

UNDER CIVIL SERVICE RULES

Those Who Seek Work on Forest Reserve Must Pass Examination

The Bureau of Forestry has published a circular giving information regarding employment on the national forest reserves. This circular explains how appointments to the forest service on the reserves are made, states the salaries of its members, and indicates the knowledge and experience required of rangers and supervisors, and the duties each must perform. The future organization will include forest supervisors at \$1,800 to \$2,500 a year, deputy forest supervisors at \$1,500 to \$1,700, forest rangers at \$1,200 to \$1,400, deputy forest rangers at \$1,000 to \$1,100, and assistant forest rangers at \$800 to \$900.

The law requires that every applicant for a position in the forest service pass a civil service examination. Legal residence in the state or territory in which employment is desired is generally necessary, since only where examinations fail to secure thoroughly satisfactory men are vacancies filled by the examination of applicants from other states. Appointments of supervisors are made, so far as practicable, by promotion of competent rangers or forest assistants.

To be eligible as forest ranger the applicant must be physically sound, accustomed to outdoor work, and know how to take care of himself and his horse in regions remote from settlement and supplies. He must know something of surveying, estimating and scaling timber, lumbering, and the livestock business. Some of the reserves require a specialist in one or more of these lines of work. The applicant must be thoroughly familiar with the region in which he seeks employment. The entire time of rangers is to be given to the service. Rangers under the direction of the forest supervisor, patrol to prevent fire and trespass; estimate, survey, and mark timber, and supervise its cutting; issue mining permits, build cabins and trails, enforce grazing restrictions, investigate claims, and make arrests for violation of reserve laws.

Forest supervisors must have all the qualifications of rangers, combined with superior business and administrative ability. They deal with the public in all matters connected with the sale of timber, the control of grazing, the issuing of permits, and the application of all regulations for the use and occupancy of forest reserves. Knowledge of technical forestry is desirable, but not essential.

Work upon the forest reserves offers good and increasing opportunity for men of the right sort. Requests for information about the times and places when and where examinations will be held should be addressed to the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

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