



# ***Santa fe Hotshots***

Santa Fe Nat. Forest  
Attn: Santa Fe IHC  
11 Forest Lane  
Santa Fe, NM 87508

## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

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### **Forestry Technician**

**GS-0462-03/04/05**

**Santa Fe, NM**

The ***Santa Fe Hotshots*** will soon be filling up to 10 temporary seasonal employment positions (4 current vacancies) for the 2021 fire season, and are conducting an outreach to assess applicant interest. Selected applicants will work for the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office, and serve as crew members on the Santa Fe Interagency Hotshots. The duty station for these positions is located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, but extensive travel will be required to various work locations throughout the United States. These positions will be filled using the following Job Announcement Numbers:

**21-TEMPF3-R3-3867-3DH (Forestry Technician, Hotshot, GS-0463-03)**

**21-TEMPF3-R3-3868-4DH (Forestry Technician, Hotshot, GS-0462-04)**

**21-TEMPF3-R3-2037-5DH (Forestry Technician, Hotshot, GS-0462-05)**

Interested applicants will need to apply through the USAJOBS website, no later than September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 11:59 Eastern Daylight Time, at: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

### **Work Description:**

Serves as a crew member on a hand crew assigned to suppress the full range of difficulty and complexity of fires. Utilizes a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and techniques while actively managing wildfires. Performs basic wildland firefighter activities such as hand line construction, patrolling, monitoring, and mop-up operations.

Independently, or with other crew members, may be assigned to carry out specialized assignments such as tree falling and participating in fire ignition operations. Serves as a skilled wildland firefighter on an organized crew during prescribed burn activities, such as controlling and monitoring the fire, and collecting data on fire weather and behavior. Also performs project work such as fuel inventory and hazardous fuel reduction.

Based on the type of work performed, taking and passing the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the ARDUOUS level is a condition of employment. The arduous fitness test consists of a 3 mile hike, within 46 minutes, while carrying a 45 pound pack.

### **About the Santa Fe National Forest:**

The Santa Fe National Forest encompasses 1,580,969 acres and provides services, forest products, and recreational opportunities for local communities and visitors. The Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the southern end of the Rockies form the backdrop for the Pecos Wilderness, the City of Santa Fe, and numerous other communities and American Indian pueblos along the Rio Grande. Several of these pueblos can trace their ancestry to heritage sites located within the Santa Fe NF.

Across the Rio Grande to the west lie the Jemez Mountains, a volcanic range dominated by Chicoma Peak to the east and by the scenic Valles Caldera preserve to the west. Located in these mountains are numerous private inholdings and the Los Alamos National Laboratory nuclear research facilities. Bandelier National Monument is a well-known and popular place to visit a series of preserved cliff dwellings.

The Santa Fe National Forest is divided into fire district management areas, with offices in Coyote, Cuba, Española, Jemez Springs, Pecos, and Las Vegas.

### **About the City of Santa Fe:**

Santa Fe is the state capital of New Mexico, located at 7000 ft. elevation in the Rio Grande Valley between the Jemez and Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The City's population is approximately 70,000. Santa Fe is located 50 miles north of Albuquerque, the State's largest metropolitan area, which has become known internationally for its Balloon Fiesta every fall that hosts over 800 hot air balloons. Santa Fe averages 300 days of sunshine a year with mild days and cool nights. Winters are relatively short, with snow accumulations primarily in the surrounding mountains. The average annual rainfall is 14 inches, and annual snowfall is 23 inches.

The cultural influence, art, and architecture from the Native American pueblos and Spanish American villages of northern New Mexico are unique to this part of the nation. Santa Fe has a world-class art community, and is home to numerous galleries and museums. The Santa Fe Ski Area is only a 30 minute drive from downtown, and there are 4 other ski areas within a few hours of the city. The cost of living in Santa Fe is about 3% above the national average. However, the cost of housing is about 29% higher than the national average, with a median home price in 2019 of \$380,400, and an average apartment rental for a 1 bedroom unit of about \$1300/month.

**No Government housing is available for employees.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION, OR THE APPLICATION PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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