

Superior National Forest Chippewa National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy **not** currently advertised)

Position Title: Forest Fire Management Officer

Position Grade: GS-401-13

Organization: Minnesota Interagency Fire Center

Duty Station: Grand Rapids, MN

Reply by January 25, 2012

The Superior and Chippewa National Forests will soon be advertising to fill the position above. The annual salary range is **81,823 to 106,369** 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 Dabney (218) 626-4303 would be glad to provide additional information on this position. For information regarding the community contact **Lisa Foust** at (218) 327-4575.

Position Description

Serves as a key member of the Leadership Team, which is responsible for the overall long-range Forest planning. Provides expertise to Forest management in the development of overall forest resource and functional programs including formulation of local policies and objectives, the coordination between activities, the allocation of preparedness and hazardous fuels funds, and the establishment of program priorities. Participates in the development, utilization, and integration of Forest fire management resources in providing for maximum benefit in the management of the ecosystem.

The FMO directs all phases of an increasingly complex fire management program. Responsible for the unit's wildfire management planning, program direction, coordination, and evaluation of the fully integrated fire management program. Analyzes current plans and initiates changes within guidelines or makes recommendations to meet changing conditions within the limits of current or anticipated funding.

Provides leadership, coordination and direction in the formulation of standards, methods, and guides for all fire and aviation management program elements. Provides technical advice and guidance in the adaptation of policies and standards received from higher authorities to local conditions.

Responsible for maintaining a well coordinated fire training program on the unit. Aligns Unit fire training program with those of cooperating entities. Observes operations at various levels to assess effectiveness and identifies further needs.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the LIGHT level is a "condition of employment." The LIGHT fitness (Walk) test requires completing a one (1) mile hike within sixteen (16) minutes.

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 Chippewa National Forest is located in North Central Minnesota, approximately 200 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Chippewa was the first National Forest established east of the Mississippi River in 1908. Originally known as the Minnesota National Forest, the name was changed in 1928 to honor the original inhabitants. The Forest has a rich history,

ranging from prehistoric times to the early logging era and CCC days. The Forest boundary encompasses 1.6 million acres, of which over 666,541 acres are managed by the USDA Forest Service. The Leech Lake Indian Reservation lies within the Forest boundary.

Aspen, birch, pines, balsam fir and maples blanket the rolling uplands of the forest. Water is abundant, with over 1300 lakes, 923 miles of rivers and streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands. The forest landscape is a reminder of the glaciers that blanketed northern Minnesota some 10,000 years ago.

The Chippewa is one of the largest breeding population areas of bald eagles in the lower 48 states. Eagles are often viewed soaring over the larger lakes of the area. White-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and numerous waterfowl provide good wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities. Sensitive species such as osprey, loon, and great grey owl also make the Forest their home.

Water orientated recreation such as fishing, canoeing, camping, water-skiing and swimming are popular on the Chippewa. Trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and scenic drives weave their way through the Forest. Autumn on the Chippewa creates a landscape of remarkable colors and beauty and under a blanket of snow the Forest becomes a land of unexplored adventures.

For more information about the Chippewa National Forest, visit our web site at: fs.usda.gov/chippewa.

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 (Smoke, Woodsy Owl and Fire education), Dispatch Coordinator Center, Wildfire Aviation Management, and Fire Behavior Support.

Grand Rapids Minnesota is a major regional trade center, boasting one of the highest per capita annual retail sales figures of any city in the state. Large national retailers, such as Target, Wal-Mart and K-Mart have found profitability in Grand Rapids, while the prosperous central business district of the community supports small specialty shops and service providers. A modern airport featuring a newly constructed passenger terminal and daily commuter flights to Minneapolis services nearby communities. Grand Rapids is also home to Itasca Community College, a higher learning institution that has provided exceptional training and educational opportunities for thousands of students throughout its history.

Selected as the **49th Best Small Town in America** in the Prentice Hall publication, "The 100 Best Small Towns in America", Grand Rapids, Minnesota offers the best of what life has to offer, from modern conveniences to rustic splendor.

More information about Grand Rapids Minnesota can be found at:

<http://www.grandmn.com>
www.dted.state.mn.us.

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Permanent Full-Time Position

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to **Tim Dabney** via email at **tdabney@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 _____

Where this you hear about this position? _____

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.