

# *Superior National Forest*

## **Outreach Notice**

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: Assistant Aviation Officer

Position Grade: GS-462-10/11

Organization: Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

Duty Station: Ely, MN

**Reply by April 26, 2011**

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The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The will be advertised as a GS-462-10/11 with a target position of a GS-11 with an annual salary range is **\$57,408 to \$74,628** annually. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document.

### ***Contact Information***

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way of life living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

**Tim Norman** at (218) 327-4462 ([tnorman@fs.fed.us](mailto:tnorman@fs.fed.us)) or **Henry Goehle** at 218-327-4568 ([hgoehle@fs.fed.us](mailto:hgoehle@fs.fed.us)) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

### ***Position Description***

The position serves as a staff assistant to the Assistant Fire Management Officer (AFMO) of the Superior National Forest including serving as the Aviation Officer for the Forest. Serves as an integral member of a fire management team and assist in the day to day operations of aviation assets used in both fire suppression and prescribed burning. Oversees the aviation assets used in wildland fire management for fire suppression and prescribed burn operations including fixed and rotor winged aircraft. Position is responsible for day to day operations of a Regional Airtanker base supporting fire suppression activities on the Forest and for the surrounding area. The position oversees the management of a Type III helicopter module including the supervision of the Helicopter Manager and his staff.

***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](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm))

***The Superior National Forest***, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12% of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, and spruce trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including eagles, deer, gray wolf, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear.

- *Gray wolf*: Northern Minnesota is the last stronghold of the gray wolf in the lower 48 states. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Superior National Forest today
- *One of 100 globally important bird areas* by the American Bird Conservancy
- *Fish species*: walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance
- *Diverse habitat* for a vast array of wildlife species including bald eagle, gray wolf, and Canada lynx, which are species on the Federal endangered list
- Deer, moose, common loon, and black bear are commonly seen

***The Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC)*** in Grand Rapids Minnesota, houses Superior National forest that are part of the Minnesota Incident Command System. Some of MIFC's programs and services include the Northeast Interagency Fire cache, the Symbols program (Smokey, Woodsy Owl and Fire education), Dispatch Coordinator Center, Wildfire Aviation Management, and Fire Behavior Support.

***Ely Minnesota***, is located in the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and the arrowhead region of Minnesota and has a population of around 3,500 year round residents. The population grows during the busy summer months. Ely is only hours from Duluth, MN and the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Average temperatures for the area vary between the seasons with an average temp of 79.2 degrees in July and an average temp of 5.1 degrees in January.

Spring, summer, and fall bring lush and colorful vegetation to the Superior National Forest Area. During the summer season, the area attracts visitors from all over the world, and for good reason too. There are more than 1,500 miles of water trails in and around the BWCAW. Hiking and mountain biking are popular activities. Campgrounds and remote campsites attract people on all adventure levels. There is abundant wildlife, excellent fishing, and plentiful bird watching experiences. For residents of the area, those experiences can be enjoyed by simply opening their back doors. The fall paints a colorful mural on this edge of the Boreal Forest. The fall and winter brings the beauty of the Northern Lights.

Winter in the area is always exciting. With about 2-4 feet of snow on the ground for 5 months, the area has many winter activities to offer. Those activities include; snowmobiling, dog sledding, cross-country and downhill skiing, ice fishing, and winter camping. There are over 150 miles of snowmobile trails surrounding the Ely area as well as many miles of snowshoe and cross country ski trails.

Ely offers a medical center that is part of the St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System, as well as a community hospital with advancing medical technology. Vermilion Community College has natural resource based career programs and is well connected with Minnesota's college system. There are a variety of restaurants, a golf course, a miniature golf course, a bowling alley, a fitness center, community theatre, a hockey arena, community ice rink, baseball and football fields, tennis courts, and two city parks (beach, playground equipment) which host a variety of events. Major attractions include; the BWCAW, Dorothy Molter Museum, North American Bear Center, International Wolf Center, and Ely-Winton Historical Museum.

More information on Ely, Minnesota can be found at:

For information on Ely, MN  
<http://www.ely.org/>

For information on the Superior NF

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior>

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**Assistant Aviation Officer, GS-0462-11**  
**Permanent Full-Time Position**

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If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Tim Norman** via email at **tnorman@fs.fed.us**.

**Contact Information**

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

**Current Federal Employees:**

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

**Non-Federal Employees**

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Replying to this outreach allows us to notify you when the vacancy is posted to USAJobs and AVUE. Applications for this position will be submitted via AVUE at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest.