



Superior National Forest
Vacancy Announcement
Fuels Technician, GS462-07
Grand Marais, MN

The Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a **Fuels Technician** position in **Grand Marais, MN** and would like to collect information from interested candidates through the attached Outreach Response form.

About the Position

The position is a District Fuels Specialist position. This is a secondary firefighter position. Primary responsibilities of the position are:

- Representing the organization in multi-agency fuels management activities through serving as the Forest representative on multi-agencies committees including CWPP, Firewise, and MINICS committees.
- Working with partner agencies and the public on fuels reduction projects adjacent to federal lands.
- Carrying out prevention tasks.
- Contract inspections for fuels reduction project.
- Assisting with the preparation and implementation of prescribed burn projects.
- Preparing and implementing fire effects monitoring plans, manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments, and smoke and wildland fire use monitoring plans

Other duties may include:

- Assisting with the development of NEPA projects.
- Training needs to support prescribed fire and fuels management programs.
- Supports wildland fire suppression activities.
- Serving as a duty officer.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters. These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a “condition of employment.” The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.
- Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fireline is a mandatory requirement. Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous wildland firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position.

INTERAGENCY FIRE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT (IFPM) Standard

This position is categorized as a Sub-Unit Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist (DFPFM, DFAFM, DFTEC in IQCS) position that is subject to the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide, as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards (MQS) for this position must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the Forest Service FS-FPM Standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the MQS. The selective placement factors for a SEOP are:

Primary NWCG Core Requirement: FFT1

Secondary NWCG Core Requirement: ICT5

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE

This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). This position has been approved for Secondary Firefighter Retirement Coverage under CSRS and FERS by USDA on 6/28/05, C1.

EZ Fire Management Program

This position(s) is located on the East Zone of the Superior National Forest. East Zone Fire Management is responsible for all fire and fuels management on the Tofte and Gunflint Ranger Districts. East Zone Fire staff participates in all aspects of fire management to achieve safe and effective wildfire response, prescribed burn implementation, and project work. The East Zone Fire Management consists of 3 Type VI Engine Modules, three fuels technicians, fire management specialist, assistant zone fire management officer, and zone fire management officer. The East Zone of the Superior N.F. averages approximately 21 ignitions per year and 12,000 acres treated towards integrated fuels target.

The fire management program of the Minnesota National Forests (Chippewa N.F. and Superior N.F.) is one of the largest fire programs in the region and includes three fire management zones (Chippewa Zone, West Zone, and East Zone). The Minnesota National Forest Fire Program includes 10 TYPE VI Engine Modules, 1 Exclusive Use Type 3 Helicopter (Superior Helitack), 3 Beavers, an air tanker base, and is host for a Type 1 Helicopter national contact. Both forests combined have an average of 110 ignitions per year.

The Chippewa N.F. and Superior N.F. are members of the Minnesota Incident Command System (MNICS). MNICS is an interagency group with state and federal partners that cooperate in management of wildfire and all risk incidents and provide standard procedures, practices and information to facilitate, coordinate and support actions on incidents in Minnesota. The organization is governed by a Task Force of agency leads. Member agencies are the US Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

Additional information can be obtained about the Superior National Forest at the following link:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior>

Additional information can be obtained about the Chippewa National Forest at the following link:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/chippewa>

Additional information can be obtained about the Minnesota Incident Command System at the following link:

<http://mnics.org/wpress/>

Advertisement

This position is being advertised in USAJobs through OCRs under both merit promotion (internal) and demonstration project (external) procedures under separate announcements (see announcement numbers listed below). Applicants who wish to be considered under both procedures must apply to each announcement. This position will be filled at the **GS7 grade level**. Follow the specific instructions applicable to each procedure and select **Grand Marais, Minnesota** as duty location. **One** permanent full-time position is being filled. A referral list will be requested to be generated on **April 8, 2015**; please be sure you have your application into the system & applied to the announcement(s) before this date to be considered for this position with the Superior National Forest.

These positions will be filled utilizing an Open-Continuous announcement. The vacancy announcement numbers for this position are:

Who may apply	Announcement Number
Merit Promotion	15-FIREOCR-462DFUEL-67G
Demo Project	15-FIREOCR-462DFUEL-67DP

You may also go to <https://www.usajobs.gov/> and enter the announcement number into the search window.

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.

Grand Marais, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 1250, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. More information on Grand Marais, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Patty Johnson, East Zone FMO at pjohnson@fs.fed.us or **218-387-3230** 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>

