Temporary Employment Opportunities

Superior National Forest
Aurora, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Grand Marais and Tofte
Minnesota

The Superior National Forest, located in northeastern Minnesota, is seeking candidates to fill a number of temporary positions this summer. Vacancy announcements will open on or after February 19 and will remain open for a minimum of seven days. Individuals wishing to apply must first create an on-line profile in USAJobs at https://www.usajobs.gov/. Locations vary by position and will be specified in the vacancy announcement.

Candidates may select from the following locations:

**West Zone (WZ) position locations** – Aurora, MN; Cook, MN; Ely, MN

**East Zone (EZ) position locations** – Grand Marais, MN; Tofte, MN

**Supervisor’s Office (SO)** – Duluth, MN

If you are interested in one of the positions listed below, please contact the appropriate person listed with each position.

Hourly wages for: GS-3 = $12.07; GS-4 = $13.55; GS-5 = $15.15

**Archeology Technician**

The expected work assignments for this position will include providing on-site archaeological survey and project design support to wilderness field crews conducting ground-disturbing projects at remote campsite and portage locations in the 1 million acre wilderness (70%). Incumbent will also conduct (30%) archaeological surveys in support of timber and minerals projects outside of the wilderness. Incumbent should expect 6-8 day work details, with 4-6 days off per 2-week pay period. Conditions of employment include physically demanding work conditions such as rain, bugs, humidity, hiking, and up to 10 miles of paddling and portaging a day. The position will run from approximately mid May-Sept. Candidates that have completed an archaeological field school, have coursework and or field experience in Midwestern archaeology, and have prior backcountry experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Contact:**

SO: Lee Johnson, (218) 626-4321/ leejohnson@fs.fed.us.

Series and Grade: GS-0102-5  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017233LS-DT

**Biological Science Technician (Fisheries)**

Applicant serves on the Forest’s Fisheries and Monitoring crew. Duties include: conducting Forest Plan implementation monitoring surveys, aquatic passage projects, stream surveys, riparian planting inspections, electro-shocking, etc. Applicants need to have a valid driver’s license. The work can be physically demanding and usually consists of a 40 hour work week, Monday through Friday.

**Contact:**

EZ: Amy Wilfahrt, (218) 387-3771/ awilfahrt@fs.fed.us.

Series and Grade: GS-404-4  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017234LS-DT

**Biological Science Technician (NR)**

Primary duties include soil monitoring on timber harvest sites and/or potential prescribed burn sites. This will include pre-field preparation, field data collection and data entry. Other duties may include watershed improvement projects or field inventory. Typical work week is Monday through Friday, 40 hours a week. Work can be strenuous and may
involve traversing uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions. Applicants will typically work as part of a two-person crew but may work alone. A majority of the work would be in the field and may require travel and/or overnight travel. Knowledge of basic soil and soil management principles is desirable. Applicants need to possess a valid driver’s license. Duty station is Ely, MN. Please send resume to contact to apply for position.

**Contact:**  
WZ: Jim Barott, (218) 365-2099/ jbarott@fs.fed.us.  
Casey McQuiston, (218) 626-4384/cmcquiston@fs.fed.us

Series and Grade: GS-404-4  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017235LS-DT

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (Plants)**

Duties may include: herbicide application to invasive plant populations (using backpack sprayer or truck mounted sprayer), field surveys for invasive plants, inventory and monitoring, collecting field data and entering it into spreadsheets and databases, using GPS units. Work can be strenuous and may involve traversing uneven terrain in a variety of weather conditions. Applicants need to have valid driver’s license.

**Contacts:**  
EZ/WZ: Jack Greenlee (218) 229-8817/jackgreenlee@fs.fed.us

Series and Grade: GS-404-6  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017241LS-DT

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (Recreation)**

Assures recreation sites and areas with one or two major uses are operated and maintained in accordance with operation and maintenance plans. Completes trail maintenance activities such as brushing, clearing, and removal of trees to assure trail is managed to standard. Reports on conditions and use of recreation sites and areas. Inspects recreation areas, areas of concentrated public use, and special use permits for compliance with the permit and the management plans, public health, and safety. Serves as Forest Protection Officer ensuring visitor compliance in developed recreation sites.

**Contacts:**  
EZ: Jonathan Benson (218) 663-8085/jabenson@fs.fed.us  
WZ: Tim Engrav (218) 666-0025/tengrav@fs.fed.us

Series and Grade: GS-462-5  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017240LS-DT

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (Fire Engine Operator)**

Applicant serves as a member of the district’s fire crew. Duties include: driving fire engines to wildland fire locations; using water, foam, or other specialized fire equipment to fight fires; performing many strenuous activities like constructing fire line, laying out hose to reach a fire, or mopping up after a fire; conducting operations safely. Schedules can be quite variable and can include long work hours depending on the level of fire activity.

**Contacts:**  
EZ: Mike Mansson (218) 387-3226/mmansson@fs.fed.us  
WZ: Tom Roach (218) 666-0047/troach@fs.fed.us

Series and Grade: GS-462-3 (Forestry Aid)  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017230LS-DT  
Series and Grade: GS-462-4  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017231LS-DT  
Series and Grade: GS-462-5  
Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017232LS-DT

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (Fuels)**

Applicant serves as a member of the East Zone Fire and Fuels Management Program. Duties include: Collecting and compiling fuel hazard reduction and wildfire monitoring data; maintaining fuels and fire management databases such as FFI, fire history spatial data, and weather/fuel moisture data; creating and updating wildfire and fuel management maps using GIS/GPS; collecting fuel treatment activity records for required reports and final project completion;
organizing and filing fuel management implementation documentation; assisting with daily fire staffing and wildfire suppression; and implementing prescribed burn plans for less complex projects and fuel types.

Vacancy Announcement:

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (TSI)**

Applicant serves as a member of the district’s reforestation or inventory crew. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: assisting in contract administration, site preparation, and plantation improvement contracts; performing survival and stocking evaluation exams using a personal data recorder; and layout, flagging and traversing of future contract areas; and downloading stand and plot level data in the corporate database. Candidate may be required to work independently at various times of the summer. The work week is typically Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week, and can be physically demanding.

**Contact:**
- EZ: Chad Kirschbaum (218) 365-7574/ckirschbaum@fs.fed.us
- WZ: Alex Schwartz (218) 229-8832/aschwartz02@fs.fed.us

Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017227LS-DT

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (TIMBER SALE PREPARATION)**

Applicant serves as a member of the district’s sale preparation crew. Duties include: marking trees in timber sale units, flagging or painting timber unit boundaries, using Global Position System (GPS) to record unit boundaries and other unit features. The work week is typically Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week. The work can be physically demanding.

**Contact:**
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- WZ: Alex Schwartz (218) 229-8832/aschwartz02@fs.fed.us

Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017570LS-DT

**FORESTRY TECHNICIAN (WILDERNESS)**

Applicant is part of the district’s crew working in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Duties include: routine maintenance of wilderness campsites involving tasks such as felling trees or digging latrines; trail maintenance; checking visitor permits; restoring campsites. Work usually consists of 8 day trips and 10 hour days. The work is physically demanding, requiring employees to be able to live and work in remote settings.

**Contact:**
- EZ: Cathy Quinn (218) 387-3240/cquinn@fs.fed.us
- WZ: Ryan Blaisdell (218) 663-8603/rblaisdell@fs.fed.us

Vacancy Announcement: 14-TEMP110909-017571LS-DT

**INFORMATION RECEPTIONIST**

Responsibilities include issuing BWCAW permits, answering phones and general forest questions, and general clerical duties. Schedules include weekends and holidays.
CONTACTS:

EZ: Renee Frahm (218) 663-8084/rfrahm@fs.fed.us
WZ: Melissa Long (218) 666-0050/melissalong@fs.fed.us
SO: Ali Bickford (218) 626-4349/ambickford@fs.fed.us

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: 14-TEMP110909-017239LS-DT

VISITOR INFORMATION ASSISTANT

Assists in developing specific objectives for interpretive programs and displays. Makes presentations on subjects such as fire safety, environmental awareness, recreation activities, wildlife, botany, and litter prevention. Maintains inventory of existing publications for public use. Prepares or assists in the preparation of informational exhibits which include photos, maps, etc. Assist in coordinating forest service presence with local and community special events, including parades, holiday activities, fairs, shows, and celebrations. Responsibilities may also include issuing BWCAW permits, answering phones and general forest questions, and general clerical duties. Schedules include weekends and holidays.

CONTACTS:

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: 14-TEMP110909-017238LS-DT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: 14-TEMP110909-017573LS-DT