



# OUTREACH NOTICE

Mark Twain National Forest  
Houston, MO

*“Caring for the Land and Serving People”*



Forester  
GS-0460-5/7/9

Mark Twain National Forest (USDA – Forest Service) is planning to fill one Forester position located in Houston, Missouri at the Houston Ranger District.

## **About the Position:**

This position will serve as a forester, responsible for performing work involved in vegetation management and timber sale preparation. Primary responsibilities of the position include:

- Interpreting complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest.
- Serving on project planning teams and assisting with NEPA compliance for vegetation management and habitat improvement projects
- Evaluates and analyzes the project sale folder information and conducts a preliminary field reconnaissance.
- Assembles and reviews the timber sales contract package.
- Determines, plans and arranges for the resources needed to complete the layout of sales. Identifies and verifies the land status and environmental constraints affecting layout of the proposed project on the ground. Reviews, compiles and analyzes field data.
- Completes environmental assessment reports and environmental impact statements.
- Prepares and ensures quality of documentation such as detailed maps, timber sale appraisals, timber sales write up, advertisements, prospectus, and sample contracts for the sale. Arranges for interviews of prospective purchasers and explains contract clauses, road development, and cutting practices.

## **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

[Mark Twain National Forest](#) is made up of six ranger districts, mainly located in the southern third of the state. The Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Rolla, Missouri. The Forest contains approximately 1.5 million acres, comprised mainly of upland hardwoods and some associated shortleaf pine. A full range of vegetation and recreation management activities on the forest include timber harvest and regeneration activities, TSI, prescribed fire, developed and dispersed recreation, and mining.

## **DISTRICT INFORMATION:**

The HRCC District covers approximately 350,000 acres with approximately 196,800 acres being in Federal ownership. It is located in seven Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Laclede, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, and Wright. The District is rich with rivers and streams: the beautiful bluffs of the Big Piney

River, the Gasconade River and Little Piney River in the southern part of the district and Cedar Creek at the north end. Fishing and canoeing opportunities abound. Smaller creeks supplied by springs provide other fishing or water-based recreational opportunities, including trout fishing. The oak/hickory and shortleaf pine forests provide abundant opportunities to observe and/or hunt wildlife such as turkey, white-tailed deer and squirrels.

The H/R/CC District hosts 23 PFT positions. The district contains four campgrounds, four day-use areas, several developed trailheads and river accesses. The program of work also includes the management of the Paddy Creek Wilderness ( 7,019 acres) on the Houston unit, a large special uses program, a diverse wildlife management program, a large prescribed fire program, a well-developed openlands habitat management program including grazing permits, and a timber management program. Fort Leonard Wood, a 63,000 acre military installation lies within the district boundary. The District fire program averages approximately 20 to 40 wildfires per year with a prescribed fire goal of over 10,000 acres per year.

### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:**

**Houston, Missouri:** Elevation: 1,160 feet. Population: 1,196 (2010 census). Houston, Missouri is on Highway 63 45 miles south of Rolla, Missouri; 85 miles east of Springfield, Missouri -. Homes sell for \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00; a majority are three-bedroom homes, with some two-bedroom homes. Rental houses are difficult to obtain with moderately high rent for this area; \$450 to \$900 per month plus utilities. Stoves and refrigerators are normally not included except with furnished apartments.

[www.houstonmo.org](http://www.houstonmo.org)

### **DUTY LOCATION:**

The duty station for this position is Houston, MO. There is no government housing available.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g., target grade and service-wide, region-wide, government-wide, Pathways Recent Graduate, Demo, etc.). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. Outreach will continue until the position is filled but replies prior to February 15, 2022 are most useful.

**To express interest in this position, please send your resume and Outreach response form to Kimberly Bittle, District Ranger, [Kimberly.bittle@usda.gov](mailto:Kimberly.bittle@usda.gov) by 02/28/2022.**

**Outreach Notice is located in the Forest Service Outreach Database at:**

<https://fsoutreach.gdci.com/>



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If you are interested in this position, please complete this form by February 28, 2022 and send:

**E-mail** to: Kimberly Bittle, [kimberly.bittle@usda.gov](mailto:kimberly.bittle@usda.gov)

**Mail** to: USDA Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest, ATTN: Kimberly Bittle, 108 S. Sam Houston Blvd, 65483, or

**FAX** to: 417-967-2524, ATTN: Kimberly Bittle

**Forester**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Date:

Mailing Address

E-Mail Address

Phone: Work:

Home:

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent? \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary? \_\_\_\_\_ TERM? \_\_\_\_\_ VRA? \_\_\_\_\_ PWD? \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Title/Series/Grade:

Agency Employed with and location:

Thank you for your interest!