

**Superior National Forest**  
**OUTREACH NOTICE**  
**Fuels Technician, GS 462-07**  
**Aurora, MN**

The Superior National Forest is advertising to fill a Fuels Technician position in Aurora, MN and would like to collect information from interested candidates through the attached Outreach Response form.

***About the Position***

This is a District Fuels Specialist position. This is a secondary firefighter position. The position would participate in wildland firefighting activities. Passing the WCT at the arduous level is a "condition of employment". Primary responsibilities of the position are:

- Facilitate the accomplishment of the West Zone hazardous fuels reduction targets and goals.
- Prepare and implement prescribed burns. This includes writing burn plans, monitoring fuel conditions, setting up prescribed burn units and participating with the burn implementation team.
- Provide technical fire information and participate on NEPA planning teams as needed.
- Prepare hazardous fuel reduction units for mechanical and manual treatments.
- Inspect hazardous fuel reduction treatment contracts.
- Maintain FACTS database for fuels related accomplishments.
- Provide training needs to support prescribed fire and fuels management programs.
- Participate in fire suppression staffing as needed.
- Serve as Duty Officer as needed.

This position is being advertised in USAJobs through OCRs under both merit promotion (internal) **15-FIREOCR-462DFUEL-67G** and demonstration project (external) **15-FIREOCR-462DFUEL-67DP** procedures under separate announcements. Applicants who wish to be considered under both procedures must apply to each announcement. This position will be **filled at the GS-7 grade level**. Follow the specific instructions applicable to each procedure and select **Aurora, Minnesota** as duty location. **One** permanent full-time position is being filled. A referral list will be requested to be generated on **April 20, 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.

**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](http://www.ci.aurora.mn.us)

**John Galazen, West Zone Fuels Planner at (218) 666-0039 or [jgalazen@fs.fed.us](mailto:jgalazen@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/>

