



**OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
Forest Service Representative
GS-460 -9/11**

January 12, 2011

Introduction:

The Mark Twain National Forest, Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek (HRCC) is advertising a Forest Service Representative position. The position will be advertised as a GS 460 with a target grade of 11. The position is zoned with the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs(ACW) district but the position will be stationed on the HRCC District located in Houston, Missouri.

Major Duties:

This position serves as the Forest Service Representative on two districts of the Mark Twain National Forest, for the administration of all timber sales under contract. As the Forest Service Representative (FSR), incumbent is directly responsible to the Forest Contracting Officer (CO) for the administration of timber sale contracts and related activities. Receives delegated authority from the Forest Contracting Officer as the FSR for timber sales on the Mark Twain National Forest. The primary purpose of the position is to ensure contractor compliance with timber sale contracts and to take the necessary corrective actions for acts of noncompliance. Duties also include supervision of 2 of two timber sale administrators.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The [Mark Twain National Forest](#) is made up of six ranger districts, 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 DISTRICT:

The [Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek Ranger District](#) covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 215,000 acres being in Federal ownership. It is located in seven Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, and Wright. The District is rich in Stream/Riparian

habitat, has three rivers that cross through the District (Little Piney, Big Piney & Gasconade) which accommodates boating, river fishing family canoeing and tubing, Paddy Creek Wilderness (7060 acres) has numerous horse/hiking activities. Also, the District has one of the greatest densities of cave and karsts features within the state and two of the largest naturally formed sinkholes, one designated State Natural Area, it's rich in cultural resources with thriving state partnerships, six developed recreation areas, horse/hiking trails located on a portion of the Trail of Tears, In addition, it has a large special uses program, a diverse Wildlife program with the highest concentration of Indiana Bat hibernacula on the forest, a progressive prescribed Fire program with great working relationship with the RFD's, 23 grazing permits, stable Timber program for oak and pine management, and a well established NEPA program with vast self volumes of proposals. The District hosts a regional & national award winning partnership with the Cedar Creek Grazing Association which holds 38 allotments under one permit. Moreover, the District has several zoned positions with the neighboring district to facilitate cohesive program management for improved business acumen. As well as, surrounds the military installation Fort Leonard Wood and coordinates mutually beneficial natural resource management. Also, is known for some of the best wild turkey hunting in the country and prized blue ribbon trout fishing. Even with three separate offices the district personnel works seamlessly to accomplish the annual program of work!

More information about the communities of Houston/Rolla/Cedar Creek or Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs can be found at:

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

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY: [City of Houston](#) [Houston Missouri Chamber of Commerce](#)

HOUSTON, MISSOURI

Elevation: 1,160 feet. Population: 1,196. Information is as of the 2000 census. Houston, Missouri is on Highway 63 South of Rolla, Missouri - 45 miles; and East of Springfield, Missouri - 85 miles. 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.

Government Quarters: None.

Schools: [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.texascountytch.edu

Hospital: Texas County Memorial Hospital located in Houston - 66 beds. A 96 bed skilled nursing home is also located in Houston (Houston House).

Doctors: 12 doctors and 3 chiropractors; one Dentist's office. Nearest specialists located in Rolla, Missouri and Springfield, Missouri.

Churches: Catholic, Methodist, Christian, several Baptist Churches, Church of Christ, Assembly of God, Church of God, and Lutheran Church.

Recreation & fitness Opportunities include: Swimming: 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 theaters, One Theater and One Drive-In Theater; fitness center.

Sports and Events: Basketball, Football, and Baseball. Other: Golf Course (nine holes), Emmett Kelly Clown Festival, Texas County Fair; Annual Tree Lighting festivities. Hunting and Fishing is good (small game), - Sportsman Club; Tennis, Bowling and Canoeing.

Shopping: One supermarket, three clothing shops, one shoe store, two drug stores, dollar stores, appliance store, super Wal-Mart, two car dealers, Chevrolet – Oldsmobile & Ford - Mercury.

There are four banks with full banking facilities.

Climate: 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

For additional information about this opportunity, please contact :

Kimberly Bittle, HRCC District Ranger at kbittle@fs.fed.us or by phone (417) -967-4194. Or Jenny Farenbaugh, ACW District Ranger at jfarenbaugh@fs.fed.us or by phone 417-683-4428.

If you are interested in joining our team, please provide the following information to Kimberly Bittle no later than February 11, 2011.

Name: _____

e-mail address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Grade and series: _____

Agency working for: _____