

**0401 Superior National Forest
OUTREACH NOTICE
NEPA Planner GS-401-7/9
Tofte, MN**

The Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a NEPA Planner position in Tofte, MN and would like to collect information from interested candidates through the attached Outreach Response form. This position may be advertised under the [Recent Graduates Program](#), one of the Pathways programs, and concurrently as Demo and Merit Promotion opportunities.

About the Position: This position is part of an interdisciplinary planning team and works for the Gunflint and Tofte Environmental Coordinator. Primary duties include:

- Writing and editing environmental documents, using expertise and knowledge in style of writing to assure readability for a wide range of audiences
- Serving as team member and/or project coordinator on an interdisciplinary team which handles environmental analyses (Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Statements) for projects related to vegetation management, recreation, wildlife, fuels and other resources,
- Organizing data for use in documents and for reference in project record, and
- Monitoring actions once implemented.

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.

Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental.

Tofte is 30 miles northeast of Silver Bay (population 2500) and 30 miles southwest of Grand Marais (population 1500). Both Silver Bay and Grand Marais are modern population centers with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities. The K-12 public school system provides a very good curriculum, including college level courses, and the University of Minnesota has a campus in Duluth. The area is served by airports in Duluth and in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Grand Marais and Silver Bay offer a larger variety of housing options than do Tofte, Schroeder, and Lutsen.

More information on these communities can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Becky Bartol at 218-387-3207/rbartol@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.usda.gov/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 (target grade or career ladder).

Please indicate your interest in this position by completing and submitting this form to **Mary Wilson at mwilson02@fs.fed.us** by Friday, March 20th, 2015

Thank you.

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

Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

Other _____

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest

Feel free to reply to the outreach within a month after the outreach reply date. You will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted to USAJobs. Your response will not be used to determine advertisement strategy.