

## Ecological classification and forest succession on the Hoosier NF Summer 2026 Field Technician with Purdue University

### **Job Description:**

We are hiring one technician to assist with the collection of field data at sites within the Hoosier National Forest, in southern Indiana, as part of a collaborative study between the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University and the USDA Forest Service. The technician will work alongside a graduate student collecting vegetation data (overstory, understory, and herbaceous) and soil samples to study long-term forest change. Basic knowledge of proper field techniques and backcountry safety are required. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license.

### **Duration:**

Early May to mid-August  
(40 hours/week; 4 days on/3 days off)

### **Pay:**

\$16.00 per hour. Housing is provided.

### **Experience and Skills:**

The ability to identify trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants of southern Indiana is strongly desired. We also desire basic knowledge of forest measurement practices, experience with backcountry navigation using a topographic map and compass, and familiarity with standard equipment including GPS.

### **To apply:**

Please email a resume (including contact information for two references), cover letter, unofficial transcripts, and dates of availability to: [jenkinma@purdue.edu](mailto:jenkinma@purdue.edu). We will begin reviewing applications on March 20, 2026, and will continue until the position is filled.

### **Contact:**

Please contact Michael Jenkins ([jenkinma@purdue.edu](mailto:jenkinma@purdue.edu)) if you have any questions about the position.

