

Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch) GS-462-5/6/7

The Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill two (2) permanent Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-5/6/7 positions within our Fire and Aviation Management organization. These positions will be located in Rolla, MO at the Mark Twain National Forest Supervisor's Office. The annual salary ranges from \$31,315 to \$50,431.

These positions serve as Initial Attack Dispatchers for the Mark Twain National Forest and Ozark National Scenic Riverways during spring and fall fire seasons. The incumbents also function as Expanded Dispatch Recorders and/or Support Dispatchers for the Missouri-Iowa Coordination Center (MOCC) outside of MTNF fire seasons. We are looking for enthusiastic, knowledgeable individuals who are willing to work hard, have fun, and move the Forest programs forward.

These positions have been identified under the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) and are subject to selective placement factor requirements. The applicants must possess these qualifications to be considered for this position. For further information:

<http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/standard/electronicver/electronic.htm>

Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment is a basic qualification requirement for these positions.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The vacancy announcement for these positions is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under vacancy announcement [OCRP-462-IADISP-5/6/7G](#) for those who have career **status** with a federal government agency and under vacancy announcement [OCRP-462-IADISP-5/6/7DP](#) for those who are not federal agency employees. These positions are open on an Open and Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcement with no closing date.

If you are interested in this position, apply to the announcement and be sure to list Rolla, Missouri as the preferred duty station. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by **February 17, 2012**. The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting official on **February 24, 2012**. All applicants who have applied to the announcement on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Firefighter Retirement Coverage: These are covered secondary position descriptions under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d).

Office of Personnel Management Qualifications: Complete qualification requirements for these positions 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).

Time-in-Grade Requirement: If you are a current or former federal employee and applying for a promotion opportunity, you must have 52 weeks of federal service at the next lower grade in the normal line of progression for the position being filled. This requirement must be met within 30 days of the closing of this announcement.

One year of **specialized experience** at least equivalent to the GS-4 grade level in the Federal service is qualifying for the GS-5 grade level. One year of **specialized experience** at least equivalent to the GS-5 grade level in the Federal service is qualifying for the GS-6 grade level. Qualifying experience for the GS-7 level includes one year of **specialized experience** equivalent to GS-6. **Specialized experience** is experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to perform successfully the duties of the position and is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level in the Federal service. Graduate education or an internship can also be used to meet the specialized experience required, but **only** in those instances where it is directly related to the work of the position. Equivalent combinations of successfully completed post-high school education and experience are also qualifying.

If you are interested in knowing more about these positions contact Rick Case at 573-341-7403, or e-mail rcase@fs.fed.us. If you are interested in these positions, please complete the enclosed Outreach Notice form and return to the address listed on the form.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The [Mark Twain National Forest](#) is made up of six ranger districts, mainly 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 MTNF FIRE PROGRAM:

The Mark Twain National Forest experiences between 150-300 wildfires annually, burning 2000 to 12,000 acres. There are two fire seasons, spring (Feb 15 – May 10) and fall (Oct 10 – Dec 10). Both overlap prescribed burning season. Primary fuels are leaf litter and pine needles. The Forest has an active hazardous fuels and ecological improvement prescribed burning program of approximately 30,000 acres per year using both hand and aerial ignition methods. Additional hazardous fuel projects are accomplished through mechanical methods. A large portion of the Forest consists of checkerboard property ownership with numerous areas having a growing urban interface to the Forest including the popular Branson, MO area.

The Forest is divided into three fire management zones. Each zone has a Zone FMO and two Zone AFMO's – one Operations Specialist and one Fuels Specialist. Each zone also has four 13/13 firefighters, and seasonal firefighters when budgets allow.

The Forest hosts the Missouri-Iowa Interagency Coordination Center which moves resources from federal and state agencies in Missouri and Iowa to incidents around the country. We typically mobilize 10 or more Type II IA Crews and over 100 single resources per year. The AFMO serves as the Center Manager and supervises the Dispatch staff. We also work with the Mingo Job Corps to train and utilize their students in fuels management activities and wildfire suppression, and have an agreement with Americorps St. Louis to provide additional firefighters for both suppression and prescribed burning on the Forest.

The Forest is rated as High Complexity, primarily due to the aviation component. We host an Interagency Type 3 Exclusive Use Helicopter from February 15 – April 20 annually. In addition to fire positions, the Forest has an active and skilled militia which contribute greatly to the fire program. Training needs for the Forest are commensurate with the large number of people who participate in fire.

Natural disasters and human-caused events requiring emergency response and activation of Incident Command teams are fairly frequent, including floods, wind events, ice storms, train wrecks, search & rescue, etc. We work with three National Weather Service Offices, the National Park Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and numerous RFD/VFDs in our daily operations.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

Rolla's population is approximately 16,367, and its elevation is 1,140 feet above sea level. Rolla is located in central Missouri off Interstate 44, Mo. Hwy. 63 and 72. The average annual temperature is 55.7 degrees, average rainfall 37.45 inches and snowfall of 11.7 inches. It is situated within 1 ½ - 2 hr. drive of three major cities (St. Louis to the east, Springfield to the west and Jefferson City/Columbia to the north).

Government: Rolla is a Third Class City under Missouri Statutes with a Mayor-City Council form of government with a full-time City Administrator. Electricity within the city limits is supplied by the Rolla Municipal Utilities. City fire and police departments are equipped with the most modern equipment available and is staffed with full-time personnel. <http://rollacity.org/>

Economic Background: The Rolla area has a diversified economic base comprised of industry, governmental agencies, educational facilities, medical services and some agricultural activity. In addition, Rolla is considered to be a regional trade center serving a population of over 190,000 people. There are over 1000 businesses in the Rolla area, including the Missouri University of Science and Technology (MS&T)(formerly University of Missouri-Rolla) and the Rolla Technical Institute.

Housing: The median value of existing homes in the Rolla area is approximately \$75,400, with the majority of new home construction costs ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000, with a median monthly house payment of \$507.00 (not always including insurance and taxes). The median monthly rental for a two bedroom apartment is \$425. There are several realtors available specializing in housing of various price ranges within specific areas. Apartments, duplexes, and fourplexes are available with prices depending on facilities and location. Rooms are available for rent in local hotels and motels.

Government Quarters: None available

Fuels: Coal, electricity, natural gas, propane fuel oil and wood.

Taxation: Personal income tax ranges is \$5.01 per \$100 assessed valuation. County sales tax is .005%,

City sales tax is .02% and State sales tax is .04225%. Prescription drugs are exempt from sales tax.

Transportation: Bus service is provided by Greyhound and USA Tours. Locally owned cab companies provide public transportation. Rail freight is provided by the main line of Burlington/Northern Railroad. Rolla National Airport is located 12 miles north on Hwy. 63. A private airport, Rolla Downtown Airport, is located two miles west of Rolla. Major commercial airlines are located in St. Louis and Springfield. Major highways include Interstate 44, and US Highways 63 & 72.

Television: Cable and pay TV with 51 channels are available.

Radio: Six radio stations including [Public Radio KMST](#).

Newspaper: [Rolla Daily News](#) circulates 7,000 daily and Sunday papers, serving much of surrounding counties.

Schools: The public school system [Rolla Public School District Website Homepage](#) (rated AAA) consists of one senior high, one junior high (8-9) and one middle school (5-6-7) and three elementary schools enrolling 4,090 students. There are five parochial schools with an enrollment of over 359 students. B.W. Robinson State School, Choices for People, the Kyle Center and Gingerbread House serve people with disabilities.

Colleges: Rolla is the home of the [Missouri University of Science and Technology](#) (MST), a premier school which focuses on educating tomorrow's leaders in engineering and science with a student population of approximately 5,000. MST offers degrees in the fields of engineering, science, social sciences and humanities. Graduate programs leading to Master's and PhD degrees are also offered.

[Columbia College of Missouri](#) and [Drury University](#)

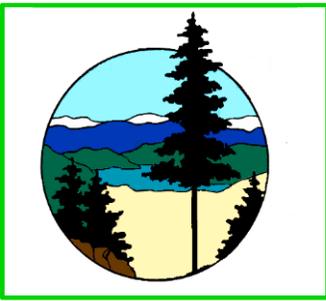
Vocational-Technical Schools: Rolla Technical Institute, one of the most modern in the Midwest, provides an extensive and comprehensive technical vocational training program to students from 12 area high schools as well as evening training and customized training for over 900 workers. Metro Business College, Columbia College and Drury College offer professional training and degrees in several fields. Webster University offers several graduate studies programs locally.

Churches/Civic Organizations: Our beautiful churches represent every denomination and are dedicated to serve our many citizens and welcome visitors. An active Chamber of Commerce along with organizations such as Lions, Optimist, Kiwanis, Rotary and Jaycees as well as the usual lodges, fraternal orders, federated local clubs of interest to all ages keep the citizens involved. Cultural activities are varied. University and local amateur theater groups, art shows and community concert programs receive much interest and support.

Health Care: Phelps County Regional Medical Center is a 240-bed regional referral center serving south central Missouri. An \$18 million expansion project completed in 1993 updated the entire hospital campus. Medical staff includes more than 110 physicians and dentists. The hospital has a high-risk maternity center and a Level III Trauma Center that sees more than 23,000 patients each year. The medical center employs more than 800 full- and part-time employees, and is the area's second largest employer. Rolla has three veterinary offices available to take care of your pet's medical needs.

Cultural Interests: [Rolla Public Library](#) is one of the finest in the state with almost 60,000 volumes and offers many various services. [The Curtis Laws Wilson Library](#) -- Missouri University of Science & Technology is also accessible to the general public.

Recreation: Rolla Parks and Recreation Department provides supervised playground programs throughout the year. The Splash Zone (modern, shallow water-based play facility) with fountains, a lazy river, and water slides is located at one of Rolla's park locations. [The Centre](#) is the city's recreational facility with an indoor pool, basketball/volleyball courts, and a fitness room. Classes and programs are available throughout the year for members and the public. Two parks have stocked lakes for fishing and all have lighted ball diamonds and tennis courts as well as picnic pavilions and fireplaces. One public park provided by the Lion's Club is 240 acres with a fishing lake, picnic grounds, ball and soccer fields, equestrian trails and a club den available to the public. There is a University golf course and a private country club. There are two local health center facilities with racquetball courts, cardiovascular equipment, aerobics, tanning beds and massage therapists available. The Rolla Optimists sponsor kid's soccer and basketball programs. There are also recreational and competitive soccer, baseball, and basketball programs for area youth.



OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Mark Twain National Forest
Rolla, MO

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If you are interested in these positions, please complete this form and send:

E-mail to: Rick Case (rcase@fs.fed.us) or Jody Eberly (jeberly@fs.fed.us), or

Mail to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Rick Case, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla, MO 65401, or

FAX to: 573-426-6800, ATTN: Rick Case.

Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch)

Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone: Work: _____ Home: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes ____ No ____

Permanent? ____ Temporary? ____ TERM? ____ VRA? ____ PWD? ____ OTHER? ____

Current Title/Series/Grade: _____

Agency Employed with and location: _____

Thank you for your interest!