



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Zone 3 Fire Management

“Caring for the Land and Serving People”



Forestry Technician(Fire)

GS-0462-5

Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) will soon be filling two permanent Forestry Technicians (Fire), GS-0462-05. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform candidates of the upcoming opportunity and allow them time to submit the appropriate application.

This position will perform a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks supporting natural resource management program areas. Job duties will center on the District Fire, Recreation, and Timber programs, as well as other duties assigned. Selected candidates will be required to obtain and maintain a government drivers' license.

These positions will be included in the Mark Twain National Forest “Zone 3” fire program, which includes the, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs and the Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger Districts. Incumbents will also make significant contributions to the Zone timber and recreation programs.

The duty station for the positions will be **Ava, Missouri**.

Major Duties

FIRE-Incumbents serve as senior wildland firefighters. Duties include fire prevention, patrol, detection, suppression, and prescribed burning. Serves as a senior firefighter on handcrews and engines. May assist in performing work of starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. May have specialized duties such as water handling specialist, fully qualified chain saw operator, and may be responsible for maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Incumbent may serve as Incident Commander on initial attack. Incumbent performs wildfire suppression support as directed within training and physical capabilities, and other duties as assigned. Duties listed are at the full performance level.

This position has responsibilities unique to the Mark Twain National Forest. The incumbent will be exposed to a wide variety of opportunities to progress in their wildland fire career. Working on an engine or in a crew setting will not be the only responsibility; opportunities will be available to develop skillsets in heavy equipment operations and prescribed fire implementation and preparation.

Selective Placement Factors:

- A minimum 90 days experience performing wildland fire suppression duties as a member of an organized fire suppression crew or comparable unit that utilized knowledge of wildland fire suppression, containment or control techniques and practices under various conditions. This experience must be documented with specific dates in the online application or resume.
- Primary firefighter positions include the following age requirements: Under age 37 -OR- less than age 37 after subtracting the months of Federal Service worked in a primary or secondary firefighter/law enforcement position -OR- a veteran preference eligible, older than age 37 and

is requesting a waiver to the maximum age requirement.

- Successfully completed the Primary NWCG Core Requirement of Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1).
- Successfully completed the NWCG Course # S-290, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior.

TIMBER – The selected candidates for this position will perform timber sale preparation duties including; timber marking, timber cruising, timber sale layout, interpretation and implementation of complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest. The ability to work well with others, good communication skills, positive attitude, and a strong work ethic are highly desirable along with knowledge of forest measurement tools and techniques including the use of clinometer, map, compass, and prism.

Duties also include providing zone-wide support to the operations team, as well as participation in forest-wide priority projects and associated presale coordination with off-district crews that may be assigned to work on the unit to accomplish forest goals in sale preparation. The A/C/W zone, to include Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District produces an average timber sale volume total of approximately 16.0 MMBF per year. **Incumbents will be expected to attain certification as a Region 9 cruiser within one year.**

Recreation – Incumbents will assist in all aspects of recreation management. Assures recreation areas are maintained in accordance with standards and reports on condition of area. Assists with trail maintenance, both motorized and non-motorized. Makes group and individual contacts in providing forest recreation information and answering questions about recreation management on the unit. Provides specific information concerning camping or hiking and other area regulations such as fire, safety, and sanitation. Provides notification to visitors of violations and potential violations. During recreation season, work schedules will be modified to work weekends.

Vacancy Announcement

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine the interest in this position. Vacancy announcement for this position has not yet been posted on USA Jobs. Applicants are encouraged to check [USA Jobs](http://www.usajobs.gov) website for information.

Because of the new hiring process with eRecruit, we will be contacting those responding to the outreach listed regarding the application process and vacancy announcement details. We expect the vacancy announcement to be posted in early February, 2016.

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND PLACEMENT LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION; AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain/create a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. The vacancy will be advertised at <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

Office of Personnel Management Qualifications: Complete qualification requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site web site:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm>

Time-in-Grade Requirement: If you are a current or former federal employee and applying for a promotion opportunity, you must have 52 weeks of Federal service at the next lower grade in the normal line of progression for the position being filled. This requirement must be met within 30 days of the closing of this announcement.

If you are interested in knowing more about this position contact Reggie Bray at 417-683-4428, or e-mail rebray@fs.fed.us. If you are interested in this position, please complete the enclosed Outreach Notice form and return to the address listed on the form.



ABOUT THE FOREST:

[Mark Twain National Forest](#) is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern third of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Forest contains approximately 1.5 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and some associated shortleaf pine. A full range of vegetation and recreation management activities on the forest include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation, and mining.

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

The ACW RD covers approximately 320,000 acres of federal ownership. It is located in seven southwestern Missouri counties: Barry, Christian, Douglas, Howell, Ozark, Stone, and Taney.

A/C/W RD hosts 25 permanent fulltime positions. The District program of work includes management of the largest acreage of federally-owned glades in the State of Missouri; management of three State Natural Areas; timber harvesting for utilization and other resource objectives; three recreation fee demo campgrounds (one of which connects to 85 miles of ATV and motorcycle trails), two day use areas, three National Forest scenic byways, one national recreation trail and many dispersed recreation opportunities. The program of work also includes the management of three Wilderness areas: Hercules Glades – 12,315 acres (Ava unit); Piney Creek – 8,142 acres (Cassville unit); and Devil's Backbone – 6,595 acres (Willow Springs unit); special uses management is increasing with the emphasis in road access, recreation events, utilities and commercial outfitter and guide uses.

There are numerous non-recreational caves (currently under a Forest Closure Order) on the District and Forest, managed for various threatened, endangered and sensitive species. An active heritage program exists on the A/C/W RD. It is rich in cultural resources including Native American, Civil War and Civilian Conservation Corps history.

Ecosystems on the District include cedar glade, oak, oak-pine, and pine forests, oak savanna, and open woodlands. The terrain ranges from the rough breaks and dissected hill country to the flat plains. Walking conditions can range from open park-like conditions to steep slopes with dense mid and understories.

The HRCC District covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 196,800 acres in federal ownership. It is located in seven Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, and Wright. The District is rich with rivers and streams: the beautiful bluffs of the Big Piney River, the Gasconade River and Little Piney River in the southern part of the district and Cedar Creek at the north end. Fishing and canoeing opportunities abound. Smaller creeks supplied by springs provide other fishing or water-based recreational opportunities, including trout fishing. Oak/hickory and shortleaf pine forests provide abundant opportunities to observe and/or hunt wildlife such as turkey, white-tailed deer and squirrels.

The District hosts 19 PFT positions. The district contains four campgrounds, four day-use areas, several developed trailheads and river accesses. The program of work also includes the management of the Paddy Creek Wilderness (7,019 acres) on the Houston unit, a large special uses program, a diverse wildlife management program, a large prescribed fire program, a well-developed openlands habitat management program including grazing permits, and a timber management program. Fort Leonard Wood, a 63,000 acre military installation lies within the district boundary. The district is influenced by dispersed and developed recreation users from this unit, as well as works cooperatively on a variety of projects.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Ava, Missouri has a population of approximately 3,000 and is located in south central Missouri in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks in Douglas County (population est. 15,000). It is 60 miles southeast of Springfield, Missouri, 13 miles south of U.S. Route 60 and 60 minutes east of Branson, Missouri. Branson is just a stone's throw from our units of Ava and Cassville. Ava is the Douglas County seat. It is a full service community.

Recreation: Outdoor recreation opportunities abound and include fishing, hunting, hiking, nature watching, camping, mountain biking, and boating. Ava is 45 to 90 minutes from Table Rock Lake, Lake Taneycomo, and Bull Shoals lakes for boating and fishing. A municipal pool was recently built for the town of Ava and a private pool exists at the Ava Country Club. With a Parks and Recreation director Ava offers: playgrounds, Little League, , girls softball, Toss and Tee Ball, soccer, football, baseball; a 9-hole country club golf course (grass greens), tennis courts, indoor archery, a community skate park, and a new community fitness center. Ava is also the home of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association, which is the only place in the world where a fox trotter can be registered.

Industry: is primarily rural-agricultural with the emphasis of dairy farms, cattle ranching, sawmills and small businesses. Copeland Manufacturing is Ava's only large industrial plant.

Real estate: Homes in the Ava community and surrounding areas range from \$45,000 to \$150,000 plus; some include acreage. The majority are two to three bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain, rental rates are \$300 to \$450 per month plus utilities. There are four trailer parks in the area. Buildable land at reasonable prices is available.

Government Quarters: None.

Education: Education opportunities include public primary and secondary schools. In addition, Drury University and Southwestern Missouri State University have satellite extensions in Ava. The Ava High School has AAA classification and hosts a vocational education program. Douglas County Public Library is also located in Ava.

Medical: There are health care facilities in Ava however, the nearest hospitals and specialists are located an hour away in Springfield, West Plains and Branson, Missouri.

Shopping: facilities are better than average for a town of this size. Ava hosts a natural food store, Walmart, antiques stores, archery shop, and a variety of restaurants. In addition Ava is approximately one hour from Springfield and Branson. Branson is world famous for musical shows and Silver Dollar City amusement park. There are four banks with full banking facilities and three full service savings and loan establishments as well. Movie goers have access to one theater in Ava.

Churches: of many denominations can be found in Ava and the surrounding area. Civic organizations include: Lion's Club, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs.

Weather: summers average 85° F, however, occasionally temperatures reach 100° F and above in July and August. Winters have an average high temperature of 44 °F. Temperatures may drop below 0 degrees for short periods of time. Annual rainfall averages just over 44 inches.

For more information, check out the Ava Chamber of Commerce website, [Ava Missouri Area Chamber of Commerce](#) (hit Ctrl and click on this hyperlink to connect to the website).



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E-mail to: Reggie Bray (rebray@fs.fed.us)

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Reggie Bray, Rt 6, Box 614110, Ava, MO 65608, OR

FAX to: 417-683-5722, ATTN: Reggie Bray.

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Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs and Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger Districts*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Date:

Mailing Address

E-Mail Address

Phone: Work:

Home:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

Permanent? _____ Temporary? _____ TERM? _____ VRA? _____ PWD? _____ OTHER? _____

Current Title/Series/Grade:

Agency Employed with and location:

Thank you for your interest!