

Outreach and Vacancy Announcement

***Forestry Technician – (Handcrew) Senior Firefighter
GS-0462-4/5***

February 10, 2011



Introduction:

The Mark Twain National Forest is currently recruiting to fill one Forestry Technician Senior Firefighter, GS-462-4/5 position on the Eleven Point Ranger District in Doniphan, Missouri. The position is primarily a wildland senior firefighter for the Zone 2 fire program, which is comprised of the Eleven Point and Poplar Bluff Ranger Districts. This is a permanent position with varying tours of duty and may include weekend work. Tours of duty include full-time or less than full-time (guaranteed minimum 13 pay periods full-time employment). Salary will range from \$13.41-\$19.50 per hour.

Major Duties:

Serves as a primary firefighter for wildland fire suppression and as a member of a prescribed burning team, which emphasizes the restoration of natural communities and reduction of hazardous fuels across the landscape. Responsible for the operation and maintenance of specialized equipment for wildland and prescribed fire situations. Assists fire management with data collection, mapping, record maintenance/filing; assists with fire prevention education programs and signing and completes inventory and maintenance of supplies and equipment. Participates in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment and vehicles used in fireline activities.

Performs basic duties in support of fire, timber, wildlife, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research programs, projects, or activities. This position provides zone-wide support to the operations team, as well as participates in forest-wide priority projects. Other duties may be assigned, such as, recreation maintenance, marking timber, assisting with wildlife habitat management and a variety of other tasks.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE: This is a primary/rigorous firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS).

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. **PASSING** the WCT at the **ARDUOUS** level is a "condition of employment." The WCT consists of a three (3) mile hike completed within forty-five (45) minutes while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

This position has been identified as a Senior Firefighter, and is subject to the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Standard and Guide selective placement factors for a Senior Firefighter (SFF). IFPM selective placement factors are made up of a primary and secondary NWCG core Incident Management Qualifications and Required Training, and the applicant must possess them to be considered eligible for this position. The selective placement factors for a SFF are:

Primary NWCG Core Requirements: Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1)

AND

Successful completion of NWCG Course#: S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior

Currency in the above NWCG Incident Management Qualifications is required.

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) Master Record (or equivalent training document) which contains documented proof of the certification or attainment of the above IFPM Selective Placement Factors in order to be considered eligible.

How to Apply:

To apply for this position, applications must be posted electronically. Information to apply can be found at *usajobs.opm.gov*. Follow the link: <http://www.usajobs.gov/> and then enter the following vacancy announcement numbers in the “Search Jobs”, “What” box and enter either **OCRP-HANDCREW-462-4/5DP(for public), or OCRP-HANDCREW-462-4/5G (for status)**. **Leave the “Where” box empty and click on the “Run Search” button.** After running the search, the information will be displayed as either a public (DP) or status position (G). You may need to select the correct button for the correct vacancy announcement to appear. The posted position information will have specific information directing you to apply within the AVUE job application system. You must register within the system and post your application as directed. We will hire at either the GS-4 or GS-5 level depending upon applicant group. **You must specify Doniphan, MO** as the duty station. Application must be completed and posted in AVUE by **March 7, 2011**.

The Organization:

The Mark Twain NF is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern half of the state. The Forest Supervisor’s Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Mark Twain NF contains approximately 1.4 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and associated shortleaf pine. A full range of vegetation and recreation management activities on the forest include prescribed fire, fire suppression, timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI and developed and dispersed recreation.

The Community:

The Eleven Point District office is located in Doniphan, Missouri. The district consists of approximately 330,000 acres of shortleaf 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: prescribed fire application and wildland fire suppression, vegetation and wildlife habitat management, 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.

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 our 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects, Wappapello Lake 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.

For more about the Mark Twain National Forest, visit:

<http://fs.usda.gov/mtnf> or <http://fsweb.marktwain.r9.fs.fed.us/> for current USFS employees.

For additional information about this opportunity, please contact :

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If you are interested in joining our team, please apply within AVUE at the link provided above. If you have any questions or comments please contact Keith P. Kelley (kpkelley@fs.fed.us) for more information.