



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest
Doniphan and Poplar Bluff, MO
"Caring for the Land and Serving People"



Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) – GS-0462-6

Introduction

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be filling up to three positions on the South Zone Timber Sale preparation crew. The South Zone consists of the Eleven Point and the Poplar Bluff Ranger Districts and has a very active sale program. We're seeking applicants willing to work in a high functioning team with an average annual target of approximately 20 mmbf. The sale preparation crew is generally assigned to sale preparation throughout the year, but does work in other function areas. These positions are permanent positions with a duty station of Doniphan (2) and Poplar Bluff (1), Missouri. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine the level of interest in the positions.

These positions would involve layout of sale units, GPS traverse of sale units, marking and tree designation, timber cruising, and other duties as assigned. The ability to work well with others, good communication skills, a positive attitude and strong work ethic are highly desirable along with knowledge of forest measurement tools and techniques including the use of clinometer, map and compass and prism. Full performance of this position includes completion of a certification as a Region 9 Cruiser. Applicants who possess or are working on this certification should highlight that in their resume and as part of the outreach response.

Please respond to this outreach/announcement by returning the completed form (at the end of this document) by **May 24, 2015**. For more information, interested applicants are encouraged to contact Shawn Maijala by phone at 573-996-2153 or email smajjala@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 (www.usajobs.gov) as an individual announcement. Individuals responding to this outreach notice will be personally notified when the vacancy is formally announced on USA Jobs. Forest service employees on the workforce reduction and placement list will receive priority consideration and ctap/ictap candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

Major Duties

These positions provide zone-wide support to the operations teams, as well as participation in forest-wide priority projects. Primary duties for these positions will include responsibility for the zone's presale program. Selected applicants will collect, summarize, and prepare timber sales data; resolve the full range of irregular or problem situations for nonstandard assignments, such as preparing rough topographic maps indicating the quantity of timber and other characteristics. Duties will also include identifying and describing the general condition of an area, and potential logging difficulties. Employees will assist in the preparation of tentative logging plans. Employee selects, grades, and marks trees for removal using established silvicultural prescriptions to accomplish timber objectives, provide for an operable harvest operation, and protect forest resources. Selected applicants will also perform other duties as assigned.

The Organization

The Mark Twain National Forest is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern half of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Mark Twain National Forest contains approximately 1.5 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and 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.

For more about the Mark Twain National Forest visit: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf> (public website) or <http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us> (internal USFS website).

About the Zone

The Eleven Point District consists of approximately 360,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest and has the most contiguous National Forest ownership in Missouri. Within the district boundaries are the Eleven Point National Scenic River; the Irish Wilderness, the largest wilderness in Missouri, encompassing 16,600 acres; the Ozark Trail; Greer Spring, the largest spring in the National Forest System; numerous caves and many other features of local, regional and national significance. Active programs include: vegetation management, prescribed fire application and suppression, recreation, trails, wild and scenic river management and wilderness.

The district manages recreation areas on the Current and Eleven Point Rivers. The Eleven Point National Scenic River includes a 5 ½ mile Wild Trout Management Area between Greer Spring Branch and Turner Mill. The District contains four managed lakes, ponds, trails and numerous springs and caves. The terrain is formed by a rugged karst environment, an area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns. Sinkholes, such as those that formed Cupola Pond and Tupelo Gum Pond, have resulted in designation of these areas as Missouri Natural Areas, because of their unique character. Recreation on the District is primarily hunting/fishing, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking.

The Poplar Bluff District is about 159,000 acres of pine and oak/hickory forest, with spectacular fall color. The district contains a trophy small-mouth bass stream, two managed lakes, three fishing rivers and two spring walk-in turkey hunting areas. The Poplar Bluff District contains portions of the Ozark foothills, but the eastern portion of the District is less rugged with some Mississippi Delta-like soils and conditions (elev. 300-800 feet). This combination leads to a variety of ecological settings. The Mud Creek Natural Area displays a complete ecological regime from dry upland oak/hickory forest to wet bottomland hardwood forest. The district manages two recreation areas: Markham Springs located on the Black River and Pinewoods Lake. There are many opportunities for professional growth and positive involvement with public and private organizations.

The district is located between two large Corps of Engineer projects, Lake Wappapello to the east and Clearwater Lake to the north and west. A national recreation trail, The Ozark Trail, meanders across the districts. Dispersed recreation use is primarily hunting/fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. The timber program seeks to balance the age classes/size classes within several management areas. The wildlife program is focusing on learning more about rare species, managing small openings, improving wildlife habitat, and ecosystem restoration. The district has an urban interface with growing communities and intermingled ownership patterns. The district also uses prescribed fire to enhance natural vegetative communities, reduce fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Please respond by May 24, 2015

Position Title: **Forester**
Series/Grade: **GS-0462-6**
Location: **Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Poplar Bluff, MO and Eleven Point Ranger District, Doniphan, MO**

Applicant Information

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Current Title, Series, Grade: _____

Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

- Reinstatement Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 Person With Disabilities
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) Other

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified:

- Target grade level currently identified. (GS-6)
- Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would consider this position at this duty station location:

- Poplar Bluff, MO
- Doniphan, MO

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:

How did you hear about this position?

Please send this completed form to smajjala@fs.fed.us or fax 573-996-7745 with attention to Shawn Majjala. Thank you for your interest in our vacancies.