

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(vacancy currently advertised)

Position Title: Fire Management Specialist (Zone Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist)

Position Grade: GS-462-8/9

Organization: Gunflint Ranger District / Fire

Duty Station: Grand Marais or Tofte, MN

Apply by May 31, 2011

*******NOTICE*******

This position was erroneously outreached/advertised under the OCR announcement OCRP-FFUEL(M)-462-8/9G. A referral list will NOT be requested for OCRP-FFUEL(M)-462-8/9G. If you want to be considered for the Zone Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist you must apply to OCR announcement PERM-OCR-462-8/9-FUEL-G. One position will be filled.

The Superior National Forest (SNF) is recruiting to fill the position above. The annual salary range is **\$47,448 - \$61,678** annually. If you are interested in being considered, please apply to the open continuous announcement(s) (OCRs) below.

This position is being advertised in USAJobs through OCR announcement **PERM-OCR-462-8/9-FUEL-G** (internal). Applicants may apply to a single grade level or to multiple grade levels depending at what grade level(s) they wish to be considered. The position may be filled at the GS-8 or GS-9 grade level. If filled below the target grade level of GS-9, the selected applicant will be noncompetitively promoted to the next higher grade when qualified and eligible. Follow the specific instructions applicable to each procedure and select Grand Marais or Tofte, Minnesota as duty location. **One** permanent full-time position is being filled.

Be sure to have your Avue application into the system & applied to the announcement(s) before this date to be considered for this position with the Superior National Forest, Gunflint Ranger District.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working in Grand Marais, 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.

Patty Johnson (pjohnson@fs.fed.us or 218-387-3230) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

The position is a Zone Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist position. This is a secondary firefighter position. The incumbent has program responsibility for prescribed fire and fuels management. Primary responsibilities of the position are serving as a member of interdisciplinary planning teams as the fuels specialist, preparing and implementing prescribed fire plans, planning manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments and developing and implementing monitoring plans.

The incumbent serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing project plans, compliance documents, and agreements. As part of the interdisciplinary team, the incumbent provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management. The incumbent also provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans and on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems.

The incumbent is responsible for implementing and administering prescribed fire activities, wildland fire use, and fuels management activities to ensure targets are achieved, management objectives are met and mitigation measures are adequate. This includes monitoring fire behavior, evaluating fire effects, identifying potential problems and taking appropriate action.

The incumbent represents the organization in multi-agency fuels management activities through serving as the Forest representative on multi-agencies committees including CWPP, Firewise, and MINICS committees.

The incumbent also assists the DFMO in providing leadership in fire management including wildland fire suppression. The incumbent provides professional advice and assistance to meet resource management objectives wildland fire use.

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)

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

More information can be found on the Superior National Forest Employment page at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.

The Gunflint Ranger District office is located 120 miles northeast of Duluth in the community of Grand Marais, MN. The District organization includes approximately 40 permanent employees and 30 temporary employees. The Gunflint Ranger District covers roughly 400,000 acres of National Forest System land of which 172,000 acres are located in the BWCAW. Wilderness, recreation, special uses, fire and timber are the primary programs on the district, along with numerous wildlife and fishery projects.

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Grand Marais, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 2500, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. The K-12 public school system provides a very good curriculum, including college level courses, and the University of Minnesota has a campus in Duluth. The area is served by airports in Duluth (120 miles), and in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (90 miles).

The Tofte Ranger District office is located 90 miles northeast of Duluth in the community of Tofte, MN. The District organization includes approximately 25 permanent and 30 temporary employees. The district contains roughly 590,000 acres of National Forest System land, with roughly 150,000 acres located in the BWCAW. Wilderness, recreation, special uses, fire and timber are the primary programs on the district.

Tofte Minnesota is a small picturesque community on the shore of Lake Superior, on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest with a permanent population of approximately 250. The community has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. Services in Tofte include a small market, hardware and variety store, gift store, gas station, and a few restaurants. The closest commercial airport is in Duluth (90 miles).

There are two modern population centers; Grand Marais is 30 miles northeast of Tofte and Silver Bay is 30 miles southwest of Tofte. Silver Bay is serviced with a grocery store, gas stations, restaurants, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city services, and medical facilities.

More information on Grand Marais or Tofte, Minnesota can be found at:

www.boreal.org

<http://www.northshoreinfo.com/>

www.grandmaraismn.com

<http://minnesota.hometownlocator.com/mn/cook/tofte.cfm>

<http://minnesota.hometownlocator.com/mn/cook/grand-marais.cfm>