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**Wallowa Whitman National Forest
LaGrande Ranger District
Grande Ronde Fire Zone
LaGrande, Oregon**

Title, series, grade: **Assistant Fire Engine Operator PSE 18/8, GS-0462-06**
Location of Duty station: **La Grande, OR**
Announcement Number: **To be determined**
IFPM Position Number: **FS1478**
Point of contact: **Kat Naughton, AFMO;
Grande Ronde Fire Zone; Wallowa-Whitman NF
(541)962-8563; knaughton@fs.fed.us**

The Wallowa Whitman National Forest will be advertising a GS-0462-06 Assistant Supervisory Engine Operator positions located on the Grande Ronde Fire Zone.

The appointment will be Permanent Seasonal Employee (PSE) with a guaranteed of 13 pay periods, and a duty station of La Grande, OR. Interested candidates should apply to the job via USA jobs, www.usajobs.gov. This announcement will close on November 10, 2015. Please submit your application in USAJOBS by November 10, 2015 in order to be considered for this position. A referral list will be requested on that date. Please La Grande, OR is selected as the duty station.

This position is a Primary Firefighter position under the provision of 5 USC 8336© (CSRS) and 5 USC 8412(d) (FERS). Fire suppression experience is a requirement of this position. Minimum qualifications are Squad Boss (FFT1) and S-290.

Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

The incumbent will also be required to meet the standards as defined in the Interagency Fire Program Management Standards and Guidelines. For more information regarding qualifications, go to the following website <http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/>. Documents supporting qualifications must be attached to application. Incumbent will also be required to pass the Work Capacity Test at the arduous level and must obtain a Commercial Driver's License with tank and air brake endorsements.

For additional information about this position, please contact Kat Naughton, Assistant Fire Management Officer, (541)962-8563.

THE POSITION: The Assistant Fire Engine Operator (AFEO) GS-0462-06

The incumbent is an assistant to the engine module leader and assists in the supervision a 3-5 person wildland fire engine module, whose primary purpose is suppressing wildland fires. The selected individual helps direct the operation of the crew in consideration of safety of crew and equipment and trains and drills 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 preparedness, prevention, monitoring, hazardous fuels reduction, fire detection, patrol, and Prescribed burning. The incumbant 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.

The Grande Ronde Fire Zone operates three Type 6 engines, one Type 3 engine, and a 10-15 person IA hand crew. 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.

This is a permanent seasonal (PSE) position and may include weekend work, periods of irregular and protracted hours of work, and guaranteed 13 pay periods of work per year.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The duties of this position require that the incumbent meet prescribed physical requirements as measured by the Work Capacity Fitness Test at the arduous level. To meet the arduous level the incumbent must be able to walk 3 miles within 45 minutes while carrying 45 pounds. This position is subject to the Medical Qualifications Standards for Arduous positions.

HOUSING: Government housing is not available. Private housing is available, rental prices range from approximately \$400 -\$1500 and home prices range from approximately \$80,000 up.

LOCATION: 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/>

Thank you for your interest!

Please respond by November 10th, 2015 by end of business day. A referral list will be requested shortly after.

The positions will be filled with single vacancy announcement numbers which will be determined at a later date.

Reply to:

For additional information regarding these positions please contact Kat Naughton at 541-962-8563, knaughton@fs.fed.us

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Supervisory Engine Operator, GS-0462-06
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 _____

Please respond briefly to the following questions:

Why are you interested in this position?

What would you contribute to this position, module, district, forest?