



OUTREACH NOTICE

Tofte and Ely, MN

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The Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to fill two GS-462-6, Forestry Technician (Wilderness) permanent seasonal (13/13) positions in **Tofte** and **Ely**, MN and would like to collect information from interested candidates.

About the Position These non-supervisory positions serve as Lead Wilderness Rangers in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for the Tofte Ranger District or Kawishiwi Ranger District on the Superior National Forest. This is an arduous position that involves lifting and portaging 50+ pound tool packs, overnight gear, and canoes. The incumbent leads temporary employees, volunteers, and partners on overnight trips that may be up to 8 days in length and can involve complex portage and campsite projects. The main mode of travel is by canoe, but motorboat use may be necessary as well. The work season is typically between April and October. Major duties include backcountry maintenance using crosscut saws and axes, as part of the standard toolkit on designated wilderness campsites, and wilderness portage trails. The incumbent will also conduct monitoring and inventory work, as well as serve as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO) contacting the public.

The Superior National Forest is located in the northeast tip of Minnesota and is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The National Forest has over 2,000 lakes, 3,400 miles of streams, hosts 27 Forest Service campgrounds, nine Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the BWCAW, and 254 back country campsites outside the Wilderness. 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.



Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental. More information on Tofte, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Ely, Minnesota is located in the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). It has a population of around 3,500 year round residents and the town includes: * Medical Center <http://www.essentiahealth.org/ElyClinic/FindaClinic/Essentia-HealthEly-Clinic-50.aspx> * Vermillion Community College www.vcc.edu/

* Vibrant local arts community with a community theatre

* International Wolf Center, and the North American Bear Center

- * Recreation facilities (golf course, hockey arena, athletic fields, etc)
- * Outdoor recreational activities including fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, hiking, boating, canoeing, snowmobiling, and a host of other activities at your doorstep Additional information regarding Ely can be found at: <http://www.ely.mn.us>, <http://www.ely.org>, and <http://elyminnesota.com>.

Ryan Blaisdell at 218-663-8603/rblaisdell@fs.fed.us (Tofte) or **Steve Cochran at 218-365-7610/scochran@fs.fed.us** (Kawishiwi) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community. Additional information regarding the Superior National Forest can be found at the website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior/>

Please follow this [LINK](#) to indicate your interest in this position

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