



2017 Summer Season

Chippewa National Forest

Temporary Employment Opportunities

The Chippewa National Forest of the Eastern Region is seeking qualified applicants to fill multiple temporary, full-time positions for the 2017 summer season. The Chippewa National Forest is located in north central Minnesota, approximately 200 miles northwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. For more information, visit our [Chippewa National Forest Website](#). To apply for any of these positions, visit www.USAJobs.gov.

Vacancy announcements will be posted to USAJobs on **November 16, 2016**, and will remain open through **November 28, 2016**. Start date, length of season, and number of positions hired will depend upon budget and individual unit needs. Seasonal housing may be available in some locations. Housing availability may be based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contacts are listed below for each location where positions are available. Please contact those individuals for more information on the job, the duty station, and availability of housing.

Please note: This is a partial listing of temporary positions available. Each Unit may also have additional employment opportunities.

Biological Science Technician (Plants)

General Duties: These positions may serve as part of rare plant survey and inventory crews. Incumbents perform a variety of tasks relating to native plants surveys and monitoring, native plant restoration, and a pollinator program support. Duties may include: surveys, inventory and monitoring of rare plants, collecting field data and entering it into spreadsheets and databases, using GPS units, evaluating invasive earthworm infestations; and assessing habitat conditions and requirements of rare plants. Applicants need to have valid driver's license.

Typical Length of Season: May to October

Apply Dates: November 16 thru November 28, 2016

Series and Grade: GS-0404-04

Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0404-04-PLIN-DT

Series and Grade: GS-0404-05





Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0404-05-PLIN-DT

<i>Location</i>	<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Contact Email</i>
Deer River, MN	May Be	Jeremy Cable	jcable@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician (Timber/Silviculture)

General Duties: These positions perform a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to timber and silviculture. Work could include: marking specified softwood and hardwood trees for cutting as saw logs, pulpwood, posts, poles, etc., according to prescriptions; measuring tree diameters and heights and observing defects; serving as a member of a timber cruising crew; and/or inspecting contracts for reforestation, timber stand improvement, or genetic tree improvement. Work may vary by unit and program.

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Series and Grade: GS-0462-04
Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0462-04-TISI-DT

Series and Grade: GS-0462-05
Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0462-05-TISI-DT

<i>Location</i>	<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Contact Email</i>
Deer River, MN	May Be	Barb Knight	bknight@fs.fed.us
Walker, MN	Y	Sherry Fountain	safountain@fs.fed.us
Blackduck, MN	May Be	Lisa Arbucci Schmid	larbuccischmid@fs.fed.us

Forestry Technician (Recreation/Trails)

General Duties: Applicants will perform a variety of technical work in support of the unit’s recreation and trails program. This could include: visitor contacts; compliance checks; serving as a collection officer; maintenance of developed camp sites; maintenance of trails; patrol of dispersed recreation areas; and/or, collection of data for recreation and trail data management systems.

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Series and Grade: GS-0462-04
Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0462-04-RETR-DT

Series and Grade: GS-0462-05
Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0462-05-RETR-DT





<i>Location</i>	<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Contact Email</i>
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Walker, MN	Y	Sherry Fountain	safountain@fs.fed.us
Deer River, MN	May Be	Chad Kirschbaum	ckirschbaum@fs.fed.us
Black Duck, MN	May Be	Karen Lessard	klessard@fs.fed.us

Biological Science Technician (Fish/Wildlife)

General Duties: Applicants will perform a variety of technical work in support of the unit’s natural resources programs. This could include: conducting surveys of game and non-game wildlife species, plant species, and inland lake and stream fish population and aquatic habitat inventories; recording data manually and electronically using a Global Positioning System unit and computer; summarizing data obtained from field collections; preparing reports from data; performing habitat improvement projects; and/or, performing inventories of nesting structures, wildlife openings, etc.

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Series and Grade: GS-0404-04

Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0404-04-FIWI-DT

Series and Grade: GS-0404-05

Vacancy Announcement: 17-TEMP-R9-0404-05-FIWI-DT

<i>Location</i>	<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Contact Email</i>
Deer River, MN	May Be	Chad Kirschbaum	ckirschbaum@fs.fed.us

HOW TO APPLY

- Contact the individual listed for positions you are interested in to get more information about the job, work location, availability of housing, etc.
- To be considered for these temporary positions, **you will need to apply through USAJobs: www.usajobs.gov**. Search for jobs using the vacancy announcement number provided above or the duty station.





MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS and PAY ESTIMATES

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Hourly Rate</i>
GS-4	\$13.84
GS-5	\$15.49

Example of Minimum Qualification Requirements for GS-4 and GS-5 Forestry Technicians

Grade 04: Qualifying experience for the GS-04 level includes six months general experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or that provided familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the occupation AND six months specialized experience at the GS-03 level that is directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

Substitution of Education for Experience: Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of two (2) academic years of post-high school education which included at least 12 semester/18 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 3 semester hours in mathematics is creditable.

Combination of Education and Experience: Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

Grade 05: Qualifying experiences includes one year of specialized experience equivalent to GS-4. Specialized experience is experience which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

Substitution of Education for Experience: Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of a four (4) year course of study leading to a bachelors' degree or the equivalent. Education must include at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 6 semester/9 quarter hours in mathematics is creditable.

Combination of Education and Experience: Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.





Community and Surrounding Area:

Cass Lake, MN

Cass Lake, a town of approximately 770 people has many recreational activities including fishing, canoeing, camping, water-skiing, swimming, hiking, biking, OHV riding and snowmobiling. [Cass Lake Chamber](#)

Bemidji, MN

Bemidji has a city population of 13,431, and is a regional center, serving over 100,000 northern Minnesota residents. It's university town with arts and cultural activities as well as recreational opportunities year-round. Stop by and visit Paul Bunyan and his blue ox Babe! [Bemidji Chamber](#)

Blackduck, MN

Blackduck has a population of 792. The town highlights great fishing and hunting opportunities, scenic and historic attractions as well as the popular Woodcarvers Festival in the summer. [Blackduck Chamber](#)

Walker, MN

Walker is a gateway community to the Chippewa National Forest, with a population that goes from 1000 in the off-season to over 10,000 seasonal residents in the summer! This is a City on the Bay, and highlights the big lake, bike trails and many recreational opportunities. [Walker Chamber](#)

Deer River, MN

The Deer River community has a population of 940 people and is rich in history, heritage and scenic beauty. A community with an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities to enjoy the Chippewa National Forest including: hiking, fishing, camping and winter snowmobiling. [Deer River Chamber](#)

Grand Rapids, MN

Grand Rapids hosts a population of 11,097 people. Known for recreation opportunities, scenic beauty of the Highway 38 National Scenic byway, preserved heritage and vibrant arts and entertainment. [Grand Rapids Chamber](#)

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