The Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to fill twelve Forestry Technician positions with duty locations in Aurora, Cook, Ely, Grand Marais and Tofte, MN and would like to collect information from interested candidates. These positions are not-to-exceed (one to four years) term positions.

The purpose of this Outreach is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method.

Competitive appointments, if approved, would be advertised in USAJobs at the GS-0462-04 and GS-0462-05 grade levels. If interested please respond in the Outreach Database.

**About the Position**

This position performs a variety of routine and frequently complex tasks involving techniques and practices relating to timber and silviculture.

**Timber:**

Assist in layout of logging units and marking of timber units for harvest. Applies silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber harvest. Prepares cruise plans and can act as a certified timber cruiser.
Silviculture:

Inspects silvicultural contract work (e.g., planting, thinning, seedling site preparation) for compliance with contract. Examines stands to determine present tree stocking and survival, tree species and conditions.

Operates chainsaws and other power equipment to implement thinning, planting, pruning, fire suppression and other silvicultural projects. Performs maintenance and cleaning of power equipment and hand tools.

As assigned, performs resource work in other areas, such as timber stand thinning, pruning, inspecting wildlife contracts, fire suppression or burning slash.

Carl Layman at 218-229-8833 or carl.layman@usda.gov would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

The Superior National Forest is located in the northeast tip of Minnesota and 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 National Forest has over 2,000 lakes, 3,400 miles of streams, hosts 27 Forest Service campgrounds, nine Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the BWCAW, and 254 back country campsites outside the Wilderness. 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. Additional information regarding the Superior National Forest can be found at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior/

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. More information on Tofte, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com
Aurora, Minnesota is 60 miles north of Duluth, Minnesota. Five other small cities are located within 20 miles of Aurora. Surrounding rural communities also provide opportunities for housing outside Aurora. The local economy is based primarily on taconite mining. Tourism is also important, including income from all-season visitors. Outdoor recreational opportunities include deer and small-game hunting, snowmobiling, downhill and cross-country skiing, biking and hiking. Lakes and rivers for fishing, boating, canoeing and swimming are located within close proximity to all communities. There are numerous golf courses in the area, in addition to Giants Ridge Golf and Ski resort which is located within five miles of Aurora. Health care facilities in Aurora and Virginia include a hospital and a clinic. The K-12 public school system in Aurora and Virginia provide a curriculum including college level courses. A community college is located in Eveleth/Virginia. Many area churches serve various faiths. More information on Aurora, Minnesota can be found at: http://www.aurora-mn.com/

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, hardware store, 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 and www.cookmn.us.

Ely, Minnesota is located in the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). It has a population of around 3,500 year round residents and the town includes: * Medical Center http://www.essentiahealth.org/ElyClinic/FindaClinic/Essentia-HealthEly-Clinic-50.aspx * Vermillion Community College www.vcc.edu/ * Vibrant local arts community with a community theatre * International Wolf Center, and the North American Bear Center * Recreation facilities (golf course, hockey arena, athletic fields, etc) * Outdoor recreational activities including fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, hiking, boating, canoeing, snowmobiling, and a host of other activities at your doorstep Additional information regarding Ely can be found at: http://www.ely.mn.us, http://www.ely.org, and http://elyminnesota.com.

A Vacancy Announcement for will be posted in USAJobs. Individuals wishing to apply must first create an on-line profile in USA Jobs and upload a customized resume to ensure proper documentation of duties and accomplishments that are directly related to this position. You can create a search in USA Jobs that will notify you jobs are posted.

Tips on writing a Federal resume and applying for Federal jobs can be found on the USAJobs Channel

Thank you for your interest.

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