



# OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Houston, MO

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## Forestry Technician (Recreation)

**GS-0462 4/5/6/7**

**Mark Twain National Forest** (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill one Forestry Technician (Recreation) located on the Houston/Rolla/Cedar District, in Houston, Missouri.

Please respond to this outreach/announcement by **February 20, 2015**. For more information about this position, interested applicants are encouraged to contact Carol Trokey at ([ctrokey@fs.fed.us](mailto:ctrokey@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 ([Website at www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)) as an individual announcement. Individuals responding to this outreach will be personally notified when the vacancy is formally announced on USA Jobs.

### **Major Duties:**

Duties of this position will be located on a ranger district performing work in support of the unit recreation program. Responsibilities will include contact with visitors to provide information about recreation regulations, opportunities and current restrictions. Responsibilities will be implementing both annual and long-term work plans for recreation sites (campgrounds, day use sites, etc.) both developed and dispersed.

Inspects recreation areas, areas of concentrated public use, wilderness, and special use permits for compliance with the permit and management plans, public health regulations, and safety plans. Serves as collection officer for recreation sites, collects fees, counts, reconciles money collected, and ensures deposits are made appropriately.

May serve as a Forest Protection Officer for the District. Maintains developed sites and makes repairs, removes or replaces facilities, or closes areas of facilities when hazards cannot be promptly eliminated. Maintains District recreation facilities such as toilets, road closure gates water systems, picnic tables, fire rings, barriers, dumpsters and other miscellaneous structures. Prepare annual updates of work needed and cost to bring site conditions and operation up to full standard. Naturalizes sites where necessary in order to control use and prevent resource damage.

Participates with other resource personnel to develop long-range plans for managing recreation resources within management developed and dispersed recreation sites on the unit. Identifies potential problems arising from changing use patterns and new activities and recommends strategies to deal with them. Participates in the development of plans for recreation area maintenance, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and construction projects in accordance with program management objectives and policies. May help develop annual work plans for management unit and prepares detailed project work plans and schedules, including required personnel, equipment, and supplies.

Is the point of contact with community organizations and interest groups to generate interest in and utilization of forest recreation facilities. Involves the community in program and activities, determines, and recommends possible public involvement. Coordinates group visits with operational personnel and communicates schedules and requirements for logistical support. Assists with recruiting, training and supervising recreation area hosts or concessionaires. Recruits and trains volunteers.

### **Vacancy Announcement:**

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine the interest in this position. Vacancy announcement for this position has not yet been posted on USA Jobs. Applicants are encouraged to check [USA Jobs](#) website for information.

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND PLACEMENT LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION; RECRUITMENT INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO VRA-ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES. AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

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Because of the new hiring process with eRecruit, we will be contacting those responding to the outreach listed regarding the application process and vacancy announcement details. We expect the vacancy announcement to be posted by March, 2015.

**Office of Personnel Management Qualifications:** Complete qualification requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site ([www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)).

**Time-in-Grade Requirement:** If you are a current or former federal employee and applying for a promotion opportunity, you must have 52 weeks of Federal service at the next lower grade in the normal line of progression for the position being filled. This requirement must be met within 30 days of the closing of this announcement.

### **About the Forest and District:**

The Mark Twain National Forest ([website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf)) 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.

The HRCC District covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 196,800 acres being in Federal ownership. It is located in seven Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, and Wright. The District is rich with rivers and streams: the beautiful bluffs of the Big Piney River, the Gasconade River and Little Piney River in the southern part of the district and Cedar Creek at the north end. Fishing and canoeing opportunities abound. Smaller creeks supplied by springs provide other fishing or water-based recreational opportunities, including trout fishing. The oak/hickory and shortleaf pine forests provide abundant opportunities to observe and/or hunt wildlife such as turkey, white-tailed deer and squirrels.

The HRCC District hosts 22 PFT positions. The district contains four campgrounds, four day-use areas, several developed trailheads and river accesses. The program of work also includes the management of the Paddy Creek Wilderness (7,019 acres) on the Houston unit, a large special uses program, a diverse wildlife management program, a large prescribed fire program, a well-developed openlands habitat management program including grazing permits, and a timber management program. Fort Leonard Wood, a 63,000 acre military installation lies within the district boundary. The District fire program averages approximately 20 to 40 wildfires per year with a prescribed fire goal of over 10,000 acres per year.

### **About the Community:**

**Houston, Missouri:** Elevation: 1,160 feet. Population: 2,081 (2010 census). Houston, Missouri is on Highway 63 45 miles south of Rolla, Missouri; 85 miles east of Springfield, Missouri -. Homes sell for \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain with moderately high rent for this area; \$450 to \$900 per month plus utilities. Stoves and refrigerators are normally not included except with furnished apartments.

**Government Quarters:** None.

**Schools:** Kindergarten through High School with an enrollment of approximately 1,100. The High School has an A+ status in 1999, with program focus on academic and technical education; for qualifying students two years free tuition at any Missouri public community college, post secondary vocational school, technical school or Missouri State University. Missouri State University – West Plains (Houston Extended Campus). Texas County Technical Institute (800) 835-1130.

**Hospital:** Texas County Memorial Hospital located in Houston, has 66 beds. A 96-bed skilled nursing home is also located in Houston (Houston House).

**Doctors:** 12 doctors and 3 chiropractors; one dentist's office. Nearest specialists located in Rolla and Springfield, Missouri.

**Churches:** Catholic, Methodist, Christian, several Baptist churches, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Church of God, and Lutheran Church.

**Recreation & Fitness Opportunities:** public swimming pool, supervised summer playgrounds, full-time Parks and Recreation Director, summer day camp, Little League, Babe Ruth, girls softball, Toss and Tee Ball. One walk-in theater and one drive-in theater; fitness center.

**Sports and Events:** Basketball, football, and baseball. A 9-hole golf course, Texas County Fair; annual tree lighting festivities. Adundant opportunities for good hunting and fishing, Sportsman Club; tennis, bowling and canoeing.

**Shopping:** One supermarket, three clothing shops, one shoe store, two drug stores, dollar stores, appliance store, Super Wal-Mart, two car dealers, Chevrolet – Oldsmobile & Ford - Mercury. There are three banks with full banking facilities.

**Climate:** Texas County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. The average temperature of the warmest month (July) is 80 – 85 degrees. The coolest month (January) is 20 – 25 degrees. The average rainfall is 41 inches with an average snowfall of 15 inches.

**Houston, Missouri Web sites of interest:**

Texas County Medical Clinic      [Texas County Memorial Hospital](#)

ReMax Farm & Home                [United Country Realty](#)

Houston Herald                        [Houston Herald](#)

Chamber of Commerce              [Chamber of Commerce](#)



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E-mail to: Carol Trokey ([ctrokey@fs.fed.us](mailto:ctrokey@fs.fed.us)) or for information call: 573-201-8527.

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Carol Trokey or Brian Emerson, 108 S. Sam Houston Blvd, Houston, MO 65483, 417-967-4194, or

FAX to: 417-967-2524, ATTN: Carol Trokey/Brian Emerson.

Position Title: **Forestry Technician (Recreation)**

Series Grade: **GS-0462-4/5/6/7**

Location: **Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek District, Houston, MO**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Date:

Mailing Address:

E-Mail Address:

Phone: Work:

Home:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent? \_\_\_ Temporary? \_\_\_ TERM? \_\_\_ VRA? \_\_\_ PWD? \_\_\_ OTHER? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title/Series/Grade:

Agency Employed with and location:

Thank you for your interest!