VACANCY NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest
Potosi, MO
"Caring for the Land and Serving People"

Zone Recreation Program Manager

(Interdisciplinary Social Scientist/Natural Resource Specialist/Landscape Architect)
GS-0101/0401/0807-11

Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is advertising and filling a **Zone Recreation Program Manager** position, to be located in Potosi, Missouri at the Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity

This is an interdisciplinary position and can be filled as a GS-0101-11 Social Scientist, GS-0401-11 Natural Resources Specialist or GS-0807-11 Landscape Architect.

Interested applicants are encouraged to use this link to access the vacancy announcement on USAJOBS:

Vacancy Announcement #16-0905-260477G-CJ

Link to Announcement: visit USA Job Website at
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/440645300

Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain/create a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format.

Major Duties

The successful applicant will be responsible for managing a diverse recreation program on the Potosi-Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts (also known as Zone 1). The Zone Recreation Program Manager will coordinate with two District Rangers. Duties will include:

- Providing professional advice and support in the planning, designing, development, implementation, and evaluation of the recreation program/project activities.
- Identifing the need for, analyzing, and recommending schedules and priorities within Forest recreation programs.
- Assuring all recreation program management activities remain responsive to identified customer needs.
- Coordinating with the Forest Facilities Engineer on facilities maintenance of recreation sites and the Potosi administrive site.
- Supervising a zoned Wilderness/Trails Technician and three recreation technicians.
- Periodically, serving as acting District Ranger in the absence of the Potosi-Fredericktown District Ranger.
- Preparing currrent year and outyear programs of work, budgets, and schedules in consultation with the District Rangers and Supervisor's Office counterparts.

- Planning future recreation use and development. Providing input into the development of all levels of environmental analysis for the integration of ecological, social, and cultural influences regarding aesthetics, scenery, and recreation for all levels of land management planning and environmental design.
- Working with engineering and other staff to develop contract packages for recreation construction projects, prepare quantity and cost estimates, and monitor construction.
- Developing and maintaining effective external cooperative relationships with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, conservation groups, private foundations and others interested in partnering with the Forest Service.
- Coordinating with the Realty Specialist to manage recreation special use permits.

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.

For more about the Mark Twain National Forest, visit our website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf

ZONE 1 INFORMATION:

Zone 1 encompasses the Potosi-Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts, which include approximately 460,500 acres of National Forest System lands and the Sinkin Experimental Forest.

This zone has five campgrounds/recreation areas under permit with concessionaires, including Council Bluff Lake – the Mark Twain's largest lake. There are several small campgrounds or primitive trailhead sites maintained by the Forest Service.

The Ozark Trail Association and Forest Service work closely together to maintain over 100 miles of the Ozark Trail and Berryman National Trail. Two wildernesses are located in Zone 1: Bell Mountain and Rockpile.

The recreation special use program includes outfitter/guide permits (e.g., horse trails) and many competitive trail events (e.g. ultra marathons). Many of these events are held by groups and organizations from the St. Louis area – only about one hour from Potosi.

The Salem unit features the Sutton Bluff Campground and ATV area, which has 45 miles of ATV trails. Sutton Bluff and Loggers Lake, a CCC-era impoundment, are managed by concessionaires. Segments of the Trail of Tears are signed along Forest and county roads.

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 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 Mines are a magnet for kayak enthusiasts, who take advantage of the high water rapids (Missouri's only whitewater river). Nearby, Marble Creek provides a quiet campground for family outings. 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:

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: Mineral Area College and Jefferson College are within commuting distance. Private and public K-12 schools are in Potosi and neighboring communities. Potosi also has a public library.

Medical Facilities: Washington County Memorial Hospital is located in Potosi and Parkland Hospital is in Farmington. 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 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).