

OUTREACH NOTICE & ANNOUNCEMENT

GS-0401-9/11 NEPA Planner Region 9 – Eastern Mark Twain National Forest Eleven Point Ranger District

**Job Title: NEPA PLANNER at USA Jobs or Avue
Grade/Series: GS-0401-9/11**

Outreach/Announcement Open Date: August 13, 2010

Closing Date: August 27, 2010

Introduction:

The Eleven Point Ranger District of the Mark Twain National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a permanent full time GS-9/11 NEPA Planner position. The duty station will be located in Doniphan, Missouri. Become part of a district team that is fully engaged in vegetative restoration, water based recreation management, fire application and suppression in the heart of the Missouri ozarks.

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Eleven Point Ranger District Office

Major Duties:

This is a NEPA Planner position located on the Eleven Point Ranger District. The incumbent is responsible for administering, and providing expertise in the biological and environmental programs, including NEPA at the District level. Prepares comprehensive environmental assessments and impact statements and makes recommendations to ensure that natural resource and ecosystem integrity are adequately addressed. The incumbent coordinates the overall program of opportunity area analysis, project decision-making, plan and project monitoring. The incumbent is the District expert on procedural requirements for Forest Plan implementation including National Forest Management Act (NFMA) compliance, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, forest plan consistency, public involvement, response to appeals, and monitoring procedures. The incumbent serves as interdisciplinary team leader for district NEPA projects performing comprehensive environmental studies and analysis involving a variety of resources such as land, air water, timber, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, and other special management and use areas. Responsible for managing natural resource data both spatial GIS and tabular, pertaining to the organizations natural resources databases of record. The incumbent is responsible for inputting, processing and updating pertinent information for GIS, FACTS, and PALS .

ABOUT THE DISTRICT:

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 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, fire application and suppression, recreation, trails, wild and Scenic River 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 uniqueness. Recreation on the District is primarily hunting/fishing, tubing, canoeing, horseback riding and hiking. For more about the Mark Twain National Forest, visit <http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us/>

About the Community:

Doniphan has a population of approximately 1700 and is located in Ripley County at an elevation of 467 feet in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains of southern Missouri, 180 miles southwest of St. Louis on U.S. Highway 160 and State Highways 142 and 21. It is located 30 miles west of Poplar Bluff, 135 miles northwest of Memphis, Tennessee and 186 miles east of Springfield and Branson, Missouri. Visit <http://www.ripleycountymissouri.org/>

Transportation:

Air: Small private airport

Bus: None

Rail: No passenger service

Truck: Inman Truck Lines. Daily service to St. Louis and Memphis

Deliveries: US Mail, UPS and FedEx

Economic Background: Doniphan is supported primarily by livestock production, agriculture, forest products, four light-manufacturing businesses and tourism.

Housing:

There is an affordable choice of homes for sale ranging in price from \$35,000 - \$100,000. Rental properties include two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes renting for approximately \$250 and \$400, respectively. Apartment rental furnish stove and refrigerator only. No room and board or government quarters are available. House trailer facilities include one trailer park and a few trailers dispersed throughout the town on vacant lots rented by owners.

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Fuels:

Heating and cooking fuels include bulk and bottle gas, fuel oil, wood, electricity and natural gas.

Television:

All network stations are available on cable service for approximately \$18.00 for basic monthly service. Satellite options are readily available.

Schools:

Grade: Doniphan Elementary Reorganized

High: Junior and High Schools

Other: Two Christian Schools; Vocational School; Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, 35 miles east; Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 75 miles south; and Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, 150 miles northeast.

Hospitals:

Ripley County Memorial Hospital (32 bed capacity); Current River Nursing Center (90 bed capacity); Colonial Home and Walnut Street Boarding Home. Four modern Hospitals within 30 miles, including Veterans Administration Hospital.

Doctors: Medical doctors, two optometrists, three chiropractors and specialists within 30 Miles.

Dentists: One dentist, with complete multiple dental facilities within 30 miles.

Churches: Within city limits nine Protestant and one Catholic; many more located outside city limits of Doniphan.

Outdoor Recreation: Swimming, boating and fishing on Current River, with access points at Doniphan and at U.S. Forest Service Float Camp and Deer Leap developed recreation sites, five miles north of Doniphan. There are supervised summer playground program of baseball, softball, tennis and other participation sports for adults and children. Riverfront Park has a walking track, boat access, tennis court, sand volleyball court, two ball fields, picnic tables, restrooms, water fountain and snack shop. The city is proud to offer the newly developed Heritage Museum and Heritage Park for your enjoyment. Current River Country Club features a swimming pool, driving range and nine-hole golf course. Two eighteen hole golf courses are located in Poplar Bluff.

Theaters: None located in Doniphan. A new eight-theater cinema and Black River Coliseum are located in Poplar Bluff, approximately 30 miles away.

Spectator Sports: Local schools. Basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball. Professional sporting events are located 180 miles away in St. Louis and Memphis, Tennessee.

Restaurants:

Chain fast food facilities (McDonald's, Sonic, Snappy Tomato, Big-D's BBQ) and formal dining opportunities are available. Additional dining opportunities are located in Poplar Bluff.

Library: One library with a good selection of reading for the public.

Shopping facilities: Variety of stores in downtown area and shopping center. Two supermarkets and several one-stop convenience stores. Expanded array of shopping opportunities are located in Poplar Bluff with major shopping centers located within a 3 hour drive.

Motels: Three motels within city limits: Days Inn, Econo Lodge and Northend Motel.

Banking: Southern Missouri Savings Bank, Ripley County State Bank, Bank of Grandin, Peoples Community State Bank and US Bank.

Additional information: Some civic organizations including: Kiwanis, Lions and BPW.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

Mark Twain National Forest is possesses six ranger districts, mainly located throughout the southern half of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The MTNF 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.

The Clark and Mark Twain National Forests were established following the passage of the Clark-McNary Act of June 7, 1924. During 1934 and 1935, eight separate purchase units were established. The Forest Service continues a strong purchase program with Land and Water Conservation Funds. The Mark Twain averages over one million dollars in purchases each year to buy key land tracts.

For more information on the Mark Twain National Forest visit:

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Click on the above link to apply or find more information.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about this position please contact Tim Bond, District Ranger or Theresa Wooldridge, Support Services Specialist on the Eleven Point Ranger District at 573-996-2153.