Outreach

The Hiawatha National Forest is announcing a vacancy for a Forester (Silviculture) GS-0460-7/9. This is a permanent appointment with a full-time tour of duty. The position is located at the Hiawatha National Forest District office in Munising, Michigan. The purpose of this outreach notice is to notify potential applicants of the position availability and to provide a point of contact for interested individuals to get needed information about the position and community. To respond to the Outreach, please submit the Outreach Response Form.

This position serves as a member of the west zone silviculture team, working for the Zone Silviculturist. The incumbent would have primary responsibilities for development, planning and application of silvicultural methods and practices through the implementation of the Hiawatha National Forest 2006 Forest Plan.

This position will be announced in USA Jobs, https://www.usajobs.gov/, announcement number will be provided here when available. The opening and closing dates will also be provided.

About The Position

This position includes but is not limited to the following key activities:

- Participate as the primary silviculture member of interdisciplinary planning teams and participates in the environmental analysis of projects. Responsible for completion of specialist reports associated with various large and small NEPA projects.
- Responsible for completion of vegetation inventories necessary to plan and implement zone vegetation and fuels-reduction projects on a variety of forest types, including upland hardwoods, jack pine, red and/or white pine, aspen, lowland conifer, and/or lowland hardwoods.
- Responsible for developing silvicultural recommendations for land management decisions working with various resource areas.
- Responsible for site preparation on harvested areas for natural regeneration or tree planting and the completion of subsequent stocking and survival surveys and certifications.
- Responsible for planning and administering contracts for vegetation inventory, timber stand improvement, site preparation, and planting.
- Maintain up-to-date resource inventories, insect/disease maps and K-V Plans.
- Responsible for maintaining components of FSveg and FACTS databases.
Candidate may have an opportunity to apply for silviculture certification program (NASP).

**Duty Station**

**Munising Ranger District** is located at the junction of H-58 and M-28 in Munising. The District manages the portion of the Hiawatha National Forest that lies in Alger, Schoolcraft and Marquette counties including the Grand Island National Recreation Area. The office is modern and houses the District staff and a Visitor Information Center shared with the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. This office sits on the southern shore of Lake Superior.

**The Interagency Visitor Center** is shared between the Hiawatha National Forest and the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. In addition the Visitor Center serves as a sales outlet for the Hiawatha Interpretive Association. Summer hours are from 8am to 5:30 pm daily, including weekends and holidays. Annual visitation averages around 75,000 visitors. Visitors come to the visitor center seeking information about recreation opportunities in the U.P., especially in the Munising area. Among the most popular summer uses are canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, sightseeing, camping, tours, swimming, and fishing. Visitors purchase camping permits, and special passes at the visitor center, as well as topographical maps. Visitors to Grand Island National Recreation Area come to the visitor center for information about tours, activities, and ferry schedules.

**Hiawatha National Forest** lies in the central and eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Approximately 1 million acres fall within the forest boundary. Hiawatha National Forest is divided geographically into two units. Munising Ranger District and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger District comprise the Forest’s West Unit with shoreline on Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. The Forest’s East Unit includes the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts, with shoreline on Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron.

**MISSION**: Hiawatha National Forest sustains the health, diversity and productivity of the Forest’s resources to meet the needs of present and future generations through conservation. We will accomplish this mission through:

- **Integration** - We achieve Forest goals through interdisciplinary planning and implementation of projects, emphasizing teamwork.
- **Innovation** - We achieve Forest efficiency and effectiveness working with partnerships, stewardship contracting, volunteers, and better systems approaches.
- **Safety** - Our core values include safety and wellness, which guide our daily operations.
- **Diversity** - We strive to develop a versatile workforce to serve our diverse public.

Miners Castle is one of the most famous landmarks in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, which draws over 500,000 visitors per year.
VISION: Your Great Lakes National Forest inspires unforgettable experiences and sustaining ecosystems and livelihoods through collaborative, science-based land management.

The Forest’s SIGNIFICANCE includes:

- The Forest’s ASQ is 109mmbf, as determined in its 2006 LMP. In recent years our cut has been about 45 mmbf.
- The Forest’s uniqueness stems largely from its proximity to three Great Lakes. The Great Lakes affect its weather, recreation opportunities, scenery, historic sites, hydrology and ecosystem diversity. The Forest’s recreation niche, “Your Great Lakes National Forest” captures some of this uniqueness by focusing on the Forest’s “Great Lakeshores” (Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron), “Great Lighthouses” (Point Iroquois, North Light, East Channel Light, Christmas Range Light, Peninsula Point and Round Island Lighthouse); “Great Islands” (Grand Island, Round Island, and St. Vitals Island); and “Great Snow” (referring to the hundreds of inches of snow that fall each winter)
- Clear Lake Education Center, a former CCC camp turned award-winning environmental education center offering day and residential learning experiences focused on natural resources. High and low ropes courses are also offered. The center is cooperated through partnership with Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District and Marquette Alger Regional Education Service Agency. An interagency team has committed to transitioning the center to an interagency format, initially including USFS and NPS.
- Six lighthouses located on NF land, including Grand Island North Light, East Channel Light, Christmas Range Lights, Peninsula Point Light, Round Island Light, and Point Iroquois Light Station.
- Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway, which offers a premier view of Lake Superior including historic interpretation of Point Iroquois Light Station.
- Joint operation of the USFS/National Park Service Interagency Visitor Center in Munising. The facility sees over 80,000 visitors each year, with most visitation concentrated in July and August. The Munising District offers interpretive and educational programs concentrated in the summer months utilizing interns and seasonals.
- Grand Island Youth Archaeology Workshops, held each summer on Grand Island NRA since 1999 and coordinated by Munising Ranger District. These workshops offer hands-on experiences with real archaeology. In recent years, Illinois State University’s Grand Island Archaeology Field School has assisted in presenting the workshop.

Community Information

Munising (population 2,355): Located on the shore of Lake Superior, surrounded by protective hillsides and picturesque Munising Bay, Munising is a scenic treasure-trove. The Munising area boasts the gateway to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Hiawatha National Forest, Grand Island Recreation Area, numerous waterfalls, and a host of other natural wonders, all in close proximity.
• Houses for sale fluctuate based on the local market. A wide variety of homes are for sale anywhere from $60,000 to $200,00 and up. Median housing cost is $90,000. Some rental properties may be available starting at $500 per month and up.
• The cost of living is 15% lower in Munising than the National Average.
• The largest city in Alger County, Munising is the county seat. It supports several community service organizations, civic organizations and an active local government. New businesses are welcomed and supported by a strong network of business professionals.
• The name Munising is derived from the Ojibway language. 'Munissi' means island. 'Munising' means near the island. Grand Island is located one half mile north in Munising Bay.
• Recognized as one of the Top 100 Communities for Youth, Alger County truly is a great place to raise a family. Our connectivity to the outdoors, along with a strong sense of community make Alger County an excellent place to call home.

Surrounding Area
Marquette (population 19,700) is the Upper Peninsula’s largest city. Located on Lake Superior about 65 miles north of Escanaba, it is a handy location in which to find additional options including medical services, shopping, art, culture, entertainment, restaurants and more. Marquette is home to Northern Michigan University and Marquette General Hospital, numerous clinics, several malls and large chain stores, a food coop, theaters, and a YMCA.

Escanaba (population 18,500) is located on Bay de Noc, adjacent to Gladstone. Commuters and shoppers travel between the two communities. Escanaba offers schools, parks, trails, recreation, a summer concert series, a harbor, Health care/hospital and other amenities.

Websites For more Information about Munising and the surrounding area, visit the following the websites:

www.exploremunising.com
www.nps.gov/piro
www.munising.org
www.cityofmunising.org
www.algercounty.org

Contacts
For more information about this opportunity, feel free to contact us!

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Bay College, a community college, is located in Escanaba. Bay provides a range of online and classroom learning opportunities including AA, AS, and AAS degrees and certificates.

Northern Michigan University is located in Marquette, a vibrant, progressive community with outstanding educational, entertainment and recreation opportunities.
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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Replies to this outreach are requested by May 20, 2016

I am interested in the position on the West Zone of the Hiawatha National Forest,

Position Title and Series: Forester GS-0460

Grade: GS 7/9

Location: Munising, Michigan

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Address: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email address: _______________________

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes____ No____

IF YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: ___________________________

CURRENT SERIES, GRADE AND TOUR: ___________________________

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: ___________________________

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS____ BLM____ OTHER: __________

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM ______

VRA_______ PWD_______ OTHER ______

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

_____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

_____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT

_____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

_____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

_____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

_____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

_____ OTHER ________________

Thank you for your interest!

If you are interested in applying for this position or would like further information, please submit this form and a copy of your resume via email to jdmcfarland@fs.fed.us, or send to address below by May20, 2016.

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