OUTREACH
Hiawatha National Forest will be filling a Lead Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation) position on the St. Ignace/Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts (also known as the Eastside of the Hiawatha). The duty station for this position is the Raco Work Center located in Raco, MI. The Raco location is 12 miles southwest of Brimley, MI; 50 miles north of St. Ignace, MI; and 25 miles west of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

ABOUT THE POSITION
The primary purpose of this position is to serve as the Lead Timber Sale Preparation Technician on a Ranger District. The incumbent has technical and leadership responsibility in timber sale preparation duties including: timber marking, timber cruising, and sale layout as part of the timber organization. Position leads a small (6 -10) crew of trained technicians in timber sale preparation duties. The position is almost entirely field-going and sale preparation work takes place year round.

What is the job? This position serves as the leader of the Timber Sale Preparation team.

As the lead, you will provide limited technical supervision to three GS-0462 Forestry Technicians who serve as primary timber crew and varying numbers (3-6) of seasonal and/or permanent GS-0462-03/04/05 Forestry Technicians whose assignments are primarily in timber marking, cruising and layout activities. The range of lead responsibilities including work planning, assigning work, reviewing work for quantity and quality and setting crew work schedules.

You will perform a wide variety of limited operational projects to address a broad range of technical timber sale management problems, such as analyzing on-the-ground timber conditions, weather, and availability of resources to ensure conformance to management plans.
You will recommend personnel, equipment, logistics, and communications needs for all aspects of the timber sale management program. Duties will include cruise design, field reconnaissance, assembling contract packages, sale layout and field instruction to apprentice cruisers. For a complete list of duties, see the position description.

**DUTY STATION**
The Raco Work Center is located in the heart of the Eastside about 1 mile west of Raco, Michigan. The Ranger District Office for the St. Ignace/Sault Ste Marie Ranger Districts is located in St. Ignace, Michigan. The 396,000 acre Unit includes Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway, Point Iroquois Lighthouse, Round Island Lighthouse, four Wildernesses, and portions of 2 Wild & Scenic Rivers.

Other highlights of the District include:
- Point Iroquois Lighthouse is the Unit’s premier visitor facility, hosting over 70,000 visitors each year, with most visitation concentrated in July and August.
- Timber program harvests approximately 20 MMBF of timber annually in a variety of forest types (northern hardwoods, aspen, red pine, jack pine, swamp conifer)
- Wildlife and Plants program includes numerous threatened & endangered plant & animal species, a strong native plants program
- The District’s Recreation Program features recreation facilities along three Great Lakes’ shorelines. Another recreation highlight is the Districts’ trails program, including over 80 miles of the North Country National Scenic Trail

The Hiawatha National Forest lies in the central and eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Approximately 1 million acres fall within the Forest boundary.

Hiawatha National Forest’s uniqueness stems largely from its proximity to three Great Lakes. The Great Lakes affect its weather, recreation opportunities, scenery, historic sites, hydrology, and ecosystem diversity. The Forest’s recreation niche, “Your Great Lakes National Forest” captures some of this uniqueness by focusing on the Forest’s “Great Lakeshores” (Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron), “Great Lighthouses” (Point Iroquois, North Light, East Channel Light, Christmas Range Light, Peninsula Point and Round Island Lighthouse); “Great Islands” (Grand Island, Round Island, and St. Vitals Island); and “Great Snow” (referring to the hundreds of inches of snow that fall each winter

Hiawatha National Forest is divided geographically into two units. St. Ignace/Sault Ste Marie Ranger District is part of the Forest’s East Unit, The Forest’s
East Unit includes the St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Ranger Districts, including a work station located in Raco. The East Unit includes shoreline on Lake Superior, Michigan and Huron. The Forest’s West Unit includes the Munising Ranger District and Rapid River/Manistique Ranger District. The West Unit includes shoreline on Lakes Superior and Michigan.

Other highlights of the Forest include:
- The Forest’s ASQ is 109 mmbf, as determined in its 2006 LMP.
- Six lighthouses located on NF land
- Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
Raco, MI Is a tiny unincorporated town about 8 miles south of Brimley, 22 miles Southwest of Sault Ste. Marie and 12 miles north of Rudyard.

Brimley School system includes an elementary school, middle school and high school. Lake Superior State University is located Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Other facts about Raco/Brimley area, located in Superior Township of Chippewa County
- Total Area: 103 sq miles (township)
- Population: 1,329 (2010 Census for Superior Township)
- Median income per household: $42,834
- For more statistical data about the city click here

Chippewa County. Chippewa County is located in the eastern Upper Peninsula and lies on the shores of Lakes Superior and St. Mary’s River. The county includes about several hundred miles of Great Lakes shoreline. The county consists primarily of public lands including Lake Superior State Forest and Hiawatha National Forest.

If you’re looking for outdoor recreation opportunities, Chippewa County is a great place to live! Residents enjoy a wide range of outdoor pursuits including sea kayaking, canoeing, camping, mountain biking, hiking, trail running, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, snowshoeing and more. Recreation oriented annual events include the annual I-500 snowmobile race, International bridge walk. Sault Ste. Marie and Brimley provides a variety of recreation facilities including Bay Mills Resort and Casino Championship Golf Course and numerous other public golf courses, Lake Superior State University Cisler Center, various area schools have open swimming programs.
Surrounding Area If you go south from Sault Ste Marie about 50 miles, you’ll find St. Ignace, Michigan (population 6,000). North across the St. Mary’s River and the Soo Locks is Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, (population 75,000). Together, they offer many options including medical services, shopping, art, culture, entertainment, restaurants and more. Sault Ste Marie, MI, is home to Lake Superior State University. Between the two Saults, you’ll find several hospitals, numerous clinics, malls and large chain stores, theaters, and a YMCA For more information about Sault Ste. Marie, visit the web.

If you go south from Raco about 150 miles, crossing the Mackinac Bridge, you’ll find Traverse City, MI (population 14,500). Traverse City offers a wide range of shopping and other services.

Websites For more Information about Raco and the surrounding area, visit the following websites:
- Superior Township
- Sault Area Chamber of Commerce
- City of Sault Ste Marie

CONTACTS
For more information about this opportunity, feel free to contact us!

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I am interested in this position on the Hiawatha National Forest, duty location Raco Work Station, Raco, Michigan.

Position Title/Series/Grade:
Lead Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation) GS-0462-08

PERSONAL INFORMATION
Name: ________________________________ Date: __________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
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Phone: ___________________ Email address: _________________________

Are you currently a Federal employee?   Yes_______ No_________

If YES, CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: __________________________

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _______________________________________

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: __________________________________________

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_____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
_____ OTHER

You may also send a resume or an Employee Biographical Sketch form (AD-779)

If you would like further information on this or would like to receive a copy of the
Vacancy Announcement, please submit this form via email to msjogren@fs.fed.us or
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