



Outreach/Vacancy Announcement

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Burnt Powder Fire Zone, Whitman Ranger District
Grande Ronde Fire Zone, La Grande Ranger District
www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w

Title, Series, Grade: Senior Fire Fighter, GS-0462-05
Duty Station: Halfway, OR/ Unity, OR/La Grande, OR
Internal Single Vacancy Number: **16-110616-187592FS-LH**
External Single Vacancy Number: **16-110616-187592DP-LH**
IFPM Position Number: FS2037
Point of contact: **Albert Morgan**, IA Crew Foreman, 541-742-6760, aemorgan@fs.fed.us
Halfway, OR

Joe Sullivan, IA Crew Foreman, 541-523-1393, jsullivan02@fs.fed.us
Unity, OR

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La Grande, OR

POSITION:

The Burnt Powder Fire Zone will be filling 2 Senior Fire Fighter GS-0462-05 positions and the Grande Ronde Fire Zone will be filling 1 Senior Fire Fighter GS-0462-05 position with a duty station of La Grande, OR. The Burnt Powder Fire Zone positions will be as follows; one position will be in Halfway, Oregon and the other in Unity, Oregon. The position in Halfway serves a senior fire fighter on a 10 person IA Hand Crew module. The position in Unity serves as the assistant on a 5 person IA Hand Crew. The Grande Ronde Fire Zone position will have a duty station of La Grande, OR, this position serves as senior fire fighter on a 10-20 person crew.

The selected individual(s) helps direct the operation of the crew with the foreman and assistant. Also will be the lead of the crew in the absence of the foreman and assistant.

The individuals will be instructors for training of equipment, course instructors and running drills with crew members in methods and techniques of firefighting. The individual also needs to possess knowledge of standard fire program requirements, suppression tactics, methods and procedures, and skill in the use of wildland firefighting hand tools, radios and chainsaws.

Other wildland fire related duties may involve fire prevention, patrol, detection or prescribed burning. The incumbent may be assigned for varying periods of time into one or more types of positions within the wildfire program where the specialized skills are required.

Please apply on www.usajobs.com. Announcement numbers will be available at a later date through your desired duty station contact. There will be a demo announcement numbers and a merit announcement numbers. **Select Halfway, OR, Unity, OR, or La Grande, OR as the duty station.** Apply to position by end of shift **November 6th 2015** to be considered. A referral list will be requested shortly after that date. **These positions are Permanent Seasonal Position with 13 pay periods guaranteed with the opportunity for more depending on budget and available work.**

Transfer of Station is authorized but will only cover mandatory benefits with selected Discretionary Benefits. Any questions please contact the individual at your chosen duty station.

Mandatory Benefits Only

Entitlement for payment of basic moving expenses, as required by the Federal Travel Regulations

(FTR) §302-3.101, are authorized for eligible applicants changing duty station when the change meets

the distance tests as provided in FTR §302-1.1 and §302-2.6.

Mandatory Benefits with Selected Discretionary Benefits

House hunting trip

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 is a Primary Firefighter position under the provision of 5 USC 8336© and 5 USC 8412(d). Fire suppression experience is a requirement of this position. **IFPM/FSFPM minimum qualifications for the position are Fire Fighter Type 1 and successful completion of S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior, which must be met at the time of hire.**

DUTIES:

This position serves as senior wildland firefighter on a 10 person IA Hand Crew in Halfway, a 10-20 person IA Hand Crew in La Grande, or on a 5 person Hand Crew in Unity. Independently performs hand crew work in fire suppression and prescribed fire operations. May serve as Incident Commander on initial attack fires and lead groups of less experienced firefighters. Individual will perform wildfire suppression duties as directed within training and physical capabilities and other duties as assigned.

ABOUT THE FOREST, DISTRICT, & ZONE:

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is 2,521,280 acres ranging from 875 to 9,845 feet above sea level. Plant life varies from desert-like countryside of Hells Canyon to the alpine vegetation of the Eagle Cap Wilderness and Seven Devils Mountains. Generally, winters are cold and snowy, spring and fall are mild, and summers are hot and dry. There are four Ranger Districts with additional offices in Clarkston, Washington and Riggins, Idaho. The Forest lands include the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness, Monument Rock Wilderness, North Fork John Day Wilderness, and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. For additional information visit our web site <http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>

The Burnt Powder Fire Zone has initial attack fire responsibility for the Whitman Ranger District and some Bureau of Land Management lands. The BPFZ works closely with Oregon Department of Forestry and Bureau of Land Management with reciprocal/mutual aid agreements. The Zone historically provides initial attack on 70-90 incidents per year. The district has a large and very active fuels management program integrated with vegetative treatments and routinely accomplishes between 4-7,000 acres of fuels treatments per year.

The Grande Ronde Fire Zone has initial attack responsibility for the La Grande Ranger District, the district averages 30 fires a year as well as providing assistance to our cooperators and approximately 4000 acres of fuels treatment per year. The La Grande Ranger District employs approximately 50 full-time professional employees in the fields of fire, wildlife and fisheries, archeology, engineering, botany, GIS, range, recreation, and planning. In addition, the

district is home to the La Grande and Union Interagency Hotshot fire crews. During the summer months, an additional 100 seasonal employees are hired for work on fire, recreation, range, timber, and fisheries field crews.

LOCATION:

Baker City: [Baker City](#) is a town with a population of approximately 10,000. It is located along Interstate 84 in the heart of the Powder River Valley of Northeastern Oregon. The local economy is primarily agricultural. It is a full service community with [an excellent school system](#) and health care systems including the [Saint Alphonsus Medical Center](#). There are several grocery and hardware outlets, dining and shopping opportunities available. The Baker City's Historic Downtown district has several registered historic buildings, and the [National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center](#) is located a few minutes from town. Also located in Baker City is [Quail Ridge golf course](#). The historic mining community of [Sumpter](#) is located 30 miles away.

The surrounding area provides many opportunities for outdoors enthusiasts; with excellent opportunities for hiking, camping, bird and large game hunting. Fishing opportunities include access to Brownlee Reservoir, the Snake River, the Powder River and many other lakes, rivers and reservoirs within easy travel distance. The area is on a main route to access Hells Canyon, and the Snake River is within 70 miles of Baker City. There are several recreational opportunities on the Snake River including fishing and water skiing. [Anthony Lakes Ski Area](#) is located 40 miles from Baker City.

Boise, ID is 130 miles away, and provides many shopping, entertainment, recreational and sporting event opportunities.

Halfway, Oregon is located approximately 54 miles east of Baker City on HWY 86. Halfway has a population of around 400 and has 4 very distinct seasons. Summer is generally warm (highs in the 90's, occasionally topping 100) and dry in the valley. Falls are cool at night/warm in the day with intermittent rain periods but mainly dry. Winter brings snow (3 feet is normal, 4-5 feet is not uncommon in the valley), with low temperatures dropping below zero for several days each year. Spring brings cool nights and warm days with occasional rain/snow showers. Businesses in town include two grocery stores, two gas station/hardware stores, one restaurants/bar, a medical clinic, numerous churches of various denominations and numerous other small stores. The nearest larger town is Baker City 54 miles away (approximately 1 hour drive). Beyond that is LaGrande, OR (2 hours drive), Ontario, OR or Pendleton, OR (3+ hour drive), and Boise, ID (4+ hour drive). Outdoor recreational activities of various types are available in all seasons. For more information visit www.hellscanyonchamber

Unity: Unity is a small community with a population of about 100. Minimal services are available in Unity. It is 50 miles from Baker City, 84 miles from Ontario, OR, and 140 miles from Boise, ID. Government housing is available.

La Grande, OR: La Grande, Oregon is a full service community with a population of 12,000. Services include; public and private schools ranging from pre-school to Eastern Oregon University. La Grande is located in the Blue Mountains on the Historic Oregon Trail at 2,700 feet. Located on Interstate 84 La Grande is 3 hours from Boise, Idaho and 1.5 hours from Tri Cities (Pasco, Kenewick, and Richland) Washington. La Grande has one hospital, several doctors, dentists, opticians and chiropractors; churches of most denominations.

Recreational opportunities include; big and small game hunting, fishing, hiking, in the Eagle Cap and Elk Horn mountains, and proximity to Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area. There are two small developed ski areas, snowmobile and ATV trails, and lakes with boating and water-skiing.

The following websites provide additional information about the area and forest.

<http://www.unioncountychamber.org/>

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman/>

HOUSING: Government housing may be available in Halfway. Several older houses and a modern bunkhouse are used for housing on the Pine Compound. Houses may be available for rent on an individual basis. The bunkhouse and some of the houses are used for seasonal personnel that work for the district on the various crews stationed out of Pine Compound. Occupancy varies year by year.

Government housing is not available in La Grande, OR. Private housing is available, rental prices range from approximately \$400 -\$1500 and home prices range from approximately \$80,000 up.

Thank you for your interest!

Please Respond by and or apply to USAJOBS November 6th 2015 at the end of shift. A referral list will be request shortly after.

The positions will be filled with single vacancies announcement numbers which will be determined at a later date. Contact the individual in the location you are interested in to get the announcement numbers.

Reply to:

To express interest or for additional information regarding these positions please contact

For questions with the Halfway position contact Albert Morgan, Crew 1-2 Foreman at 541-742-6760, aemorgan@fs.fed.us

For questions on the Unity position contact Joe Sullivan, Crew 1-1 Foreman at 541-523-1393, jsullivan02@fs.fed.us

For questions on the La Grande position contact Kat Naughton at 541-962-8563, knaughton@fs.fed.us

All Burnt Powder Fire Zone positions, Joel McCraw AFMO at 541-523-1377, jmccraw@fs.fed.us

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Senior Fire Fighter (SFF), GS-0462-05
WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

- _____ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

