



OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest

Potosi, MO

“Caring for the Land and Serving People”



Forestry Technician (Sale Preparation)

GS-0462-8/9

Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill one GS-0462 Forestry Technician (Sale Preparation) position, to be located in Potosi, Missouri at the Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District.

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be advertising to fill one permanent Forestry Technician position with primary responsibilities dealing with Timber Sale Preparation. This position is one of two Sale Prep positions on the zone preparing timber sale appraisals and logging plans.

The ability to work well with others, along with 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, prism, GPS units and data recorders. A working knowledge of the TIM and DAP database systems as well as GIS skills will be expected at the target grade level. Knowledge of the NEPA process, especially implementation is highly desirable. 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. Possessing qualifications such as COTR/COR are also a benefit.

Fire and fuels program support is likely after core vegetation management targets are met. Other duties may also be assigned.

Major duties will include:

- Provides support for the Zone TMA by completing appraisals and sale contract packages. Provides advice, technical support, and evaluation of proposed and ongoing timber sale programs.
- Plans and coordinates the day to day program of work for the timber marking crew.
- Coordinates with other disciplines, ensuring NEPA policies are followed. Conveys this information to marking crew through cruise plans.
- Participation in future NEPA planning for integrated vegetation management projects would be expected.
- Maintains communication with purchasers of government timber.

Several resource programs have been zoned between the Potosi-Fredericktown and Salem Ranger Districts. A certain degree of interaction and coordination with the Salem Ranger District will be required by this position. The Salem Ranger District is immediately adjacent to the Potosi Unit; the Salem office is about 1.5 hours to the southwest of Potosi.

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; AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain/create a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. The vacancy will be advertised at [http:// the USJOB site at http://www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

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 July 31, 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 [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:

[Mark Twain National Forest](#) 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.

DISTRICT INFORMATION:

The Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District is comprised of two units with over 285,500 acres of federal ownership. It is located in eight Missouri counties: Bollinger, Crawford, Iron, Madison, Reynolds, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, and Washington..

The Potosi unit offers many developed and undeveloped sites for camping and picnicking. Council Bluff Recreation Area is the largest lake in the Mark Twain National Forest. It is a beautiful 440 acre lake, encircled by a 12 mile moderate hiking and mountain biking trail. Wild Boar Ridge Campground along the spine of a forested Ozark ridge above the lake, offers a unique camping experience.

Courtois and Huzzah Creeks are well-known "floating" streams, typical of the Ozarks, and much-loved by canoeists who flock there in summertime for the crystal clear water. A portion of the Ozark Trail traverses the District, and the segment encompassing the Berryman Trail is popular for mountain biking events. The 9,183 acre Bell Mountain Wilderness has beautiful views and challenging trails in a

secluded and primitive setting.

The Fredericktown unit features the rugged St. Francois Mountains and St. Francis River. In spring, the "shut-ins" at Silver Mine are a magnet for kayak enthusiasts, who take advantage of the high water rapids. Marble Creek provides a quiet campground for family outings, and Crane Lake welcomes hikers to take the trail around it as part of their trek along the Ozark Trail. Rockpile Mountain Wilderness offers 4,240 acres of heavily-forested land, including some of the state's last remaining virgin forest nestled in a narrow gorge.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

Potosi, Missouri: Located in the scenic rolling hills of east-central Missouri, the city was founded in 1763 by a group of French settlers. A lead mining settlement, *Mine au Breton*, was first located at this spot; the name was later changed to that of the Bolivian silver mining city of *Potosi*. Population: 2,658 (as of 2012). Potosi is 70 miles south of St. Louis; 67 miles east of Rolla – the location for the Supervisor's Office.

No government quarters are available, but the area offers many opportunities for purchase or rentals; land can be obtained at relatively low prices. Median prices for homes are \$65,000.00 to \$100,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses and apartments are about \$400 to \$500 per month plus utilities.

About a third of the employees have farms and live within about 30 minutes of Potosi. About half of the employees live in the Park Hills-Farmington area, about 30 minutes to the east of Potosi. Park Hills and Farmington are full service communities and are only 40 minutes from the southern suburbs of St. Louis. A few employees live as far away as Rolla and the St. Louis suburbs.

Schools: Two Junior colleges are within commuting distance. Kindergarten thru high school with an AAA rating, good courses and extracurricular activities. Potosi also has a public library.

Medical Facilities: Washington County Memorial Hospital located in Potosi. Twelve doctors and three chiropractors; one dentist's office. World reknown medical care is available in St. Louis and its suburbs.

Churches: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, Church of God, Pentecostal, and others.

Sports and Events: Youth basketball, football, and baseball. A 9-hole golf course at Fourche Valley Golf Club. Nearby St. Louis offers opportunities to enjoy professional sports (Cardinals, Rams, and Blues) along with museums, parks, a zoo and the famous Gateway Arch.

Climate: Washington County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. Warmest month (July, 86/67 degrees); coolest (January, 40/21 degrees). Average rainfall (44 inches); average snowfall (15 inches).



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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form by July 3, 2015 and send:

E-mail to: Brian Merkel (email to: bmerkel@fs.fed.us)

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Rebecca Ewing, 10019 Highway 8 West, Potosi, MO 63664, or

FAX to: 573-438-2633, ATTN: Brian Merkel.

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Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest*

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!