



Outreach Notice

USDA Forest Service • Eastern Region

Chippewa National Forest

Deer River, Minnesota

Walker, Minnesota

Forestry Technician, GS-0462-06/07 (Fuels/Fire Management)

The Chippewa National Forest (CNF) is seeking candidates for one permanent full time GS-462-6/7 Forestry Technician (Fuels/Fire Management). This position will be located at either the Deer River or the Walker Ranger District of the Chippewa National Forest.

This position is being advertised through Open Continuous Roster (OCR) under both merit promotion (Federal Employees) and demonstration project (Public) procedures as separate position announcements. Applicants who wish to be considered under both procedures must apply to each announcement. One permanent full time position is being filled. If filled at the GS-6 level the incumbent will be non-competitively promoted to the target grade level of GS-7 upon completion of all qualification requirements.

If you are interested in being considered please refer to the following announcements that are posted on www.usajobs.opm.gov:

OCR-P-FUEL-462-6/7G (Gov. Merit Promotion – Federal Employees)

OCR-P-FUEL-462-6/7DP (Demonstration Project – Public)

Applicants must follow the specific instructions applicable to each announcement carefully, **and must select Deer River and/or Walker, MN as duty location**. A referral list from the open-continuous announcements will be requested to be generated on March 25, 2010. Please be sure to have your AVUE application into the system and applied to the announcement(s) desired before this date to be considered for this position with the Chippewa National Forest.

Duties of this position include:

The Chippewa National Forest has an active Spring wildfire season and a varied fuels program that includes both prescribed fire and mechanical fuels treatments. This position is a key member in the implementation of the fire and fuels programs, providing technical expertise involving wildland fire suppression and hazardous fuels treatments. This position functions as an Initial Attack Incident Commander on wildland fires, managing a Type-6 Engine crew or a small initial attack hand crew. The employee performs work in all aspects of wildland fire preparedness. The employee assists in planning and coordinating routine aspects of the fuel program including preparation and implementation of prescribed burn plans. This position is responsible for the day to day implementation of fuel projects, managing a fuels crew in the completion of approved projects.

Qualifications Requirements for this position may 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

Questions? Contact Bruce Giersdorf, Zone FMO, at 218-246-3460 or e-mail at bgiersdorf@fs.fed.us

Welcome to the Chippewa National Forest



The Chippewa National Forest is located in North Central Minnesota, approximately 200 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Chippewa was the first National Forest established east of the Mississippi River in 1908. Originally known as the Minnesota National Forest, the name was changed in 1928 to honor the original inhabitants. The Forest has a rich history, ranging from prehistoric times to the early logging era and CCC days. The Forest boundary encompasses 1.6 million acres, of which over 666,325 acres are managed by the USDA Forest Service. The Leech Lake Indian Reservation lies within the Forest boundary.

Aspen, birch, pines, balsam fir and maples blanket the rolling uplands of the forest. Water is abundant, with over 1300 lakes, 923 miles of rivers and streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands. The forest landscape is a reminder of the glaciers that blanketed northern Minnesota some 10,000 years ago.



The Chippewa is one of the largest breeding population areas of bald eagles in the lower 48 states. Eagles are often viewed soaring over the larger lakes of the area. White-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, and numerous waterfowl provide good wildlife viewing and hunting opportunities. Sensitive species such as osprey, loon, and great grey owl also make the Forest their home.

Water orientated recreation such as fishing, canoeing, camping, water-skiing and swimming are popular on the Chippewa. Trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and scenic drives weave their way through the Forest. Autumn on the Chippewa creates a landscape of remarkable colors and beauty and under a blanket of snow the Forest becomes a land of unexplored adventures.



For more information about the Chippewa National Forest, visit our web site at: www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/chippewa. For information on the surrounding communities click on the "Other Sites" section of the Chippewa National Forest home page.