



# OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Poplar Bluff, MO

*"Caring for the Land and Serving People"*



## Forester – GS-0460-07/09

### Introduction

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be advertising to fill one permanent GS-460-9 (target grade) Forester position, located on the Poplar Bluff Ranger District in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. This position has duties directly related to the timber sale preparation and silviculture programs for the South Zone vegetation management program. The South Zone consists of both the Poplar Bluff and Eleven Point Ranger Districts. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

Please respond to this outreach/announcement by January 11, 2015. For more information about this position, interested applicants are encouraged to contact Shawn Maijala by phone at 573-996-2153 or email [smajjala@fs.fed.us](mailto:smajjala@fs.fed.us).

### How to Apply

Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. The vacancy will be advertised at USA Jobs visit their [website at www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) as an individual announcement.

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### Major Duties

This position provides zone-wide support to the operations teams, as well as participation in forest-wide priority projects. Primary duties for this position will include responsibility for the zone's presale work such as completion of environmental assessment reports, and environmental impact statements, determining sale area boundaries and layout, marking, cruising to meet specific silvicultural prescriptions, cruise design, timber sale appraisals, timber sale contract preparation and silviculture prescriptions. Coordination with off-district crews may be assigned so as to accomplish forest goals in sale preparation and silviculture. Other duties may also be assigned.

### The Organization

The Mark Twain National Forest is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern half of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Mark Twain National Forest contains approximately 1.5 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and 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: [public website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf) or [internal website at http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us](http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us).

## The Communities

**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. The district manages two recreation areas: Markham Springs located on the Black River and Pinewoods Lake. There are many opportunities for professional growth and positive involvement with public and private organizations.

The district is located between two large Corps of Engineer projects, Lake Wappapello to the east and Clearwater Lake to the west. A national recreation trail, The Ozark Trail, meanders across the district. Dispersed recreation use is primarily hunting/fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. The timber program seeks to balance the age classes/size classes within several management areas. The wildlife program is focusing on learning more about rare species, managing small openings, improving wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restoration. We are very involved in the National Fire Plan. We have an urban interface with growing communities and intermingled ownership patterns. We are developing a strong prescribed fire program and investigating methods of accomplishing multiple goals through the use of prescribed fire. We use prescribed fire to enhance natural vegetative communities, reduce fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.

**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 district manages recreation areas on the Current and Eleven Point Rivers. The Eleven Point National Scenic River includes a 5 ½ mile Wild Trout Management Area between Greer Spring Branch and Turner Mill. The District contains four managed lakes, ponds, trails and numerous springs and caves. The terrain is formed by a rugged karst environment, an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. Sinkholes, such as those that formed Cupola Pond and Tupelo Gum Pond, have resulted in designation of these areas as Missouri Natural Areas, because of their uniqueness. Recreation on the District is primarily hunting/fishing, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking.

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Please respond by January 11, 2015

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields, or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a double click to select or unselect. Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

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Position Title: **Forester**

Series/Grade: **GS-0460-7/9**

Location: **South Zone, Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Poplar Bluff, MO**

Applicant Information

Name:

E-Mail Address:

Current Title, Series, Grade:

Current Organization/Location:

Current Appointment:  Permanent  Temporary  Term  Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

- Reinstatement
- Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Person With Disabilities
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public)
- Other

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified:

- Series currently identified and classified
- Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified:

- Target grade level currently identified. (GS-9)
- Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
- NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity
- Term Appointment

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:

How did you hear about this position?

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Please send this completed form to [smajjala@fs.fed.us](mailto:smajjala@fs.fed.us) or fax 573-996-7745 with attention to Shawn Majjala. Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.