

Forestry Technician (Assistant Zone Fire Management Officer) GS-462-8/9

The Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill three (3) permanent Forestry Technician (Assistant Zone Fire Management Officer), GS-0462-8/9 positions within our Fire and Aviation Management organization. One position will be located in either Salem, MO or Potosi, MO; one in Poplar Bluff, MO; and the third in either Ava, MO or Houston, MO. The annual salary ranges from \$42,214 to \$60,612.

We are looking for enthusiastic, knowledgeable individuals who are willing to work hard, have fun, and move the Forest programs forward. Duties of the position are to assist the Zone Fire Management Officer (ZFMO) in planning, developing, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating an integrated fire management program to achieve resource management objectives and support wildfire suppression and emergency response.

This position meets the definition of a Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) position as designated by WO Fire & Aviation Management. The incumbent must meet the qualifications specified in the Qualifications Standards and Guide prior to Oct 1, 2013.

Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position.

In the absence of the immediate supervisor, the incumbent serves as the Zone FMO.

ANNOUNCEMENT: This position is open on an Open and Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcement with no closing date. The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov under vacancy announcement [PERM-OCR-462-8/9-AFMO-G](#) for those who have career **status** with a federal government agency. For those who are not federal agency employees, the vacancy number is [PERM-OCR-462-8/9-AFMO-DP](#).

If you are interested in this position, apply to the announcement and be sure to list Salem, Potosi, Poplar Bluff, Doniphan, Ava or Houston as a preferred duty station. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by **October 15, 2010**. The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official on **October 20, 2010**. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Firefighter Retirement Coverage: This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d).

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 (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.

One year of **specialized experience** at least equivalent to the GS-7 grade level in the Federal service is qualifying for the GS-8 grade level. Qualifying experience for the GS-9 level includes one year of **specialized experience** equivalent to GS-8. **Specialized experience** is experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position and is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the Federal service. Graduate education or an internship can also be used to meet the specialized experience required, but **only** in those instances where it is directly related to the work of the position. Equivalent combinations of successfully completed post-high school education and experience are also qualifying.

Work Capacity Test: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at arduous is a condition of employment.

If you are interested in knowing more about this position contact Jody Eberly at 573-341-7493, or e-mail jheberly@fs.fed.us. If you are interested in this position, please complete the enclosed Outreach Notice form and return to the address listed on the form.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The [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 Mark Twain NF 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.

ABOUT THE MTNF FIRE PROGRAM:

The Mark Twain National Forest experiences between 150-300 wildfires annually, burning 2000 to 12,000 acres. There are two fire seasons, spring (Feb 15 – May 10) and fall (Oct 10 – Dec 10). Both overlap prescribed burning season. Primary fuels are leaf litter and pine needles. The Forest has an active hazardous fuels and ecological improvement burning program of approximately 30,000 acres per year using both hand and aerial ignition methods. The majority of Forest acres are currently FRCC 2 or 3; and a major emphasis of the Forest Plan is to move these acres toward FRCC 1 with a combination of prescribed burning and thinning. Additional hazardous fuel projects are accomplished through mechanical methods. A large portion of the Forest consists of checkerboard property ownership with numerous areas having a growing urban interface to the Forest including the popular Branson, MO area.

The Forest is divided into three fire management zones. Each zone has a Zone FMO and two Zone AFMO's – one Operations Specialist and one Fuels Specialist. Each zone also has four 13/13 firefighters, and seasonal firefighters when budgets allow.

The Forest hosts the Missouri-Iowa Interagency Coordination Center which moves resources from federal and state agencies in Missouri and Iowa to incidents around the country. We typically mobilize 10 or more Type II IA Crews and over 100 single resources per year. The AFMO serves as the Center Manager and supervises the Dispatch staff. We also work with the Mingo Job Corps to train and utilize their students in fuels management activities and wildfire suppression.

The Forest is rated as High Complexity, primarily due to the aviation component. We host an Interagency Type 3 Exclusive Use Helicopter from February 15 – April 20 annually. In addition to fire positions, the Forest has an active and skilled militia which contribute greatly to the fire program. Training needs for the Forest are commensurate with the large number of people who participate in fire.

Natural disasters and human-caused events requiring emergency response and activation of Incident Command teams are fairly frequent, including floods, wind events, ice storms, train wrecks, search & rescue, etc. We work with three National Weather Service Offices, the National Park Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and numerous RFD/VFDs in our daily operations.

Our Fire Planning Unit for FPA is Missouri and our partners are the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Challenges we are currently working on include: increasing prescribed burn acres to meet Forest Plan objectives; implementing a comprehensive fuel inventory/monitoring program; working with local partners to develop CWPPs; increasing the number of agreements with private landowners for joint prescribed burns; and completing work needed to construct a new helibase building (partner with Missouri University of Science and Technology to incorporate solar and other “green” building techniques).

ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES:

Zone 1 – Potosi

Potosi, Missouri has an elevation of 900 feet and the population is 2890, located 70 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri. Median prices for houses are in the \$80,000 to \$120,000 range with rentals going for \$400.00 to \$500.00. Apartments average \$275.00 to \$400.00.

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

Medical: 1 hospital - 5 MD'S, 3 Dentists and 3 chiropractors.

Churches: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Lutheran, Church of Latter Day Saints

Zone 1 - Salem

Salem, Missouri has a population of approximately 4,500 and is located in south central Missouri about 2 hours from St. Louis, Springfield, Columbia and Jefferson City. Salem is the Dent County seat.

There are four very distinct seasons. Spring weather is usually pleasant. Summer is usually warm to hot and humid. Fall is similar to spring, but slightly cooler. Winter is typically cool to cold, and wet.

Houses, apartments and duplexes are available for sale and rent. Prices range \$50,000-\$100,000 for 2-4 bedroom homes. No government housing is available. Several full-service banks are located in town

There are 4 elementary level rural school districts (K-8th). Salem and rural students attend junior and senior high schools after completion of their 8th grade year. Other schools include Southwest Baptist University College of Salem; University of Missouri-Rolla (engineering focused), Metro Business College, Webster University, and Rolla Technical Institute are all located in Rolla.

Salem is home to many churches of various denominations and there are a variety of civic and social clubs such as Salem Lions Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Legion, Missouri Water Well Association, SOLVE and many others. Salem Memorial District Hospital is a comprehensive medical health facility. The hospital also has an obstetrics unit and a long-term care center. There are several physicians in the area, as well as dentists, optometrists and chiropractors. There are a few licensed daycare centers in the area. Private in-home childcare and baby-sitting are also available. There are a limited number of childcare providers who watch newborns and infants. Both in-home services and residential care are available in Salem and the surrounding area and eldercare

The Chamber of Commerce office is located at 410 North Main, P.O. Box 385, Salem or can be reached by telephone at 573/729-6900 or web site at www.salemissouri.com/chamber. They provide free information to the public about the local area.

The City of Salem's Alice Lou Craig Municipal Swimming Pool offers a variety of activities and competitive swim team events. The City Park offers lighted community tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, baseball and softball fields, playground equipment and picnic shelter houses. A fitness trail is also maintained. The Park Board operates summer youth softball and baseball programs, a fall soccer program, co-ed volleyball and winter basketball programs for local youth. The city's Al Brown Fields are also used for church and city leagues. Salem also has a nine-hole private golf course and country club.

Outdoor activities such as backpacking, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, boating, and hunting are available at a number of surrounding state parks, state lands, rivers, lakes, Mark Twain National Forest and Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

For further information contact: Salem Ranger District --- Mark Twain National Forest
P.O. Box 460 --- Salem, MO 65560
573-729-6656

Zone 2 – Poplar Bluff

Poplar Bluff Missouri has a population of approximately 16,650. Major employers are manufacturing and service industries. There are seven elementary schools, a junior high and high school, and several colleges and private schools. Poplar Bluff has three hospitals, including a VA Center. There is a small municipal airport, and Lambert International Airport in St. Louis is about 80 miles away. The town is served by Greyhound Bus service. There are many civic and community organizations.

More information about the community can be found at:

<http://www.poplarbluffchamber.org/>

Zone 3 – Houston

Houston is the county seat of Texas County which is in the Ozark Heritage Region of southwestern Missouri. Houston is 85 miles east of Springfield, 50 miles south of Rolla, and 35 miles southeast of Fort Leonard Wood. The population of Houston, as of 2000 census, is 1,992.

There are houses for sale \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00. Majority are three-bedroom homes and some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain with moderately high rent for this area - \$450 to \$900 per month plus utilities. Stoves and refrigerators normally not furnished except with furnished apartments. There is no government housing available.

Schools are [Kindergarten through High School](#) with an enrollment of approximately 1,100. The High School has an A+ status in 1999, with program focus on academic and technical education; Texas County Technical Institute (800) 835-1130 www.texascountytech.edu

Texas County Memorial Hospital, a 66 bed facility, is located in Houston. A 96 bed skilled nursing home is also located in Houston (Houston House). There are 12 doctors and 3 chiropractors; one Dentist's office. Nearest specialists located in Rolla, Missouri and Springfield, Missouri.

A variety of churches are present, including Catholic, Methodist, Christian, several Baptist Churches, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Church of God, and Lutheran Church.

Recreational activities include a public swimming pool, supervised summer playgrounds, full-time Parks and Recreation Director, summer day camp, Little League, Babe Ruth, girls softball, Toss and Tee Ball, one theater, a Drive-In Theater; and a fitness center. The city also has a nine hole golf course, a bowling alley and hosts the Emmett Kelly Clown Festival and Texas County Fair.

There are four banks with full banking facilities.

Texas County enjoys the beauty of all four seasons. The average temperature of the warmest month (July) is 80 – 85 degrees. The coolest month (January) is 20 – 25 degrees. The average rainfall is 41 inches with an average snowfall of 15 inches.

Houston, Missouri Web sites of interest:

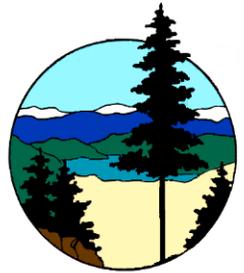
Texas County Medical Clinic www.tcmh.org
Century 21 Real Estate www.c21oaktreerealty.com
ReMax Farm & Home www.Farmhomesrealty.com
Houston Herald www.houstonherald.com
Chamber of Commerce www.houstonmochamber.com

Zone 3 – Ava

Ava is the county seat of Douglas County with a population of approximately 3,000 with an additional 13,000 located within the county. More information about the district and the community of Ava can be found at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/marktwain/ranger_districts/

<http://www.ava-mo.gov>

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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send:

E-mail to: Joy Bolyard (jbolyard@fs.fed.us) or Jody Eberly (jeberly@fs.fed.us), or

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Joy Bolyard, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401, or

FAX to: 573-364-6844, ATTN: Joy Bolyard.

Assistant Zone Fire Management Officer
 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: _____

Preferred Duty Station: _____

Thank you for your interest!