

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

Various Positions

(Vacancy not currently advertised, see various positions for estimated advertisement dates)

Reply by June 21, 2012

The Superior National Forest (SNF) will soon be advertising to fill the positions listed below. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the [Outreach Notice Reply Form](#) at the end of this document and send it to the person listed for the "Contact Information".

- 1. NEPA Project Coordinator** GS-401-12, Duluth MN
- 2. NEPA Planner** GS-401-9/11, Cook MN
- 3. Wildlife Biologist** GS-486-9/11, Duluth MN
- 4. Hydrologist** GS-1315-9/11, Ely MN

1. Position Title: NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Project Coordinator

Position Grade: GS-401-12

Organization: Supervisor's Office / Natural Resources Team

Duty Location: Duluth, MN

Contact Information: Mary Shedd, Natural Resources Team Leader, mshedd@fs.fed.us, (218) 626-4317

Position Description: The position will have responsibility for expertise, leadership, and guidance to Forest Service interdisciplinary planning and technical review teams *and* contracted external interdisciplinary teams as they plan, analyze and document resource management proposals and decisions in environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and/or categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act. The majority of projects will involve hardrock minerals exploration and the potential development of copper-nickel and other metals mines on federal lands, together with their associated activities (such as road management, water quality monitoring). The position requires technical knowledge of resource management and National Environmental Policy Act and other federal laws and policy and their related regulations. It also requires skills in leadership, organization, adaptability, oral and written communication, and coordination with diverse groups of public and industry stakeholders, and other agency, tribal, and government representatives.

Estimated Advertisement Date: July-mid August 2012

2. Position Title: NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Planner

Position Grade: GS-401-9/11

Organization: Superior National Forest, LaCroix Ranger District

Duty Location: Cook MN

Contact Information: Steve Kuennen, skuennen@fs.fed.us, (218) 229-8801

Position Description: The position will have responsibility for expertise, leadership and guidance to interdisciplinary teams as they plan, analyze and document natural resource management proposals and decisions in environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and/or categorical exclusions. Projects will involve a variety of resources, such as forest vegetation,

timber, fire, wildlife, fish, water, recreation, wilderness, soil, social economics, minerals, and other special uses. The position requires technical knowledge of resource management and National Environmental Policy Act as well as skills in leadership, oral and written communication, organization, and adaptability.

Estimated Advertisement Date: June 15, 2012

3. Position Title: Wildlife Biologist

Position Grade: GS-486-9/11

Organization: Supervisor's Office / Natural Resources

Duty Location: Duluth, MN

Contact Information: Mary Shedd, mshedd@fs.fed.us, (218) 626-4317

Position Description: This position is responsible for providing professional wildlife expertise for the protection, management, and improvement of wildlife habitat. This position provides a team member on interdisciplinary teams as they plan, analyze, and document natural resource management proposals and decisions in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and/or categorical exclusions. The primary emphasis for this position involves work on projects related to Forest-wide minerals management, such as exploratory drilling, hardrock (metals) mining, mineral materials (sand, gravel, quarry) and special uses related to minerals management. However, the position will also be involved in projects involving other resources, such as forest vegetation, timber, wildlife, fish, water, recreation, wilderness, soil, fire, social economics, and other special uses. The position requires technical knowledge of wildlife biology science and resource management, as well as skills in communication, teamwork, and adaptability.

Estimated Advertisement Date: June 15, 2012

4. Position Title: Hydrologist

Position Grade: GS-1315-9/11

Organization: Superior National Forest, Kawishiwi Ranger District

Duty Location: Ely MN

Contact Information: Mary Shedd, mshedd@fs.fed.us, (218) 626-4317

Position Description: This position is responsible for conducting and interpreting hydrologic surveys and analysis, watershed rehabilitation and management planning, and providing technical guidance for protection, management and improvement of surface water and groundwater resources. This position provides a team member on interdisciplinary teams as they plan, analyze, and document natural resource management proposals and decisions in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act environmental review. Projects will involve a variety of resources, such as forest vegetation, timber, wildlife, fish, fire, water, recreation, wilderness, soil, social economics, minerals, and other special uses. The position requires technical knowledge of wide range of hydrologic concepts, principles, and method related to resource management, as well as skills in communication, teamwork, and adaptability.

Estimated Advertisement Date: July-August, 2012

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about the Superior National Forest. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

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)

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>.

Duluth Minnesota is the location of the Headquarters of the Superior National Forest, the Duluth community offers many diverse opportunities and something special for almost any lifestyle.

You can spend your morning paddling on a remote lake with loons calling in the background, enjoy a world class dinner at a local restaurant, attend a symphony orchestra concert in the evening, then watch the northern lights before going to bed.

Superior, the nation's largest lake, is the centerpiece to Duluth and it's one of the most compelling reasons to live here. Highway 61 becomes a National Scenic Drive as it follows the shoreline north from Duluth to the Canadian border-only a few hours drive!

Duluth is home for all seasons. With so much to do and see, you will be glad you live here.

- Winter– downhill skiing. Snowmobiling, ice fishing, and snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing. Numerous skating rinks – inside and outside. There is lots of hockey action!
- Summer --Duluth Harbor and shoreline of Lake Superior is a destination for people from other parts of the state. Cool breezes on the Lake Walk provide relief from hot weather and encourage golfing, biking, hiking, boating, and other outdoor pursuits.
- Fall colors displayed on the hillsides of Duluth rival any other part of the country and provide a scenic backdrop to all activities.
- Spring is sweet time - literally. There are several maple syrup operations in the area. Water from thawing ice rush down many streams right in town. More than one is home for trout.
- Any time of year, it is fun to:
 - Explore the quaint shops and restaurants of Canal Park
 - Watch large ocean-going and “laker” ships moving in and out of the harbor
 - Enjoy Skyline Scenic Drive
 - Visit numerous parks, campgrounds, resorts, within easy drive distance.
 - Attend one of the hundreds of local events including Farmer’s Market, Grandma’s marathon, Tall Ships, Bear Grease Dog Sled Race, and many others.
 - Fish, fish, fish!

All the services and resources expected with a city are available in Duluth:

- International class entertainment including Duluth symphonic orchestra, ballet, multiple museums, art galleries, and theatrical companies.
- Colleges & universities including St. Scholastica College, University of Minnesota-Duluth, Lake Superior College, Duluth Business University and other professional institutions. University of Wisconsin-Superior available just over the bridge.
- Great Lakes Aquarium, Lake Superior Zoo, Hartley Nature Center, and numerous neighborhood parks
- St Lukes and St. Mary’s Hospitals, Miller Dawn and numerous other health care centers
- More than 30 churches & synagogues,
- Wide range of housing options
- City bus system
- Grocery shops, restaurants, coffee shops, downtown shopping, and a shopping mall featuring popular chains, casinos
- Duluth International Airport provides direct and connecting flights

Duluth web sites:

www.duluthmn.gov

www.visitduluth.com

Duluth is also home to the University of Minnesota - Duluth, the College of St. Scholastica, and Lake Superior College, higher learning institutions that have provided exceptional training and educational opportunities throughout their history.

The LaCroix Ranger District office is in Cook Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota 75 miles south of International Falls and 90 miles north of Duluth.

Cook Minnesota has a population of 622. It is a full service community with a hospital, medical/dental clinic, K-12 school, 5 churches, public and school libraries, 3 banking institutions, fire department, airport, 1 grocery store, 2 hardware stores, 2 new and used car dealerships, furniture store, movie theatre, sporting goods store, drug store, restaurants, and other local businesses. Area recreational opportunities cover a broad spectrum: swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, snowmobile use, cross country skiing, golfing, and more.

More information on Cook Minnesota can be found at:

www.cookminnesota.com

www.timberjay.com

www.cookmn.com

www.lakevermilion.com.

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

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If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to the person listed for the Contact Information .

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NEPA Planner

Wildlife Bio

Hydrologist

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.