



Superior National Forest
Fuels Technician, GS-462-6/7
Apply by January 16, 2012

The **Gunflint Ranger District** of the Superior National Forest is advertising to fill a Forestry Technician-Fuels position in **Grand Marais or Tofte MN**.

This position is being advertised in USAJobs through OCRs under both merit promotion (internal) **OCRP-462-DFUEL-6/7G** and demonstration project (external) **OCRP-462-DFUEL-6/7DP** procedures under separate announcements. Applicants who wish to be considered under both procedures must apply to each announcement. 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-6 or GS-7 grade level. If filled below the target grade level of GS-7, 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 **Tofte and/or Grand Marais, Minnesota** as duty location. **One** permanent full-time position is being filled.

Be sure you have your application into the system & applied to the announcement(s) before **January 16** to be considered for this position with the Superior National Forest.

Brianna Schueller at 218-663-8609/bschueller@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

About the Position This position serves as the East Zone Fuels Technician. The incumbent will assist the zone fuels specialist with planning, implementing, and monitoring the zone's prescribed fire and fuels program and support suppression operations as needed. Primary responsibilities of the position include burn plan writing, fuels treatment layout, implementation, and monitoring as well as fire and fuels data management.

The incumbent serves as the primary burn plan writer for the East Zone and provides burn plan writing assistance to other zone fire personnel. The incumbent is responsible for layout, contract specification development, and monitoring of all fuels treatments on the zone. In this position, the incumbent will also be responsible for fuels and fire data maintenance. This includes, but is not limited to, updating and creating fire/fuels spatial datasets, entering all monitoring data into the FFI (FEAT/FIREMON Integrated) database, and ensuring accomplishment reporting for primary fuels treatments are completed in FACTS (Forest Activity Tracking System).

This position has been identified under the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) and is subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide when filling this vacancy. FS-FPM selective placement factors are made up of a primary and secondary National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) core Incident Management Qualifications and Required Training.

Incumbent must have a minimum qualification of CRWB or ENGB or FIRB and ICT4 to meet the basic qualification requirement for this position. The applicant will be required to possess these qualifications by October 1, 2013 and must meet them prior to entry into the position after October 1, 2013. For further information: <http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/standard/electronicver/electronic.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 3.9 million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes, 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 bald eagle, deer, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear. Northern Minnesota is home to Canada lynx and gray wolf, and is a key area for the recovery of both species in the lower 48 states.. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Forest today. Fish species such as walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance.

Grand Marais 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 1250, 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. More information on Grand Marais, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental.

For more information, be sure to check us out at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.