

Region 9 Timber Strike Team

Hiawatha/ Ottawa NF, Gladstone, MI



Outreach Announcement for: Forester (Timber Sale Preparation) GS-460-9/11



This is an advance notice that the Eastern Region will soon be recruiting to fill one Forester position with the Eastern Region Timber Strike Team located at Gladstone, MI. This is a pilot program that the Region is initiating with the hopes of it becoming permanent in two years. These positions will be permanent appointment with a Not-to-Exceed (NTE) of two years. This is a career ladder position that will be filled at either the GS-460-9 with a target grade of GS-460-11, or directly as a GS-462-11 depending on qualifications. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the positions.

Extensive travel is required for these positions. Employees can expect to be in travel status up to 100% of the time. Work Schedule is maxi-flex: consisting of various schedules including: 8, 10-hour days (Wednesday- Wednesday); 4, 10- hour days (Monday- Thursday); and/ or up to 17, 10-hour days in a row to accommodate extended travel.

Duties:

This outreach is for the GS-460-9/11 Forester that will lead the team. The incumbent will be responsible for the day to day supervision and management of the team as

well as coordinating with Regional Office and Forest personnel on the projects assigned to the team. The incumbent will be responsible for coordinating future work with other forests in the Lake States area and Region 9. This position serves as a Supervisory Forester with the Region 9 Timber Strike Team. Duties include supervising timber sale preparation work across the Eastern Region and elsewhere within the National Forest System. Opportunities abound for a diversity of experiences in this position. The incumbent of this position may be required to be in travel status 25% or more of the year.

The incumbent will be assigned to work under the Hiawatha TMO and directly supervise timber sale preparation foresters and forestry technicians. The incumbent is responsible for the planning and oversight of all aspects of timber sale preparation throughout the Eastern Region. The incumbent works directly with several different forests to efficiently accomplish timber sale preparation projects. Duties include but are not limited to; all aspects of timber sale preparation including contract preparation and review, project planning, budget analysis, fleet and equipment management, GIS, GPS, employee performance planning and appraisal, mentoring and training, and human resource management including working closely with ASC.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity with the USDA Forest Service and assist in determining how to advertise the position. To express interest in the position, please complete the attached Outreach Interest Form and email to **Dave Wilson** at dwwilson@fs.fed.us by close of business on **April 23, 2016**.

How To Apply: Interested applicants should utilize the response form in the U.S. Forest Service Employment Outreach application to respond to this announcement.

The link to the response form is:

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com?id=24BDF3CC7ABF4DB98444FDDCCE6B1931>. Applicants who respond to this outreach will be notified when the vacancy announcement posted to www.usajobs.gov. All applications need to be submitted through the website at www.usajobs.gov.

There is a helpful tutorial on how to apply for Federal jobs on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY5Z_pfFUK4

Qualification Requirements: The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at:

<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm>.

Duty Station: The duty station for these positions is Rapid River, MI. Extensive travel is required for these positions. Employees can expect to be in travel status up to 100% of the time.

About the Area:

Escanaba has a population of around 13,140 (2000 census). Escanaba is the third-largest city in the Upper Peninsula after Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie and is the county seat of Delta County. There are many restaurants, shopping amenities,

churches, etc. located in and around Escanaba. Escanaba is also home to Bay de Noc Community College. There is a modern airport that provides both corporate and general aviation services.

Houses for sale fluctuate based on the local market. A number of houses in the Delta County area are available from \$80,000 on up. Generally, there are few houses for rent and apartments in the commuting area ranging from \$325 per month and up. Delta County Airport serves the city with daily flights to larger airports. Major transportation routes in Escanaba include US Highway 2, US Highway 41, and M-35. Delta Area Transit Authority operates a bus system throughout Delta County.

Delta County: Delta County is located in the central Upper Peninsula and lies on the shore of Lake Michigan. The county prides itself in having more fresh water shoreline than any other county in the nation. The county includes a mix of private and public lands including Escanaba State Forest and Hiawatha National Forest. If you're looking for outdoor recreation opportunities, Delta County has much to offer. Residents enjoy a wide range of outdoor pursuits including sea kayaking, canoeing, camping, mountain biking, hiking, trail running, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing and more. Recreation oriented groups include the Bays de Noc Great Lakes The City of Escanaba Recreation Department offers a variety of recreational activities and leagues, and the Delta YMCA offers a variety of recreational activities and classes promoting family wellness.

SURROUNDING AREA

Marquette (population 19,700) is the Upper Peninsula's largest city. Located on Lake Superior about 60 miles north of Gladstone, 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.

Websites: For more information about Rapid River and the surrounding area, visit the following websites:

[City of Escanaba](#)

[City of Gladstone](#)

[Delta County](#)

[Delta County Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Bays de Noc Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)

For More Information:

Contact one of the following for more information regarding these positions:

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