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HANDCREW SENIOR FIREFIGHTER
ELEVEN POINT RANGER DISTRICT
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST
DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

The Mark Twain National Forest will soon be filling a GS-0462-4/5 Handcrew Senior Firefighter position, as part of the units Zone 2 fire organization encompassing two Ranger Districts. This position is Permanent (13/13) position with a duty station of Doniphan, Missouri. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine the level of interest in the position.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact: Keith Kelley, Zone FMO 573- 996-2153, kkelley@fs.fed.us

Interested applicants should submit an application to the Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements:

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Will request referral list on May 11, 2012.

Announcements are posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov/>. Application must be submitted through the Avue Digital Services website, located at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html>.

POSITION INFORMATION:

This is a primary/rigorous firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). Applicants must be under age 37.

Major Duties

This position is for a Senior Firefighter who will serve on a zone fire crew to assist in wildland fire suppression/management/control as a specialized firefighter. The District is seeking a talented and motivated individual who wants to be part of a team which is growing a suppression and prescribed fire program. The zone averages 40-75 wildfires per year and has a large prescribed burning program which is exceeding 20,000 acres annually. The incumbent performs all aspects of wildland and prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop

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up. This position is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildfires and prescribed fire situations.

Physical Requirements

The work requires strenuous physical exertion for extended periods including walking, climbing, shoveling, chopping, throwing, lifting, and frequently carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more.

The position requires that the incumbent meet "Arduous" physical requirements as measured by the appropriate work capacity test.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS:

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 ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

Bargaining Unit Status: Eligible - Coverage is dependent upon unit location.

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

Performs other duties as assigned.

THE DISTRICT

The Eleven Point Ranger District Zone 2 fire management organization currently consists of a FMO, AFMO, Fuels Specialist and four GS-5 13/13 Senior firefighters, two type 6 Engines and three dozers for suppression operations located on three units. The District has direct protection responsibilities for over 600,000 acres.

The Ranger District spans over 400,000 acres of the Mark Twain National Forest, which is situated in the Southern Missouri Ozarks. This region of Missouri is known for its clear streams, many caves and springs, and hardwood dominated rolling hills. Many recreation opportunities are available from hunting, fishing, hiking, boating, and horseback riding to name a few. The District assists in the management of the lower Current River and the Nationally designated Eleven Point Scenic River.

THE FOREST

The Mark Twain National Forest at 1.6 million acres is one of the largest Forests in Region 9. Located in southern Missouri and spanning the entire southern portion of the state, the Mark Twain covers a variety of habitats, ranging from timber covered hills to glades and savannas. There are six ranger districts with diverse and challenging programs that focuses primarily on shortleaf pine restoration, recreation and timber management.

About the Community:

Doniphan has a population of approximately 1700 and is located in Ripley County at an elevation of 467 feet in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains of southern Missouri, 180 miles southwest of St. Louis on U.S. Highway 160 and State Highways 142 and 21. It is located 30 miles west of Poplar Bluff, 135 miles northwest of Memphis, Tennessee and 186 miles east of Springfield and Branson, Missouri. Visit <http://www.ripleycountymissouri.org/>

Economic Background: Doniphan is supported primarily by livestock production, agriculture, forest products, four light-manufacturing businesses and tourism.

Housing:

There is an affordable choice of homes for sale ranging in price from \$35,000 - \$100,000. Rental properties include two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes renting for approximately \$250 and \$400, respectively. Apartment rental furnish stove and refrigerator only. No room and board or government quarters are available. House trailer facilities include one trailer park and a few trailers dispersed throughout the town on vacant lots rented by owners.

Visit: www.southeastmorealestate.com

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Schools:

Grade: Doniphan Elementary Reorganized

High: Junior and High Schools

Other: Two Christian Schools; Vocational School; Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, 35 miles east; Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 75 miles south; and Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, 150 miles northeast.

Hospitals:

Ripley County Memorial Hospital (32 bed capacity); Current River Nursing Center (90 bed capacity); Colonial Home and Walnut Street Boarding Home. Four modern Hospitals within 30 miles, including Veterans Administration Hospital.

Outdoor Recreation: Swimming, boating and fishing on Current River, with access points at Doniphan and at U.S. Forest Service Float Camp and Deer Leap developed recreation sites, five miles north of Doniphan. There are supervised summer playground program of baseball, softball, tennis and other participation sports for adults and children. Riverfront Park has a walking track, boat access, tennis court, sand volleyball court, two ball fields, picnic tables, restrooms, water fountain and snack shop. The city is proud to offer the newly developed Heritage Museum and Heritage Park for your enjoyment. Current River Country Club features a swimming pool, driving range and nine-hole golf course. Two eighteen hole golf courses are located in Poplar Bluff.

OUTREACH RESPONSE

Please submit enclosed form if interested. If you need further information, contact Keith Kelley, Eleven Point Ranger District Fire Management Officer at 573-996-2153.

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

To complete form, use tab key to move between fields (gray blocks), or left click on any field. Entries in check box fields are made by a single click to select or unselect. Type entries in other fields.

Position Identification

Position Title: **Senior Firefighter**
Series/Grade: **GS-0462-5 (13/13)**
Location: **Eleven Point Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest**

Applicant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Title, Series, Grade _____

Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person With Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

- Series currently identified and classified
 Other appropriate series for which I am qualified

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

- Target grade level currently identified.
 Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

I would like to be considered for this position at the location identified

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
 NTE 1 Year Detail or Promotion opportunity
 Term Appointment

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:

How were you notified of this outreach?

Please send this completed form to kkelley@fs.fed.us or fax to 573-996-7745
Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.