The USDA Forest Service, Eastern Region, Chippewa National Forest is seeking candidates for two Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement), GS-0462-05 positions. These are Full-time, Temporary, NTE 1039hrs positions. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunities.

To express interest in these positions, please complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Worksheet and return to Mike Bildeaux at mbildeaux@fs.fed.us by close of business on September 8th, 2016. The vacancy announcement for these positions will be posted on www.USAJobs.gov on September 7th and close September 13th. Returning the Outreach Notice Worksheet will help ensure a direct notification of the announcement number when it is produced. In any case, a search for GS-0462-05 jobs in Deer River, MN on www.USAJobs.gov will bring you to the announcement. Information can also be found at https://fsoutreach.gdci.com/Outreach.

Brief description of duties associated with the positions:

The positions will be located in Deer River, MN at the Chippewa National Forest’s Deer River Ranger District office. The GS-0462-05 Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement) duties are:

- Inspects silvicultural contract work (e.g., genetic tree improvement, planting, thinning, seeding, site preparation) for compliance with contract. Explains steps necessary for compliance to contractor and reports violations to COR.
- May act as COR on various silvicultural contracts. Examines sapling and larger stands to collect and record data on stocking, density, condition, insects, disease, site index, and ground vegetation. Makes recommendations for areas requiring remedial action. Examines plantations to assess numbers of tree seedlings present, condition, and growth and survival rates, and evidence of animal, insect or disease damage. Selects prospective parent seed trees using established procedures to determine which trees have superior growth characteristics. Determines the relative abundance and species of seed cones by observing the developing cone and pollen buds.
- Operates chainsaws and other power equipment to implement thinning, planting, pruning, fire suppression and other silvicultural projects. Follows silvicultural prescriptions and directs work to accomplish timber stand objectives. 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.

Please contact Mike Bildeaux at 218-246-3482 if you have questions.

About the Chippewa National Forest:

The Chippewa National Forest is located in north central Minnesota, approximately 200 miles northwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul. The Chippewa was the first National Forest established east of the Mississippi River in 1908. The Forest has a rich history, ranging from prehistoric times to the early logging era and CCC days. The Forest includes approximately 666,600 acres of checkerboard ownership with other public, private, and tribal lands.
interspersed. A portion of the Forest is within the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. Because of this relationship, Forest employees coordinate and consult closely with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Mixed northern conifer and hardwoods blanket the rolling uplands of the Chippewa. Water is very abundant on the National Forest and includes the Mississippi River headwaters region. In addition there over 1300 lakes, 923 miles of rivers and streams, and 400,000 acres of wetlands within the proclamation boundary. The Chippewa provides world class fishing opportunities to visitors. Other water orientated recreation such as canoeing, camping, boating, and swimming are popular on the Chippewa. Trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and scenic drives weave their way through the Forest. For more information, visit our Chippewa National Forest Website.

Working for the Federal Government:

**Benefits:** To help attract and retain the best talent America has to offer, the Federal Government provides an array of traditional and contemporary benefits to employees, retires, and their families. This benefits “package” is one of the reasons applicants make the Federal Government their employer of choice. Some benefits include: holidays, life insurance, health insurance, flexible spending accounts, pensions, thrift savings plan, workers’ compensation, long-term care insurance, liability insurance, severance pay, lump sum annual leave payments and survivor benefits. Please see the Office of Personnel Management [description of federal benefits](#).

**Work Schedule:** This position is planned to be fully funded for the entire 1039 hours plus 685 training hours for a total of approximately 10.5 months of employment. The schedule may include Maxiflex, which is a flexible work schedule that contains core hours on fewer than 10 workdays in the biweekly pay period. A full-time employee has a basic work requirement of 80 hours for the biweekly pay period, but may vary the number of hours worked on a given workday or the number of hours each week within the limits established by the Forest Service unit. Employee Fitness programs also are available and give employees the option to incorporate a fitness program into their work schedule. Because the position functions within a team setting, consideration must be given to the team when planning work and fitness schedules in order to accomplish job duties in an efficient manner.

Government housing is available.

**Community and Surrounding Area:**

**Deer River, MN**

Another “gateway” community on the southern end of the Forest, Deer River has a population of 940 people. Outdoor recreation including hiking, fishing, golfing, camping and winter snowmobiling. [Deer River Chamber](#)

**Grand Rapids, MN**

Grand Rapids hosts a population of 11,097 people. Known for recreation opportunities, scenic beauty of the Highway 38 National Scenic byway, preserved heritage and vibrant arts and entertainment. [Grand Rapids Chamber](#)

**How to apply:**

*If you are interested in applying for this position*, complete the attached Outreach Notice Worksheet and return it to Mike Bildeaux at mbildeaux@fs.fed.us no later than **September 8th, 2016**. You will be notified of the announcement number. Also, a search for GS-0462-05 jobs in Deer River, MN on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) will bring you to the announcement.
Tips on writing a Federal resume and applying for Federal jobs can be found on the USAJobs Channel.

This outreach form does not constitute an application. The vacancy announcement will appear on the USAJOBS website. USDA is an equal opportunity provider employer and lender.
Outreach Notice Worksheet

USDA Forest Service | Eastern Region
Chippewa National Forest

Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement), GS-0462-05
Please submit outreach response to Mike Bildeaux by close of business September 8th, 2016
Email: mbildeaux@fs.fed.us  Phone: 218-246-3482  Fax: 218-246-9743

Name:
Date:
Mailing Address:
Phone:
E-Mail:
Are you a current Federal employee?  □ Yes  □ No
If you answered “yes” to the question above
Current agency employed with:
Enter your current position title:
Series:            Grade:                   Location:
Indicate the type of appointment you are currently under:
   (Career, Career-Conditional, Excepted, Excepted VRA, Temporary, Term, PWD, Other)
How did you find out about this outreach notice?
If you are 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  □ Disabled veteran with 30% compensable disability
□ Veterans Recruitment Act  □ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
□ Pathways Program  □ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
□ Military Spouse  □ Other – please explain
□ Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!