

Outreach Notice



Mark Twain National Forest ***Fire Management Officer GS-0301-12/13***

Duty Station: Rolla, MO

Date of This Notice: June 9, 2016

Notice Valid Through: June 30, 2016

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The Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri is conducting an outreach to identify and alert candidates interested in the Forest Fire Management Officer position. The duty station for this position is Rolla, MO.

If you are interested in this position please return the attached form to Jody Eberly at jeberly@fs.fed.us by June 30, 2016.

About the Position

This position is established within the Public Services staff of the Mark Twain National Forest Fire & Aviation program. The primary purpose of the position is to provide program management, leadership, coordination, and oversight in wildland fire planning, implementation, and program management. Responsibilities include coordinating the development of short and long-range fire management programs, fire activities on the unit, and integrating the unit's fire management program with other disciplines and interagency partners to achieve goals consistent with the Federal Wildland Fire Policy, agency direction, and the Mark Twain National Forest Land & Resource Management Plan.

This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position.

This position is categorized as a High Complexity Forest Fire Management Officer. Interagency Fire Program Management selective placement factors for this position must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Minimum qualification standards for this positions are:

High Pathway 1: DIVS and ICT3 or RXB2 (currency not required) AND Satisfactory completion of M-581 OR High Pathway 2: ASGS and ICT3 (currency not required) AND Satisfactory completion of M-581.

About the Forest

The Mark Twain National Forest includes about 1.5 million acres of Federal lands in 29 Missouri counties. The Forest has 6 Ranger Districts, 7 Wilderness Areas, a large number of Missouri Natural Areas, 2 National Trails, the Glade Top Trail National Scenic Byway, over 700 caves, and the Eleven Point and Lower Current National Scenic Rivers. It is within driving distance of several recreational lakes in Missouri & Arkansas, as well as to cultural and sports opportunities in St. Louis, Springfield, Columbia, and Kansas City, among others.

We are truly a working Forest as we accomplish 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.

Located in the Missouri Ozarks, the oldest mountain range in the country, the Mark Twain is comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and some associated shortleaf pine, with unique natural communities scattered throughout. Prehistoric & historic evidence of people in the Ozarks is common. The Trail of Tears winds its way through parts of the Forest and we host the Remember the Removal riders each year as they pass by. For more about the Mark Twain National Forest, [our Website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf)

About the Fire & Aviation Program

The Mark Twain National Forest experiences between 150-300 wildfires annually, burning 2,000 to 12,000 acres. There are two fire seasons, spring (Feb 15–May 10) and fall (Oct 10–Dec 10). Both overlap prescribed burning season. Primary fuels are leaf litter and pine needles. The Forest has an active hazardous fuels and ecological improvement prescribed burning program of approximately 30,000 acres per year using both hand and aerial ignition methods. Additional hazardous fuel projects are accomplished through mechanical methods. A large portion of the Forest consists of checkerboard property ownership with numerous areas having a growing urban interface to the Forest.

The Forest is divided into three fire management zones. Each zone has a Zone FMO and two Zone AFMO's – one Operations Specialist and one Fuels Specialist. Each zone also has a Fuels Technician and four 18/8 firefighters, and seasonal firefighters when budgets allow.

In addition to fire positions, the Forest has an active and skilled militia which contribute greatly to the fire program. Training needs for the Forest are commensurate with the large number of people who participate in fire.

The Forest hosts an Interagency Type 3 Exclusive Use Helicopter from February 7th–May 31st annually. The primary mission of the contract helicopter and the helitack crew is rapid initial attack on wildland fires. The helicopter is used for numerous Plastic Sphere Dispenser (PSD) operations on the Mark Twain National Forest as well. When not committed to fire assignments the helicopter may be used for training, aerial ignition, currency requirements for the pilot and helitack crew, or resource projects.

The Forest also hosts the Missouri-Iowa Interagency Coordination Center (MOCC) which moves resources from federal and state agencies in Missouri and Iowa to incidents around the country. We typically mobilize 10 or more Type II IA Crews and over 100 single resources per year.

The Forest FMO supervises a Forest AFMO who works with Mingo Job Corps to train and utilize their students in fuels management activities and wildfire suppression. We have agreements with Americorps St. Louis & NE Oklahoma University to provide additional firefighters for both suppression and prescribed burning on the Forest.

We work with three National Weather Service Offices, the National Park Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Fort Leonard Wood, and numerous RFD/VFDs in our daily operations.

About Rolla and the Surrounding Area

The duty station for this position is Rolla, MO. There is no government housing available. Rolla is located in the central part of Missouri, within 1 ½ - 2 hr. drive of three major cities (St. Louis to the east, Springfield to the west and Jefferson City/Columbia to the north). Rolla's population is approximately 19,000.

We enjoy all four seasons, but none is extreme. Winters are generally mild, with a few snowfalls that quickly melt. Springs are mild and bring an explosion of green. Summers are great for swimming, horseback riding, and fishing. Autumn brings cool, crisp nights and warm, sunny days. Deer & turkey hunting are excellent, and small game are abundant. Caves, rivers & streams, antique & craft shops, wineries, historic sites and other interesting attractions are all within reach from Rolla. Sports fans will find enough to keep them happy, too... from kids' sports to professional... football, soccer, baseball, basketball, hockey, gymnastics, etc.

For more information on the Rolla area, please visit the following internet links:

[Rolla City Website at http://rollacity.org/](http://rollacity.org/)

[Rolla Public Education Website at http://rolla.k12.mo.us/](http://rolla.k12.mo.us/)

[Missouri University of Science and Technology Website at http://www.mst.edu/](http://www.mst.edu/)

[Rolla Daily Newspaper Website at http://www.therolladailynews.com/](http://www.therolladailynews.com/)

[Phelps County Website at http://www.phelpscounty.org](http://www.phelpscounty.org/)

[Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Website at http://rollachamber.org/](http://rollachamber.org/)

Outreach Reply Form

USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest
GS-0301-12/13 Fire Management Officer
Rolla, MO
Candidate Profile

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

Please complete the attached response form and return it to [Jody Eberly at jeberly@fs.fed.us](mailto:jeberly@fs.fed.us)
by **June 30, 2016**.