***Superior National Forest***

**Outreach Notice**

**Natural Resource Specialist (Wilderness), GS-401-9**

**Reply by January 11, 2013**

The **Gunflint Ranger District** of the Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to filla Natural Resource Specialist (Wilderness) position located in **Grand Marais, MN**.

***About the Position*** The incumbent serves as the Wilderness program leader for the zoned Gunflint and Tofte Ranger Districts with responsibilities for planning and implementation of a complex year-round program of work for approximately 500,000 acres of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).  The BWCAW is a large, highly visited, intensively managed, and complex Wilderness.  Characterized by canoe routes and boreal forest, the BWCAW offers a Wilderness experience unlike any other in the National Wilderness Preservation System.  The unique aspects of the BWCAW challenge its managers to protect the remarkable natural resources and wilderness character of the area, while providing outstanding recreation and other opportunities to visitors.

Additional duties of the position include: supervision of permanent and temporary employees; assistance with budget planning and tracking; preparation of annual and out-year program of work proposals; inventory, monitoring, and accomplishment reporting; leading NEPA analysis for wilderness projects and participation on interdisciplinary teams; coordination with volunteers, partners, local organizations, and other government agencies.  It may include administration of some Special Use permits.

The East Zone Recreation and Wilderness program supports a diverse and inclusive workplace environment that values teamwork and cooperation.  The successful applicant will be accomplished in communication, leadership, and organizational skills.

***The Superior National Forest,*** located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its 3.9 million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes, hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. 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.

The northern forest community thrives with its pine, fir, and spruce trees and is home to numerous wildlife species including bald eagle, deer, common loon, Canadian lynx, moose, and black bear. Northern Minnesota is home to Canada lynx and gray wolf, and is a key area for the recovery of both species in the lower 48 states.. Approximately 300-400 wolves continue to roam within the boundaries of the Forest today. Fish species such as walleye, northern pike, smallmouth bass, lake trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout can be found in abundance.

**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](http://www.boreal.org), [www.grandmaraismn.com](http://www.grandmaraismn.com), [www.silverbay.com](http://www.silverbay.com), [www.exploreminnesota.com](http://www.exploreminnesota.com)

***Contact Information.*** We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about living and working in Minnesota. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures the way of life in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. For more information, be sure to check us out at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/superior/employment>.

***Suzanne Cable*  at** (218) 663-8083**/**scable@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

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**Permanent Full-Time Position**

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If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete this form and return to

scable@fs .fed.us**.** You will still need to apply through USAJobs for this position online to be considered.

**Contact Information**

Name:

E-mail address:

Contact Number:

**Current Federal Employees:**

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

**Non-Federal Employees**

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Person with Disability

Veterans Readjustment

Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensatory Disability

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_