



## OUTREACH NOTICE

### 2016 TEMPORARY FIRE POSITIONS

#### KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST



The Kootenai National Forest will be filling multiple temporary (seasonal) fire positions for the upcoming 2016 fire season. Openings will be available at the GS-3, GS-4, and GS-5 levels and are for wildland fire positions with a maximum six-month tour of duty (not to exceed 1,039 hours). The starting dates of the positions are anticipated to be between April and early June, 2016.

#### POSITIONS BEING HIRED:

- Forestry: general; natural resources: fire(hand crew, engine, helitack, dispatch, prevention, lookout, etc.); fuels; recreation; trails; wilderness; timber; silviculture; timber stand improvement; reforestation
- Biological Sciences: general; weeds; wildlife; plants, etc.
- Range
- Survey
- Engineering
- Clerical
- Social Services (YCC Leader)
- Hydrology
- Laborer (Wage).

Openings may be available at the GS-2, GS-3, GS-4, GS-5, GS-6, WG-2, and WG-3 levels. Additional series and grades may be available and will be posted on [USAJobs](#).

**No announcement numbers are currently assigned. Continue to monitor [USAJobs](#) for openings.**

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Vacancy announcements for 2016 for the Northern Region will cover all Forests in the Region. Applicants will need to specify the location(s) they are interested in working at. For the Kootenai National Forest, our duty locations are Eureka, MT; Troy, MT; Libby, MT; and Trout Creek, MT.





Announcements will be open for a short period of time and will be run in phases with positions in fire being in the first phase. Announcements may open in early January.

To receive consideration for this position, you must meet all qualification requirements, as listed in the announcements. Be sure to check the status of your application to ensure it is submitted and complete. Firefighters must also pass a Work Capacity Test (WCT). The WCT has three levels (arduous, moderate, and light). The level required is based on the duties of the position.

Some positions will require working on weekends and various work schedules. Dates of employment range from April through October depending on the position and funding.

Some positions may be filled through the Pathways Program for students. These opportunities will also be posted on [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov).

If you have having difficulty applying for jobs through the USAJOBS website, you may also contact the **Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248**, option 2, for assistance.

CONTACT AND LOCATION INFORMATION:

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact our Ranger Districts for additional information on position possibilities.

Government housing is available at Ksanka, Three River, and Trout Creek Ranger Districts.

Office	Duty Station	Phone Number
Supervisor's Office	Libby, MT	(406) 293-6211
Ksanka Ranger District	Eureka, MT	(406) 296-2536
Three Rivers Ranger District	Troy, MT	(406) 295-4693
Canoe Gulch Ranger District	Libby, MT	(406) 293-7773
Trout Creek Ranger District	Trout Creek, MT	(406) 827-3533

ABOUT THE FOREST

The Kootenai National Forest is located in the northwest corner of Montana, a small portion of northeast Idaho, and encompasses over 2.2 million acres of NFS lands, an area nearly three times the size of Rhode Island. The Forest consists of four Ranger Districts located in Eureka, Troy, Libby (approximately 13 miles north of Libby), and Trout Creek. The engineering organization is located throughout the Forest. The Forest is bordered on the north by British Columbia, Canada, and on the west by Idaho. Of the total acres, 50,384 are within the State of Idaho. Access into the Forest is via U.S. Highways 2 and 93 and Montana State Highways 37, 56, 200, and 508. Additional information may be found on the [Kootenai National Forest website](#).

The Kootenai National Forest (KNF) encompasses lands that are part of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Aboriginal Territory. In the Hell Gate Treaty of 1855, the CSKT ceded over 22 million acres to the United States Government, retaining 1.2 million acres for their own use that today is



the Flathead Indian Reservation. The Flathead Indian Reservation is approximately 85 miles southeast of the Kootenai National Forest. The Tribes retain treaty rights under the Hell Gate Treaty on federal lands such as the KNF. These rights include hunting, gathering, digging plants and roots, fishing, and grazing on Kootenai National Forest lands.

The Kootenai National Forest holds many places in the natural environment that are important to the Kootenai people. These are known as cultural sites and traditional cultural properties. The relationship and bonds that Kootenai people have to these places were established before there was a Kootenai National Forest and the stories, place names, and songs from these sites have been handed down from generation to generation. This is called a cultural landscape and is the basis for or essence of Kootenai identity and culture.



The Libby valley has documented presence of *Libby Amphibole* as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency. Interested applicants are urged to be aware of and research the possible hazards of amphibole to human health. Cleanup and hazard mitigation operations are being conducted by the EPA. Please contact the [EPA](#), the CARD ([Center for Asbestos Related Disease](#)) or District Rangers for more information.

Eureka/Fortine: [Eureka Chamber of Commerce](#)

Troy: [Troy Chamber of Commerce](#)

Libby: [Libby Chamber of Commerce](#)

Trout Creek: [Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce](#)

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