

*******OUTREACH NOTICE*******

FORESTRY TECHNICIAN GS-0462-6/7

POPLAR BLUFF RANGER DISTRICT

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST



The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be filling one technician position on the Poplar Bluff Ranger District. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position, to establish the appropriate recruitment method, e.g. merit and demo announcements, or use special hiring authorities.

Individuals stating interest in this position with the Outreach Response Form found at the end of this notice will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted on USAJOBS. If interested, please return the Outreach Response Form by August 12, 2015 to ejsherman@fs.fed.us.

The Position

The candidate selected for this permanent, full-time position will serve as a member of the Zone timber sale preparation crew and recreation crew. Time spent in each program area is anticipated to be approximately 50%. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

This position performs presale activities involved with the layout of timber sale areas, designation and cruising of trees for harvest, and the execution of the Forest Land Management plan to specific sites. This position would have responsibilities for sale unit layout, GPS traversing of units, tree marking and designation, and timber cruising. Knowledge of forest measurement tools and techniques including the use of clinometer, map and compass and prism are critical. 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.

This position also performs the operation and maintenance of recreation facilities, maintains developed sites, dispersed sites e.g., roadside and/or backcountry campsites, and performs trail maintenance. Operations include making repairs, removing or replacing recreation facilities, maintaining recreation facilities such as toilets, picnic tables, fire rings, pavilions, dumpsters and other miscellaneous structures. They will be responsible for annual updates of work and bringing site conditions and operation up to full standard. They will train volunteers related to developed site operation and trail maintenance, make technical decisions related to operation and maintenance of developed sites, inspect sites for safety hazards, and mitigate hazards when found.

The ability to work well with others, good communication skills, a positive attitude, and strong work ethic are highly desirable. They will also perform other duties as assigned.

Physical Requirements

A physical capacity for working outdoors in isolated areas is required. The work requires regular and recurring physical exertion related to conservation work requiring walking on rough uneven terrain, climbing steep banks, and jumping ditches and furrows. The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job. Temperatures may range from very hot and humid to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered as well as exposure to irritant chemicals. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, safety glasses, and hardhats.

About the Zone

The Eleven Point District consists of approximately 330,000 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 Ozark Trail; Greer Spring, the largest spring in the National Forest system, numerous caves and many other features of local, regional and national significance.

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 uniqueness. Recreation on the District is primarily hunting/fishing, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking.

The Poplar Bluff District is about 157,000 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 west. The Ozark Trail meanders across the district. 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. We are very involved in the National Fire Plan. We have an urban interface with growing communities and intermingled ownership patterns. We are developing a strong prescribed fire program and investigating methods of accomplishing multiple goals through the use of prescribed fire. We use prescribed fire to enhance natural vegetative communities, reduce fuel loads and improve wildlife habitat.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete and return the attached form. Email attached form to ejsherman@fs.fed.us.

Outreach Response Form

Position Information

Position: Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation/Recreation)

Series/Grade: GS-0462-6/7

Location: Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Poplar Bluff, Missouri

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE (IF APPLICABLE):

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE (IF APPLICABLE):

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE):

AGENCY CURRENTLY EMPLOYEED WITH: USFS___ BLM___ OTHER___

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT IF CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:

___ **PERMANENT** ___ **TEMPORARY** ___ **TERM**

___ **VRA** ___ **PWD** ___ **OTHER**

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

___ **PERSON WITH DISABILITY**

___ **DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY**

___ **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998**

___ **FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER**

___ **STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

___ **Demonstration Project (external recruitment)**

___ **OTHER (EXPLAIN):**

Would you like to be considered for this position in the series and grade identified: _____

I wish to be considered for this position as:

___ **Permanent Assignment**

___ **NTE 1 Year Detail**

___ **Term Appointment**

Please send this completed form to ejsherman@fs.fed.us.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.