



USDA Forest Service Resource Assistant Program

Position. Archaeological Technician

Duration. 8 Month Fellowship (32 weeks): Starting July 2024 through February 2025 (dates are dependent upon the start date).

Location. Superior National Forest, 1393 MN-169, Ely, MN
And
Superior National Forest, 7355 MN-61, Tofte, MN

Reports To. The archaeological technician will report to the zone archaeologist.

Job Overview

The archeological technician will assist with inventory, evaluation, monitoring, and overall support to heritage resource management, including collection of field data to identify heritage sites, generate determinations of effect, and determinations of eligibility for a varied program of work on the East or West Zone of the Superior National Forest. Each zone is over 1 million acres and includes the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This is an arduous position that involves lifting and carrying 50+ pound packs and the ability to travel extended distances by canoe, motorboat, ATV, or on foot.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Basic archaeological field surveys by walking over the landscape and searching for archaeological features and artifacts
- Records data and prepares survey records
- Assists with excavation and testing of archaeological sites, including careful recovery of materials
- Processes artifacts recovered from the field
- Identifies, labels, and packages artifacts for curation
- Communicates information to other resource specialists
- Collects and maintains geospatial archaeological data
- Conducts fieldwork in backcountry environments
- Uses mapping equipment like Field Maps, ArcPro, Avenza
- Assist with project review and drafting correspondence for SHPO/Tribal consultation.
- Assists with campsite monitoring and testing in the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness, which includes extended (up to 8 days) overnight trips

Qualifications

- Driver's license
- Bachelor's degree in Anthropology or Archaeology
- Hiking up to 7 miles in a day with a 50 lb pack
- Familiarity (or willing to gain competence) in watercraft safety
- Comfortable camping with no cell service



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Minimum Requirements

- Completion of 2 years at an accredited university, an Associate's degree, or higher
- US citizenship or permanent residency. RAs must undergo a government background check if selected.
- Participation in US Forest Service Orientation Training scheduled for June 2023