



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Houston and Potosi, MO

“Caring for the Land and Serving People”



Forestry Technician (Timber Marker)

GS-0462-6

The Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District and the Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District of the Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) are planning to fill two (2) permanent Forestry Technician (Timber Marker), GS-0462-6 positions. One position will be located at **Houston, MO** and one position will be located at **Potosi, MO**. The annual salary ranges \$35,609 to \$46,294.

Major Duties:

The selected candidate for this position will perform timber sale preparation duties including; timber marking, timber cruising, timber sale layout, GPS traverse of sale units, 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.

Full performance of this position includes completion of certification as a Region 9 Cruiser within one year.

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 HRCC / ACW Zone timber sale program produces an average timber sale volume total of approximately 15.0 – 18.0 MMBF (25,000 – 30,000 CCF) per year. The Potosi / Salem Zone timber sale program produces an average timber sale volume total of approximately 18.0 – 22.0 MMBF (30,000 – 37,000 CCF) per year. Also, performs other duties as assigned.

Physical Requirements:

A physical capacity for working outdoors, in isolated areas is required. The work requires regular and recurring physical exertion related to conservation work requiring walking on rough uneven terrain, climbing steep banks, and jumping ditches and furrows. The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats.

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](#) website for information.

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:// the USAJOB site at http://www.usajobs.gov](http://theUSAJOBsiteathttp://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 \(www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm\)](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.

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 **HRCC Ranger District** covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 196,800 acres being 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. The oak/hickory and shortleaf pine forests provide abundant opportunities to observe and/or hunt wildlife such as turkey, white-tailed deer and squirrels.

The HRCC District hosts 22 PFT positions. The district contains four campgrounds, four day-use areas, several developed trailheads and river accesses. The district 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 fire program averages approximately 20 to 40 wildfires per year with a prescribed fire goal of over 10,000 acres per year.

The **Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District** is comprised of two units with over 285,500 acres of federal ownership. It is located in eight Missouri counties: Bollinger, Crawford, Iron, Madison, Reynolds, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, and Washington.

The Potosi unit offers many developed and undeveloped sites for camping and picnicking. Council Bluff Recreation Area is the largest lake in the Mark Twain National Forest. It is a beautiful 440 acre lake, encircled by a 12 mile moderate hiking and mountain biking trail. Wild Boar Ridge Campground along the spine of a forested Ozark ridge above the lake, offers a unique camping experience.

Courtois and Huzzah Creeks are well-known "floating" streams, typical of the Ozarks, and much-loved by canoeists who flock there in summertime for the crystal clear water. A portion of the Ozark Trail traverses the District, and the segment encompassing the Berryman Trail is popular for mountain biking events. The 9,183 acre Bell Mountain Wilderness has beautiful views and challenging trails in a secluded and primitive setting.

The Fredericktown unit features the rugged St. Francois Mountains and St. Francis River. In spring, the "shut-ins" at Silver Mine are a magnet for kayak enthusiasts, who take advantage of the high water rapids. Marble Creek provides a quiet campground for family outings, and Crane Lake welcomes hikers to take the trail around it as part of their trek along the Ozark Trail. Rockpile Mountain Wilderness offers 4,240 acres of heavily-forested land, including some of the state's last remaining virgin forest nestled in a narrow gorge.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

HOUSTON, MISSOURI: Elevation: 1,160 feet. Population: 1,196 (2010 census). Houston, Missouri is on Highway 63 45 miles south of Rolla, Missouri; 85 miles east of Springfield, Missouri -. Homes sell for \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain with moderately high rent for this area; \$450 to \$900 per month plus utilities. Stoves and refrigerators are normally not included except with furnished apartments.

Government Quarters: None.

Schools: Kindergarten through High School with an enrollment of approximately 1,100. The High School has an A+ status in 1999, with program focus on academic and technical education; for qualifying students two years free tuition at any Missouri public community college, post secondary vocational school, technical school or Missouri State University. Missouri State University – West Plains (Houston Extended Campus) more information, Elaine Campbell at (417) 967-3348. Texas County Technical Institute (800) 835-1130 www.texascountytech.edu

Hospital: Texas County Memorial Hospital located in Houston, has 66 beds. A 96-bed skilled nursing home is also located in Houston (Houston House).

Doctors: 12 doctors and 3 chiropractors; one dentist's office. Nearest specialists located in Rolla and Springfield, Missouri.

Churches: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, several Baptist churches, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Church of God, and Lutheran Church.

Recreation & Fitness Opportunities: public swimming pool, supervised summer playgrounds, full-time Parks and Recreation Director, summer day camp, Little League, Babe Ruth, girls softball, Toss and Tee Ball. One walk-in theater and one drive-in theater; fitness center.

Sports and Events: Basketball, football, and baseball. A 9-hole golf course, Emmett Kelly Clown Festival, Texas County Fair; annual tree lighting festivities. Adundant opportunities for good hunting and fishing, Sportsman Club; tennis, bowling and canoeing.

Shopping: One supermarket, three clothing shops, one shoe store, two drug stores, dollar stores, appliance store, Super Wal-Mart, two car dealers, Chevrolet – Oldsmobile & Ford - Mercury. There are three banks with full banking facilities.

Climate: Texas County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. The average temperature of the warmest month (July) is 80 – 85 degrees. The coolest month (January) is 20 – 25 degrees. The average rainfall is 41 inches with an average snowfall of 15 inches.

POTOSI, MISSOURI: Located in the scenic rolling hills of east-central Missouri, the city was founded in 1763 by a group of French settlers. A lead mining settlement, *Mine au Breton*, was first located at this spot; the name was later changed to that of the Bolivian silver mining city of *Potosi*. Population: 2,658 (as of 2012). Potosi is 70 miles south of St. Louis; 67 miles east of Rolla – the location for the Supervisor’s Office.

No government quarters are available, but the area offers many opportunities for purchase or rentals; land can be obtained at relatively low prices. Median prices for homes are \$65,000.00 to \$100,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses and apartments are about \$400 to \$500 per month plus utilities.

About a third of the employees have farms and live within about 30 minutes of Potosi. About half of the employees live in the Park Hills-Farmington area, about 30 minutes to the east of Potosi. Park Hills and Farmington are full service communities and are only 40 minutes from the southern suburbs of St. Louis. A few employees live as far away as Rolla and the St. Louis suburbs.

Schools: Two Junior colleges are within commuting distance. Kindergarten thru high school with an AAA rating, good courses and extracurricular activities. Potosi also has a public library.

Medical Facilities: Washington County Memorial Hospital located in Potosi. Twelve doctors and three chiropractors; one dentist’s office. World reknown medical care is available in St. Louis and its suburbs.

Churches: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, Church of God, Pentecostal, and others.

Sports and Events: Youth basketball, football, and baseball. A 9-hole golf course at Fourche Valley Golf Club. Nearby St. Louis offers opportunities to enjoy professional sports (Cardinals, Rams, and Blues) along with museums, parks, a zoo and the famous Gateway Arch.

Climate: Washington County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. Warmest month (July, 86/67 degrees); coolest (January, 40/21 degrees). Average rainfall (44 inches); average snowfall (15 inches).



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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form by February 16th, 2016 and send:

E-mail to: Troy Crowe (<mailto:tecrowe@fs.fed.us>)

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Troy Crowe, 108 S. Sam Houston Blvd, 65483, or

FAX to: 417-967-2524, ATTN: Troy Crowe

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Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest,*
1 position located at Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District
&
1 position located at Potosi Ranger District

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!