

Superior National Forest
OUTREACH NOTICE
GS-0401-9/11, NEPA Coordinator
Aurora, MN
Reply by February 5th, 2015

The Superior National Forest is looking to fill a NEPA Coordinator position in **Aurora, MN** and would like to collect information from all interested candidates through the attached Outreach Response form.

The District Environmental Coordinator provides sound, objective, professional judgment and knowledge to solve problems, recommend alternative solutions, and provide counsel to line officers and the forest leadership team. Knowledge of NEPA responsibilities and duties, knowledge of project planning, as well as knowledge of related natural resource disciplines is vital to being successful at this position.

This is a zone position, covering 3 Districts spanning more than 1.5 million acres of National Forest System Lands.

About the Position Provides professional leadership, advice, assistance, and training to District personnel on matters associated with: the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Forest Plan implementation and consistency; the Forest Service administrative objections process; and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Coordinates District compliance with NEPA, the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and other substantive environmental laws. Coordinates the development and monitoring of the project planning schedule, integrating activities in proper sequence to accomplish the development and completion of the final NEPA documentation. Assists in determining the level and type of scoping appropriate for proposed projects. Assists project leaders in defining issues and in obtaining public participation in project planning and decision-making. Coordinates the appropriate notification of NEPA decisions.

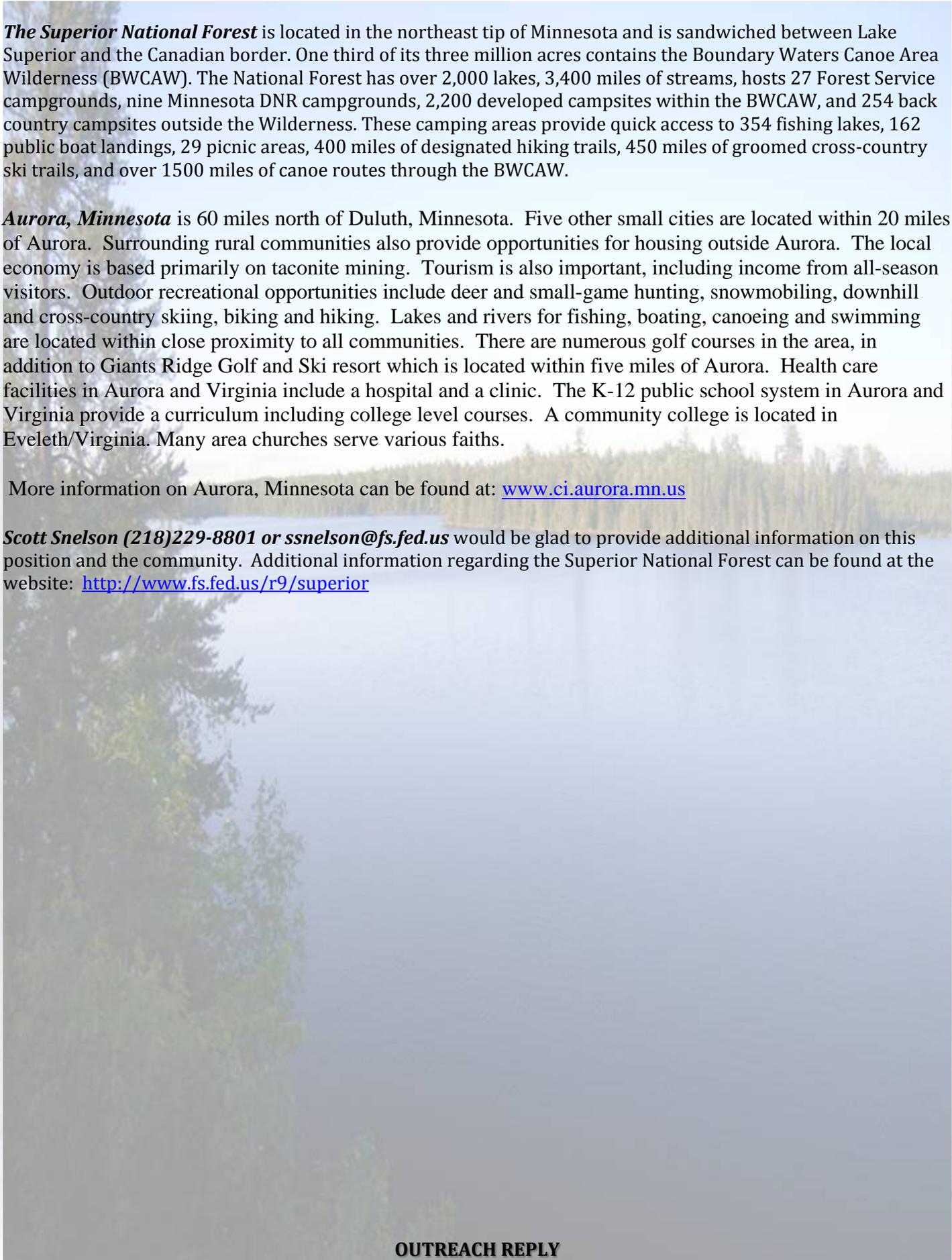
Coordinates public involvement related to project planning. Works with various agencies, organizations, and individuals to foster participation and trust in the environmental analysis process. Maintains district mailing lists and tracks public response. Coordinates with the Forest Public Affairs Officer when public information involves members of the media. Facilitates collaborative planning efforts with state, county and tribal government, non-governmental organizations, industry and the public.

Coordinates the effective functioning of the NEPA process in District project-level planning. Participates on interdisciplinary teams as a NEPA expert and/or to monitor the effectiveness of the NEPA process. Serves as project leader and/or writer on selected projects. Develops and maintains essential information regarding the NEPA process including examples of documents, reference materials, pertinent legal precedents and training materials. Assures adequate project files are maintained in support of decision documents.

Serves as District coordinator for the implementation of the Forest Service administrative objections process. Prepares objection transmittal records for objections of all district projects. Coordinates informal resolution meetings when the District Ranger is the responsible official. Maintains files for all objections involving the District, both for current and historic cases.

Coordinates with the West Zone District Rangers, and other Zone and Forest NEPA staff to implement the Zone and Forest NEPA program.

This position serves on the district leadership team and is Acting District Ranger periodically throughout the year. This is a dynamic position with opportunities to grow the program in many different ways.



The Superior National Forest is located in the northeast tip of Minnesota and is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The National Forest has over 2,000 lakes, 3,400 miles of streams, hosts 27 Forest Service campgrounds, nine Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the BWCAW, and 254 back country campsites outside the Wilderness. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

Aurora, Minnesota is 60 miles north of Duluth, Minnesota. Five other small cities are located within 20 miles of Aurora. Surrounding rural communities also provide opportunities for housing outside Aurora. The local economy is based primarily on taconite mining. Tourism is also important, including income from all-season visitors. Outdoor recreational opportunities include deer and small-game hunting, snowmobiling, downhill and cross-country skiing, biking and hiking. Lakes and rivers for fishing, boating, canoeing and swimming are located within close proximity to all communities. There are numerous golf courses in the area, in addition to Giants Ridge Golf and Ski resort which is located within five miles of Aurora. Health care facilities in Aurora and Virginia include a hospital and a clinic. The K-12 public school system in Aurora and Virginia provide a curriculum including college level courses. A community college is located in Eveleth/Virginia. Many area churches serve various faiths.

More information on Aurora, Minnesota can be found at: www.ci.aurora.mn.us

Scott Snelson (218)229-8801 or ssnelson@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community. Additional information regarding the Superior National Forest can be found at the website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior>

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Your response to this outreach will help us determine the level of interest of prospective candidates in this opportunity and advertisement strategy.

Please indicate your interest in this position by completing and submitting this form to Mary Wilson *at* mwilson02@fs.fed.us by *February 5, 2015*.

Thank you.

Contact Information

Contact Information

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Schedule A

VRA

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other _____