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**Outreach and Notice of Announcement
Engineering Equipment Operator
(Fire Dozer Operator)**

WG-5716-08

Permanent

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

**East Zone Fire Organization
Laona, or Eagle River or Florence, Wisconsin**

Opening Date: 02/26/2010

Closing Date: 03/19/2010

This position will be advertised under a separate vacancy announcement

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is announcing an upcoming vacancy for an [Engineering Equipment Operator \(Fire Dozer Operator\)](#) position. This is a Permanent Seasonal appointment with a 13/13 tour of duty.

The position is located on the East Side of the Forest with a duty station in Laona, or Eagle River or Florence, Wisconsin (Incumbent choice)

The duties of the position include: This is a Zoned position and serves as a Heavy Equipment Operator for two adjacent Ranger Districts. Incumbent will serve primarily as an operator of heavy equipment in fire suppression and control. The operator may operate this equipment in support of other natural resource projects. This position requires a good degree of mechanical ability and skill to perform preventive maintenance and minor repair of equipment. The employee will also perform various fire management duties such as: maintain fire cache and equipment, participate in fire prevention activities, assists with hazardous fuels surveys, etc.

Other Information of Interest:

This position is subject to medical monitoring program.

DRUG TESTING: This is a Testing Designated Position (TDP). Selectee must submit to a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment and random testing thereafter. Final appointment and continued employment is conditional on negative results for illegal drug use.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, **TAKING** and **PASSING** the WCT at the **ARDUOUS** level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

This position requires the selectee to obtain or possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and therefore, is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the Department of Transportation (DOT)/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Program. Applicant tentatively selected for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use unless they currently occupy a TDP under the DOT/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Program. Final appointment is conditional on a negative drug test.

The area of consideration is Government-wide and Demo.

One position(s) will be advertised.

In addition to the duty station city, work will be performed at other District offices.

The work schedule is: supervisor/employee will set.

Travel is required occasionally and/or overnight.

Transfer of station benefits for existing federal employees are allowed per FSH 6509.33, R9 Cheni 6509.33-2004-1.

Transfer of station benefits are not provided under the DEMO announcement.

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is located in the beautiful Upper Great Lakes Region of the Midwest and Wisconsin's Northwoods, covering over a million and a half acres. The Chequamegon side of the forest covers about 858,400 acres in Ashland, Bayfield, Sawyer, Price, Taylor, and Vilas counties while the Nicolet side covers nearly 661,400 acres in Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, and Vilas counties.

Renowned for its four seasons of natural beauty, it is home to a diverse array of northern hardwoods, pines, and meadows. It is bountiful with lakes, rivers, and streams. Areas of highlands overlook the surrounding landscapes.

The Wisconsin Northwoods have been the destination of recreationists and vacationers for over a century, with its abundant opportunities for fishing, biking, hunting, camping, hiking, skiing, boating, birding, and cultural resource sights and attractions. Located 300-450 miles north of Chicago, the Northwoods weather is characterized by generally pleasant summers of warm days and cool nights, perfect for enjoying the abundant lakes, camping sites, canoeing and kayaking rivers. The fall season is generally cool and dominated by great panoramas of color. The winters generally offer plentiful snowfalls, cold temperatures, and great opportunities to frequently snowshoe, ski, and snowmobile.



Guest house at Forest Lodge near Cable, Wis.

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Bouchard

Community Descriptions:

Laona - The 1,400 hundred people that live in the Laona area are heirs to the shared heritage of the timber industry. The turn-of-the-century marked the founding of Laona - just 20 years prior to logging's heyday. Around 1876, the pine loggers came into the area

and cleared off the pine stands. Generations of loggers have been working the Forest ever since.

Laona began to thrive as railroads steamed their way into northern Wisconsin. Laona's economy became largely dependent upon the timber industry. One of the area's best known tourist attractions is the Lumberjack Special steam train. The Lumberjack Special is a vintage 1916 Vulcan steam engine that was actually used by the Connor Lumber and Land Company in its logging operation and is now used to pull a passenger train to the Camp 5 Farm Museum.

The Camp 5 Farm, Lumberjack Special, The Community Soup and Nicolet Public Golf Course, along with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest make the Laona area attractive to tourists.

Eagle River is a small city of 1,500 located in northeastern Wisconsin. It's the county seat of Vilas County – the heart of musky, walleye and bass fishing country in Northern Wisconsin. The area encompasses approximately 1,000 lakes, plus trout and smallmouth streams. This area is world renown as trophy musky water.

Eagle River is also a winter wonderland. There are many snowmobile trails linking community to community and Eagle River is proclaimed Snowmobile Capital of the World in January as it hosts the World's Championship Snowmobile Derby. For 35 years, more than 300 racers and up to 35,000 fans have come from all corners of the world to take part in this event. There are also many miles of cross country ski trails as well as a modern ice arena for hockey and figure skating.

As a tourist destination in northern Wisconsin, Eagle River boasts many restaurants, resorts and shops.

Florence is the county seat of Florence County, located in far northeastern Wisconsin. It touts itself as being the best kept secret in Wisconsin.

There are 265 lakes and 165 miles of rivers and streams in Florence County. The Pine and Popple Rivers are state designated "Wild Rivers." There are only 3 of these rivers in the state and two of them are here in "Wild River Country." The Pine and the Popple were designated by Wisconsin legislature as state wild rivers in 1965 to be protected from development and kept in a natural free-flowing condition.

The 7,500-acre federally designated Whisker Lake Wilderness Area, located in northern Florence County, is the second largest wilderness area in the state. The name is derived from the majestic pines near the shoreline of Whisker Lake. Timber cruisers from days gone by dubbed these pine "chin whiskers". These "chin whiskers" miraculously escaped the Wildfires that ravaged the area after logging in the early 1900's.

Florence County has much to offer the outdoor enthusiast – hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, ATV trail riding, snowmobiling, skiing, and all the other wilderness experiences that this unspoiled area has to offer.

Additional Information:

The following individuals can provide you with additional information on the Forest and the local duty station area.

Jay Saunders, East Zone Fire Management Officer at jsaunders@fs.fed.us, 715-674-4481 (work) or 715-889-1470 (cell)

Jeff Seefeldt, District Ranger, Lakewood/Laona Ranger District at 715-276-6333 or 715-674-4481, USDA Forest Service, 4878 Hwy 8 W., Laona, WI 54541 or email jseefeldt@fs.fed.us.

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