



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Doniphan, MO

“Caring for the Land and Serving People”



GS-0462-6/7

Introduction

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be advertising to fill one permanent GS-462-6/7 Fuels Technician position. The position will be filled on the Eleven Point Ranger District in Doniphan, Missouri. This position will have duties directly related to fuels management activities for the Zone fuels management program. The Zone consists of both the Eleven Point and Poplar Bluff Ranger Districts. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Please respond to this outreach/announcement by **June 30, 2016**. For more information about this position, interested applicants are encouraged to contact Jim Krizman by phone at 573-996-2153 or email jmkrizman@fs.fed.us

Major Duties

Updates and uses a database to model and analyze fire behavior and fire effects observation data. Ensures data quality. Ensures proper data storage and archival procedures are followed.

Makes basic recommendations on appropriate levels of monitoring. Conducts all phases of monitoring program from developing procedures, data collection, analysis, training staff, and report development. Provides basic assistance in establishing study plots to assess fire and fire suppression impacts on the ecosystem. This includes smoke monitoring.

Serves on prescribed fire and fuels projects in positions for which qualified.

Provides general input for fire prevention plans. Administers routine aspects of the prescribed fire/fuels plan, ensuring that preparation, ignition, holding, mop-up, and rehabilitation are completed to the standards specified.

Participates in routine aspects of wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fire suppression activities, with emphasis on those used for the particular function assigned.

Supports wildland fire suppression activities by performing in qualified positions.

Performs other duties as assigned.

The Communities

The Eleven Point District consists of approximately 360,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest and has the most contiguous National Forest ownership in Missouri. Within the district boundaries are the Eleven Point National Scenic River; the Irish Wilderness, the largest wilderness in Missouri, encompassing 16,600 acres; the Ozark Trail; Greer Spring, the largest spring in the National Forest

System; numerous caves and many other features of local, regional and national significance. Active programs include: vegetation management, fire application and suppression, recreation, trails, wild and scenic river management and wilderness.

The Poplar Bluff District is about 159,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest, with spectacular fall color. The district contains a trophy small-mouth bass stream, two managed lakes, three fishing rivers and two spring walk-in turkey hunting areas. The Poplar Bluff District contains portions of the Ozark foothills, but the eastern portion of the District is less rugged with some Mississippi Delta-like soils and conditions (elev. 300-800 feet). This combination leads to a variety of ecological settings. The Mud Creek Natural Area displays a complete ecological regime from dry upland oak/hickory forest to wet bottomland hardwood forest. Prescribed fire is utilized to enhance natural vegetative communities, reduce fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.