

Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation)
GS-401-7/9

The Mark Twain National Forest is currently recruiting to fill one Natural Resource Specialist (Recreation) GS-401-7/9 on the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District, in **Ava, Missouri**. This position performs professional and technical duties in recreation management at the District level under the supervision of the District Recreation Staff Officer. This is a permanent full-time position. The incumbent will be required to work weekends, obtain/maintain ATV certification, and obtain and maintain dozer/trail dozer certifications within one year of starting employment date. The incumbent of this position will need to have or be willing to obtain CDL licenses in order to load and haul heavy equipment used at the District's motorized trails riding area, developed recreation facilities, and dispersed recreation areas, as needed. The annual salary ranges \$38,790.00 to \$61,678.00.

DUTIES: The incumbent's primary areas of responsibility will be for recreation facilities, including developed and dispersed areas, day use areas, motorized trails/OHV area, and Outfitter/Guides. Gathers relevant information and project costs for recreation facilities, maintenance, and operation. Participates in the development, administration, and execution of annual work planning for recreation resources in compliance with agency guidelines and direction.

In coordination with District and Forest Recreation Staff, incumbent applies for a variety of grant funding opportunities, both new and recurring to further our existing and planned recreation program. Assists the recreation staff officer in the development of grant application and management.

Provides recreation input to interdisciplinary teams for project planning purposes and may lead interdisciplinary teams and assist the Recreation Staff Officer in the preparation and writing of specialist reports and/or environmental decision documents for recreation projects.

Communicates program information to the public regarding the agencies management practices, rules, regulations relating to all recreation management. Works with local law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with federal laws, reporting all known violations of law and regulation.

Maintains databases such as INFRA with trail accomplishments, facility updates, and performs TRACS surveys as needed.

Assists the Recreation Staff Officer in the lead, technical and administrative supervision to subordinate, employees, other District/Forest employees, and volunteers. This includes volunteer coordination and partnering, host and lead of AmeriCorps, YCC and numerous other groups providing support to the District recreation program. Provides support in the planning of annual work to be accomplished, sets and adjusts short-term priorities and prepares schedules for completion of work.

ANNOUNCEMENT: This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine the interest in this position. Applicants are encouraged to check www.usajobs.gov website for information. **Response to this Outreach is due July 31, 2013.**

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION AND PLACEMENT LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

Interested candidates are encouraged to obtain a USA Jobs profile and prepare their resume in that format. The vacancy will be advertised at <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

Because of the new hiring process with eRecruit, we will be contacting those responding to the outreach listed regarding the application process and vacancy announcement details. We expect the vacancy announcement to be posted by end of August 2013.

If you are interested in knowing more about this position contact Darla Rein at 417-683-4428, ext. 133, or e-mail drein@fs.fed.us or Jenny Farenbaugh – District Ranger at 417-683-4428. If you are interested in this position, please complete the enclosed Outreach Notice form and return to the address listed on the form.

Office of Personnel Management Qualifications: Complete 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).

Time-in-Grade Requirement: The GS-7 is an entry level forester trainee position. You must meet the minimum education requirements for the 401 series as posted at the following OPM website. <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/#url=0400-ndx> 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-7 grade level in the Federal service is qualifying for the GS-9 grade level. **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.

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.

DISTRICT INFORMATION: The A/C/W RD covers approximately 320,000 acres of Federal Ownership. It is located in seven southwestern Missouri counties: Barry, Christian, Douglas, Howell, Ozark, Stone, and Taney.

A/C/W RD hosts 26 PFT positions. The District program of work includes management of the largest acreage of Federally owned glades in the State of Missouri; management of three State Natural Areas; timber harvesting for utilization and other resource objectives; two recreation fee demo campgrounds (one of which connects to approximately 80 miles of ATV and motorcycle trails and the other adjacent to the North Fork of the White River), four day use areas, three National Forest Scenic Byways, one national recreation trail and several dispersed recreation opportunities. The program of work also includes the management of three Wilderness Areas: Hercules Glades – 12,315 acres (Ava unit); Piney Creek – 8,142 acres (Cassville unit); and Devil's Backbone – 6,595 acres (Willow Springs unit); special uses management is increasing with the emphasis in road access, recreation events, utilities and commercial river outfitter and guide uses.

There are numerous non-recreational caves (currently under a Forest Closure Order) on the District and Forest, managed for various Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive

species. An active heritage program exists on the A/C/W RD. It is rich in cultural resources including Native American, Civil War and Civilian Conservation Corps history.

Ecosystems on the District include cedar glade, oak, oak-pine, and pine forests, oak savanna, and open woodlands. The terrain ranges from the rough breaks and dissected hill country to the flat plains. Walking conditions can range from open park like conditions to steep slopes with dense mid and understories

COMMUNITY INFORMATION: AVA, MISSOURI

Ava, Missouri has a population of approximately 3,000 and is located in south central Missouri in the heart of the Missouri Ozarks in Douglas County (population est. 15,000). It is 60 miles southeast of Springfield, Missouri, 13 miles south of U.S. Route 60 and 60 minutes East of Branson, Missouri. Branson is just a stone's throw from our units of Ava and Cassville. Ava is the Douglas County seat. It is a full service community.

Recreation: Outdoor recreation opportunities abound and include fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, nature watching, camping, mountain biking, and boating. Ava is 45 to 90 minutes from Table Rock Lake, Lake Taneycomo, and Bull Shoals lakes for boating and fishing. The town of Ava has a municipal pool located in the Ava city park and a private pool exists at the Ava Country Club. Other facilities and amenities available in Ava include: playgrounds; a variety of childrens sports programs, such as softball, baseball, soccer, basketball, and football; a 9-hole country club golf course (grass greens), tennis courts, indoor archery and a new community fitness center. The community sports center (MOCH) has an indoor running track, basketball/volleyball gym, weight training equipment and currently provides aerobic/dance exercise classes such as Zumba. Ava is also the home of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association, which is the only place in the world where a fox trotter can be registered.

Industry is primarily rural-agricultural with the emphasis of dairy farms, cattle ranching, sawmills and small businesses. Copeland Manufacturing is Ava's only large industrial plant.

Real estate: Homes in the Ava community and surrounding areas range from \$45,000 to \$150,000 plus; some include acreage. The majority are two to three bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain, rental rates are \$300 to \$450 per month plus utilities. There are four trailer parks in the area. Buildable land at reasonable prices is available.

Government Quarters - NONE.

Education: Education opportunities include public primary and secondary schools. In addition, Drury University and Missouri State University have satellite extensions in

Ava. The Ava High School has AAA classification and hosts a vocational education program. Douglas County Public Library is also located in Ava.

Medical: There are health care facilities in Ava however, the nearest hospitals and specialists are located in Springfield, West Plains and Branson, Missouri.

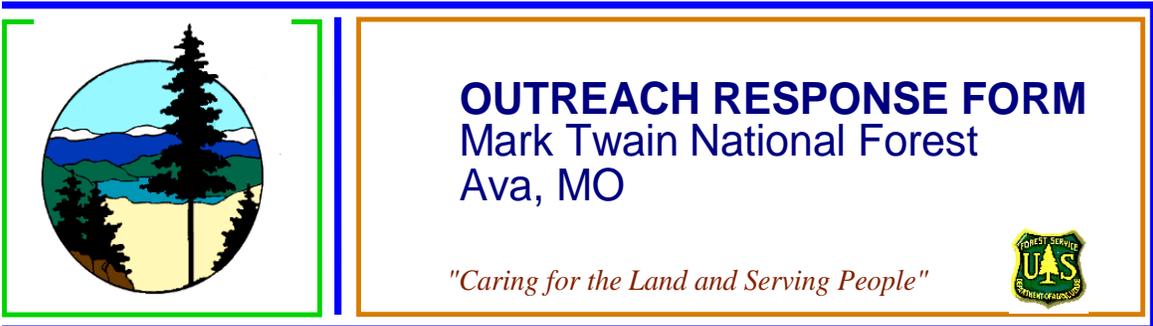
Shopping facilities are better than average for a town of this size. Ava hosts a natural food store, Walmart, antiques stores, archery shop, and a variety of restaurants. In addition Ava is approximately one hour from Springfield and Branson. Branson is world famous for musical shows and Silver Dollar City. Mansfield, MO, just 12 miles North of Ava, hosts the home of Laura Ingalls and museum, where the books of Little House on the Prairie were written. There are four banks with full banking facilities and three full service savings and loan establishments as well. Movie goers have access to one theater in Ava.

Churches of many denominations can be found in Ava. Civic organizations include: Lion's Club, Rotary, and Kiwanis Clubs.

Weather in the summers average 73° F, however, occasionally the temperatures have reached 100° F and above in July and August. Winters have an average temperature of 52 °F. Temperatures may drop below 0 degrees for short periods of time.

For more information, check out the Ava Chamber of Commerce website, [Ava Missouri Area Chamber of Commerce](#) (hit Ctrl and click on this hyperlink to connect to the website).

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 Mark Twain National Forest
 Ava, MO

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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form with subject title of **“Response to Natural Resource Specialist – GS 401-7/9 Outreach”** and send:

E-mail to: Darla Rein (drein@fs.fed.us) or Jenny Farenbaugh (jfarenbaugh@fs.fed.us), or

Mail to: USDA- Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Darla Rein, P.O. Box 188, Ava, MO 65608, or **FAX** to: 417-683-5722, ATTN: Darla Rein.

Reply to Outreach is Due: July 31, 2013

Natural Resource Specialist (REC)

Location: *Eastern Region, Region 9, Mark Twain National Forest, A/C/W R.D, Ava, MO*

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!

