



## **OUTREACH NOTICE FOREST SURVEYOR GS-1373-12\***

(Salary Range \$ 74,596 – \$ 96,978)

**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests  
Forest Supervisor's Office  
4931 Broad River Road  
Columbia, SC 29212**

**\* Please note: the target grade for this position is a GS-12. We will use the results from our outreach efforts to determine how best to advertise the position (i.e., Forest Service-wide, Government-wide, external; at GS-12, at GS-11/12, etc.).**

The Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests will soon offer a rare, exciting, and challenging opportunity for individuals to become the Forests' Land Surveyor. Housed in a prime location between the mountains and the sea, this position serves in the Forest Supervisor's Office located in Columbia, S.C. The Land Surveyor is in the Fire, Lands and Planning Staff Group, a strong, diverse and active staff area supporting work on four ranger districts. The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests encompass approximately 630,000 acres in the mountains, piedmont, and coastal plain.

### **The Position:**

The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests is one of the most active forests in the Southern Region for its size and continues to have multiple successes.

The Lands Program includes survey and boundary management, land acquisition, and special uses. The staff is aggressive with leveraging federal monies and outside sources to increase the effectiveness of our forest restoration activities, including land acquisitions and exchanges, and boundary maintenance. An innovative and current "Land Ownership Adjustment Strategy" guides much of the acquisition and exchange program. A novel "Conservation Land Use Agreement" with the US Army Corps of Engineers has resulted in the donations of millions of dollars of land in need of protection. The fragmented nature of the ownership has required innovative approaches to managing our lands. One registered land surveyor supports the

boundary maintenance needs, as well as the active acquisitions and exchange program. The lands program includes three realty specialists, all working in the Supervisors office.

There are approximately 2,100 miles of boundary to maintain. There is an average of three land adjustments a year. Our district staff are accepting more responsibility for boundary maintenance under the budget reform process.

Major responsibilities include program development and administration of the forests' cadastral, landline location and maintenance, geodetic, right of way, claims, Small Tracts Act surveys, and land status records. The Land Surveyor plans and develops survey contract processes, procedures, and standards. The position serves as a technical expert on all land survey contract matters and as the contracting officer representative (COR) on all survey contracts.

### **Information about Columbia, South Carolina:**

Columbia is an ideal, centralized location – two hours from the ocean (Charleston/Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and three hours from the mountains (Asheville, N.C.). It is also the capital of and the largest city in South Carolina, home to the governor, state government, and state legislature. Columbia offers multiple diverse and interesting cultural and social opportunities for families and single people alike. It is also close to larger metropolitan areas such as Atlanta (three hours) and Charlotte (90 minutes).

The U.S. Census estimated Columbia's population as approximately 133,000 and 702,000 for the surrounding Lexington and Richland Counties. Columbia's mid-sized airport serves four airlines including American, American Eagle, Delta, and United Airlines.

Seven school districts as well as several private schools serve students in Richland and Lexington counties. A key component of downtown Columbia is the University of South Carolina's main campus. Other post-secondary schools in the area include Allen University, Benedict College, Columbia International University, Columbia College, Columbia Junior College, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and Midlands Technical College. In addition, Newberry College and South Carolina State College offer educational opportunities within a commutable distance.

The Columbia area has long, warm/hot summers and mild winters. Columbia's coldest month is January when the average temperature overnight is 34.0°F. In July, the warmest month, the average daytime temperature rises to 94.0°F. The annual precipitation is 45 inches.

The Columbia area boasts many attractions including Lake Murray, Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Gibbes Planetarium, Columbia Museum of Art, South Carolina State Museum, historical sites, state parks and gardens, cultural events, college sports, a professional hockey team and various shopping areas. Outdoor recreation includes mountain biking at Harbison State Forest, boating and fishing on Lake Murray, tennis, golf and horse riding.

### **Community information:**

See the following websites for additional information:

<http://www.columbiasc.net>

<http://www.thestate.com>

<http://www.columbiacvb.com/>

<http://www.sc.edu>

<http://www.sciway.net>

**How to apply:**

The vacancy announcement will be posted at the US Government's official site for jobs and employment information: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

Anyone interested in receiving a vacancy announcement for this position should complete the Outreach Response Form and return it to Mary Maercklein, Acting Staff Officer for Fire, Lands and Planning, by e-mail or surface mail no later than March 31,2020

E-mail: [mary.maercklein@usda.gov](mailto:mary.maercklein@usda.gov)

Surface mail: Mary Maercklein  
Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests  
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Columbia, SC 29212-3530



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# Outreach Response Form

**Position Title/Series/Grade:**

**Forest Land Surveyor GS-1373-12\***

**Location: Forest Supervisor's Office, Columbia, South Carolina**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal employee?  YES  NO

IF YES:

Current Agency and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment:  Permanent  Term  Temporary

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a current permanent (career or career-conditional) employee, please indicate if you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

- Person with Disabilities
- Thirty (30%) or More Disabled Veterans
- Veterans Employment Opportunity Act
- Veterans Recruitment Appointment
- Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act
- Resource Assistant Program eligible
- Public Land Corps eligible
- Pathways-Intern Indefinite, Pathways-Intern NTE or Pathways Recent Graduates
- Pathways-Presidential Management Fellows (PMF)

Additional Forest Service hiring authorities can be found at:

<http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/hrm/hiring-trail/documents/HiringAuthoritiesChart.pdf>

*Thank you for your interest in employment with the Francis Marion & Sumter National Forest*

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