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Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

USDA Forest Service - Southern Region

GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

**Soil Scientist**

GS-0470-11

**Outreach Submittal Deadline: March 20th, 2016**

The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest (CONF) is conducting an outreach for highly skilled and qualified candidates to fill a **Soil Scientist, GS-0470-11** position with a duty station of Gainesville, GA. This is a non-supervisory, forest-level position. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

THE POSITION

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

The incumbent supplies soil related information to the land management planning process and provides technical expertise in analyzing this information. Determines resource potentials, suggests alternative management practices, predicts the effect of each management alternative, and assesses the resource trade-offs required to build an optimum program. Formulates and recommends Forest short range programs for soils management and provides technical evaluation and support to the development of long range plans. The incumbent will be highly involved as an Interdisciplinary Team Member for landscape-scale Interdisciplinary Resource Management analysis on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest.

**Major Duties and Responsibilities of the Position:**

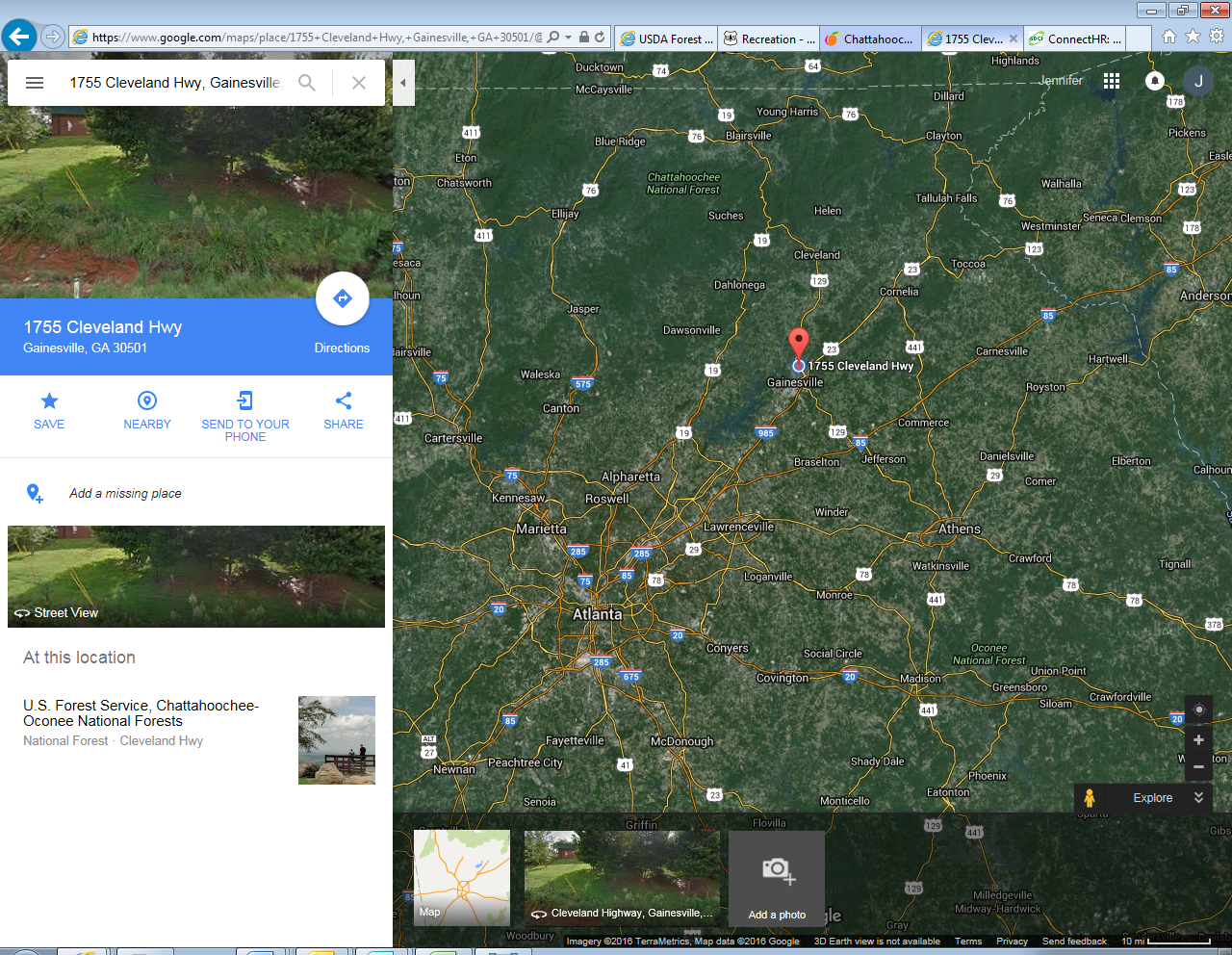
* Incumbent is responsible for making assigned soil management investigations of soil management problem areas, analyzes data, and makes recommendations for resource management activities on the Forest. Advises on capabilities and limitations of soils for a variety of contemplated uses and activities (e.g., timber sales, watershed rehabilitation projects, transportation planning, or recreation development).
* Provides soil related information needed to develop and maintain the Forest Land Management Plan, prescriptions, and other proposals and environmental analyses. Monitors projects to evaluate effects of management practices and serves as a technical expert on environmental programs.
* Conducts detailed soil surveys in areas complexity. Is completely responsible for development and interpretation of soil survey legend. Prepares inventory reports which include inventory descriptions, and map unit descriptions characteristics.
* Participates in the preparation annual and long range program and budget process by recommending priorities of soil projects.
* Conducts training of personnel in the use and application of exploratory soil surveys and irrigation suitability surveys.

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests provide the finest outdoor recreation opportunities and natural resources in Georgia. Featuring nearly 867,000 acres across 26 counties, hundreds of miles of clear-running streams and rivers, approximately 850 miles of recreation trails, and dozens of campgrounds, picnic areas, and other recreation activity opportunities, these lands are rich in natural scenery, history and culture. The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests is part of the Southern Region, with the Forest Supervisor’s office in Gainesville, Georgia, managing four District units in Blairsville (Blue Ridge District), Lakemont (Chattooga River District), Chatsworth (Conasauga District), and Eatonton (Oconee District).

**For more information about the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, please see the following link:**

* [www.fs.usda.gov/conf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/conf)



**ABOUT GAINESVILLE, GA**

Bordered by Lake Sidney Lanier and the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the sheer beauty of the landscape inspires families to grow and thrive while the flourishing economic environment attracts shopping, medical, financial and educational institutions that are second to none—an ideal balance.

**Gainesville,** the county seat of Hall County, is a bustling city of more than 35,000 people. Located 50 miles northeast of Atlanta and 35 miles northwest of Athens, Gainesville is the trade, medical, educational, industrial, retail, cultural and recreational center of Northeast Georgia. Lake Lanier extends across the county with 38,000 acres and 607 miles of shoreline.

From swimming, boating, fishing, golfing, hiking, and horseback riding to team sports, Gainesville and Hall County have venues and outlets for every recreational activity. Hall County has more parks than any county in the United States, 23 U.S. Corps of Engineers parks on Lake Lanier and another 47 parks located throughout the county.

The area is also home to the Lake Lanier Olympic Center, the rowing, canoe and kayak venue for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games where lessons and events for teams and individuals are offered. Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve, a 2,500 acre park, features miles of nature trails, the [Elachee Nature Science Center](http://www.elachee.org/" \t "_blank), a wildlife garden and nature activities. Within a short distance are several State Parks, not to mention all that the Chattahoochee National Forest has to offer.

With more than 20 active local arts organizations, Gainesville and Hall County offer an exciting array of theater and symphony, art exhibits and cultural programs. Hall County Schools offers a school choice program that makes a highly personalized education available to all students, including 21 diverse Charter Schools and Programs of Choice across the county. From small farms with rolling acreage to historic downtown homes to modern dwellings on the lake, the area has housing options to suit every need.

More information can be obtained from the City of Gainesville 770-535-6865 or call the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest Supervisors Office at 770-297-3000.

**For more information about Gainesville, GA please see the following links:**

[www.ghcc.com](http://www.ghcc.com)

[www.Gainesville.org](http://www.Gainesville.org)

[www.HallCounty.org](http://www.HallCounty.org)

[www.GainesvilleTimes.com](http://www.GainesvilleTimes.com) and [www.AccessNorthGa.com](http://www.AccessNorthGa.com)

[www.HallCo.org](http://www.HallCo.org)

If you are interested in the position, please submit the Outreach Interest Form from the next page to:

**Mike Brod**

Fire and Natural Resources Staff Officer

**Office:** 770-297-3090

**Email:** [mbrod@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbrod@fs.fed.us)

**Fax:** 770-297-3034

**Mail to:**

Attention: Mike Brod

Fire and Natural Resources Staff Officer

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

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Gainesville, GA 30501

**Voluntary Outreach Interest Submittal Deadline: March 20th, 2016**

**OUTREACH INTEREST FORM**

If you wish to express interest in this position, please complete this voluntary Outreach interest form. Please read all of the information contained below and be sure to follow the stated instructions.

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| **Position (title, series, grade):** | **Soil Scientist**  **GS-0470-11** | | | | | |
| **Duty Location:** | **Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest Supervisors Office** | | | | | |
| **Name:** |  | | | | | |
| **E-mail Address:** |  | | | | | |
| **Contact Number:** |  | | | | | |
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| **Current federal employee?** | Yes: |  |  | No: |  |  |
| **Current position title:** |  | | | | | |
| **(If federal employee provide series/grade)** | | | |  | | |
| **Current location:** |  | | | | | |

**If you are not a current federal employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:**

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|  |  | Individuals with Disabilities (Schedule A) | | |
|  |  | Former Peace Corps Volunteer | | |
|  |  | Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA) | | |
|  |  | Veterans Recruitment Appointment (VRA) | | |
|  |  | 30 Percent or More Disabled Veterans | | |
|  |  | Other |  | |
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| **Send this completed form to:** | | | | **Mike Brod/ Fire and Natural Resources Staff Officer** |
| **E-mail address:** | | | | [mbrod@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbrod@fs.fed.us) |