



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Poplar Bluff, MO

“Caring for the Land and Serving People”

GS-0462-4/5

Introduction

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be advertising to fill two permanent GS-462-4/5 18/8 Senior Firefighter positions. These positions will be filled on the Poplar Bluff Ranger District in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. These positions will have duties directly related to fire suppression and prescribed fire activities for 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 Scott Bashaw Zone Assistant Fire Management by phone at 573-785-1475 or email lsbashaw@fs.fed.us or Jim Krizman Zone Fire Management Officer by phone at 573-996-2153 or email jmkrizman@fs.fed.us.

Major Duties

Serves as senior wildland firefighter on a wildland fire engine. Independently performs engine operation duties in the suppression of wildland fires and prescribe fire operations.

Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire situations.

Participates in 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 line activities, with emphasis on those used in the particular function assigned. May perform other duties as designated on Incident Qualification Card

May perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, miscellaneous equipment, facilities maintenance, and other resources.

May assist in forestry/range research efforts; in the marketing of forest/range resources; or in the scientific management, protection, assist in monitoring efforts and development of forest/range resources.

Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties.

Performs duties as qualified for on red card

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.