major distribution center with a prime location, and is located equal distance between Memphis and New Orleans, north-south, and between Dallas and Atlanta, east-west. Encompassed in the boundaries of the Metropolitan Statistical Area are Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties.

Jackson stands at the crossroads of Interstates 55 and 20, running North-South and East-West respectively.

### **BUSINESS/INDUSTRY:**

With approximately 456 manufacturing firms, producing a variety of products, Jackson boasts the business diversity that not only ensures the local economy can withstand downturns in individual industries, but also attracts workers with a wide range of skills and educational levels. Other economic boosts in the Jackson area are 21 Fortune 500 companies, headquarters for 32 manufacturing firms, and facilities from 17 international corporations.

In neighboring Canton, the Nissan Motor Plant began production in 2003. Construction of a new addition to the existing facility is now underway. Nissan will expand its new assembly plant to increase its North American manufacturing capacity. This new investment will increase the plant's annual production capacity from 250,000 vehicles to 400,000 vehicles and add approximately 1,300 new jobs to the plant's workforce.

### **HOTELS:**

Choice accommodations are available in the Metro Jackson area as there are approximately 46 properties with over 5,500 rooms. Meeting rooms are also available at the larger hotels to accommodate training sessions, business meetings, etc.

### **RESTAURANTS:**

There is an abundance of fine restaurants, many with convention and banquet rooms; cuisine ranging from authentic deep Southern cooking to International fare.

### **POPULATION:**

The Jackson, Mississippi metro area has a population of over 400,000.

### **TAX RATES:**

Mississippi has a state income tax ranging from 3 to 5% and a sales tax rate of 7%.

### **CLIMATE:**

Jackson has a sub-tropical climate with an average temperature of 65 degrees, and an average annual rainfall of 52 inches. This combination of climate and rainfall give Jackson, and all of Mississippi, a lush green appearance year-round. Average temperatures are:

**Winter: 48° Spring: 65° Summer: 81° Fall: 66°**

### **HOUSING:**

Jackson boasts a wide variety of residential options for those who chose it as their home. From modern apartment communities and condominiums to neighborhoods of all shapes and sizes, Jackson has just the style you are looking for – be it quaint and historical, modern and plush, or quiet and rural. It is yours to acquire. Rental apartments are plentiful in the city and surrounding areas

### **CHILD CARE:**

Child and day care facilities are located in the Federal Building, as well as several other locations within the immediate metro area. Day-care centers are located throughout the Jackson area, as well as parochial schools and church nurseries for childcare.

### **CHURCHES:**

All major church denominations are represented in the city.

### **MEDICAL:**

A good selection of health care is available, including doctors, dentists and specialists. A wide variety of home care, adult day care, nursing homes and mental health facilities are available in Jackson and surrounding areas. Twelve hospitals, including the nationally renowned University of Mississippi Medical Center, provide diagnosis and treatment for nearly every possible physical and emotional ailment. Long recognized for being world leaders in research and quality health care, Jackson, Mississippi was the site for the world's first heart transplant and lung transplant.

### **EDUCATION:**

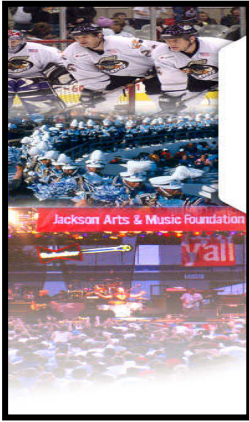
Local area schools include public school districts, private and parochial schools, offering educational opportunities for K-12. From kindergarten ages through the adult years, education seekers will find a variety of institutions and programs to challenge their minds and help them achieve their academic goals.

There are several two-year and four-year colleges and universities located within the area offering post-graduate work, a law school, seminaries and Bible schools, and business colleges offering a tremendous variety of options and opportunities. The colleges include Belhaven College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Tougaloo College, Jackson State University, and the renowned Ole Miss School of Medicine.

### **ARTS/CULTURE**

With numerous museums and performing arts companies, Metro Jackson promotes cultural awareness year-round. Whether you enjoy unique art exhibits by national or local artists, or prefer an evening at the symphony, Jackson will earn your appreciation.

Arts and culture enrich the area, with major performing arts organizations including the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, New Stage Theatre, the Mississippi Opera and others. Jackson hosts an array of events including "Jubilee Jam" (multi-stage outdoor concert), "Hog Wild" (eating festival), and St. Paddy's Day Parade.



**RECREATION:**

The 33,000 acre Ross Barnett Reservoir bounds the city on the northeast, and provides metro-area residents with easy access to sailing, boating, and fishing. This beautiful lake, named after former Governor Ross Barnett, lends a tranquil atmosphere to the many lakeside neighborhoods.

There is a powerful tradition of sports in the area; including, baseball, football, soccer, tennis, racquetball, swim teams, golf courses, running/jogging, horse-back riding and cycling. Indoor exercise is available at several large fitness facilities. Excellent opportunities are available for hunting and fishing in the local area, as well as the whole state. There are 27 State Parks, 10 Pat Harrison Waterparks, and 6 National Forests covering 1,171,533 million acres, providing plentiful wildlife and many

recreational outlets; whether your choice is hunting the abundant white - tailed deer or turkey, fishing in one of the many national forest lakes, viewing wildlife, or camping.

If you are a beach lover who enjoys long walks along the beach at sunset, sailing the warm coastal waters, feeding the dolphins or maybe go on a deep-see fishing tour, the Mississippi Gulf Coast is within three hours driving time. The coast has many festive attractions; including casinos, Mardi-Gras celebrations, as well as many historic places to visit.

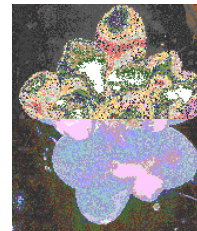
See **Graceland**, the home of Elvis Presley in Memphis, Tennessee, in about 3-1/2 hours. Set out along the Mississippi River to tour the battlefields of the Civil War in 45 minutes at nearby Vicksburg. There are casinos along the river in Natchez, which is about 2 hours away from Jackson.

**SHOPPING:** Metro Jackson boasts three regional shopping malls and numerous, multi-store centers.

**TRAVEL:**

Major air carriers pass through the Jackson airport daily: Continental Express, Delta, Northwest Airlin, South-west, TWA and US Air Express are located in the Jackson International Airport. Amtrak Railway, providing a direct link from Chicago to New Orleans, passes through Jackson daily also.

*Many other tourists' attractions in Jackson and surrounding cities are visit. Come join the National Forests in Mississippi and see why we Hospitality State!*



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