



# U.S. Forest Service-Region 5

## Mendocino National Forest, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument



### *Temporary (1039) Wildland Firefighter employment opportunities for the 2016 field season*

The Mendocino National Forest, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (BSMNM) is looking for a committed, hardworking, highly skilled workforce to manage wildfires. The Fire and Aviation Management program is very rewarding and requires talented and skilled people working safely as part of a team in a variety of specialized positions including 11 - Engine crews, 4 - Watertenders, 1- Emergency Dispatch Center, 1- Dozer, 2- District Fuels Programs, 2- Type 1 Hotshot crews, and 4- Fire Prevention Technicians.

**A variety of jobs will be available on the Mendocino. Vacancy announcements open from January 11, 2016 – January 15, 2016.**

**To apply for these temporary jobs you will need to apply through USAJOBS at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>**

Applicants interested in Temporary Wildland Firefighter positions on the Mendocino National Forest should contact module leaders listed for the specific duty locations they would be interested in. Potential candidates should have their applications ready because there will only be 5 days to apply within USAJOBS.

Wildland firefighters work in a variety of specialized positions, including fire engine crews, interagency hotshot crews, patrol and prevention technicians and fire lookout positions. Crews often travel throughout California and other areas across the country performing fire suppression and other incident activities. The actual job title for wildland firefighter positions are “Forestry Aid and Forestry Technician”.

Pay scales and availability of government provided housing will vary by geographic locations. Firefighters are paid an hourly rate and can earn overtime at 1.5 (time and a half) of their normal pay rate and hazardous duty pay at an extra 25% in some circumstances. Housing/Barracks *may* be available at a nominal cost to employees. Firefighters provide their own subsistence while at their home duty locations. The Forest Service pays living expenses when on a fire assignment or project assignments away from home duty locations. Tour of Duty is generally a 5 day work week of 40 base hours, with 2 days off. Scheduled days off are often cancelled due to emergency assignments. As a condition of hire, selectees must be able to meet the arduous fitness level and complete a Work Capacity Test consisting of a 3 mile hike within 45 minutes carrying a 45 pound pack. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. All GS-5 positions require a minimum of 90 days of Wildland firefighting experience.

Engine positions require that the selected candidate obtain or possess a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and therefore, are Testing Designated Positions (TDP) under the Department of Transportation (DOT)/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Program. Applicants tentatively selected for these

positions will be required to submit a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use unless they currently occupy a TDP under the DOT/Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing Program. Final appointment is conditional on a negative drug test.

**\*\*This announcement constitutes 30 days advance notice for drug testing\*\***

**Duties:** Serves as a member of fire crew assigned to suppress the full range of wildland fires independently performing recurring fire suppression duties. Performs assignments as a wildland firefighter in developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustments in the effective use of water and additives, working in and around aircraft such as helicopters, safety rules, and basic fire behavior. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump, etc. Chops brush, fells small trees, and moves dirt to construct fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, McLeods, and may use power tools including chainsaws and portable pumps to control spreading of wildland fire and/or to prepare control lines prior to burning. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish embers, flareups, and hotspot fires that may threaten developed firelines. Cleans, reconditions, and stores fire tools and equipment.

**How to apply:** Applicants must access the vacancy announcements through USAJobs – <http://usajobs.gov/> . Applicants must establish a profile and build or upload a resume in the USAJobs site. For assistance in navigating USAJobs: [https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page). Once you have established your Profile and Resume, that data will be used in all future applications without the need to reenter. It is recommended that applicants complete the on-line resume and attach a document/resume with past supervisor's contact information to expedite reference checks. Applicants are still required to recertify their application every 60 days. Applicants will need to attach any required supporting documents (IQCS Master Record, DD-214 to claim Veterans Preference, Transcripts, etc.) for each job applied to – they are not automatically added to your application from your profile. If your application documents are too large (more than 3MB) to upload into USAJOBS, you can convert your documents into a Portable Document Format (PDF) file to reduce the file size. Please read the entire Vacancy Announcement carefully. Applicants respond to a series of questions to determine Core Eligibility, Minimum Qualification and Assessment Questions. Your responses will be evaluated by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Human Resources to confirm supporting documentation and experience from your resume and past Supervisor's reference checks. **Any level of Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Competencies (KSACs) claimed in the Assessment statements must be supported and documented in your resume and attachments.**

**Veterans** are encouraged to apply on the USAJobs web site under the Demo Authority (DP) where Veterans Preference is applied to eligible applicants. Veterans **MUST** submit a DD-214 if you are claiming Veteran's Preference.

**For more information contact:** Administrative Management Specialist, Sandra Roak (530) 934-1101; [sroak@fs.fed.us](mailto:sroak@fs.fed.us) or Budget Officer, Becky Gomes @ (530) 934-111; [mgomes@fs.fed.us](mailto:mgomes@fs.fed.us)

**Or visit our website at:** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino/>

There may not be a second offer at a more desirable location. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make personal contacts with Fire staff at desired locations. Speak directly with Module Leaders/Captains when possible. Most remote locations do offer housing and some do not. It is best to understand your housing needs and options prior to applying to those locations.

# MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

## Outreach / Announcements

Forest Aids and Forestry Technicians  
GS-0462-03/04/05

Vacancy Announcements Open on USAJOBS  
January 11, 2016- January 15, 2016

**Click here to apply: <http://usajobs.gov/>**

### Grindstone Ranger District

**Duty Location: Stonyford, CA**

<b>Contacts:</b> Chris Markey	Stephanie Gleason	Brad Tovar
Hotshot Supt 12	Captain- E333/WT38	Captain- E36
530-963-1316	530-963-1320	530-963-1321

Position	Vacancy Announcement #
<b>*Estimated 12 positions</b>	
GS-0462-03-FORESTRY AID-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-3FAID-DT
GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FIRE-DT
GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPERSSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5SUP-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTE-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5FTEO-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Hotshot/Handcrew)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTHH-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Hotshot/Handcrew)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5HSHC-DT

**Duty Location: Paskenta, CA**

<b>Contacts:</b> Brian Combs	Roy Jones
Captain- E34/WT39	Captain- E35
530-833-5207	530-833-5206

Position	Vacancy Announcement #
<b>*Estimated 6 positions (Engine Temps)</b>	
GS-0462-03-FORESTRY AID-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-3FAID-DT
GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FIRE-DT
GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPERSSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5SUP-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTE-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5FTEO-DT

**Duty Location: Elk Creek, CA**

**Contacts: Rick Milton**  
Captain- E332  
530-968-5335

Position	Vacancy Announcement #
<b>*Estimated 1 position</b>	
GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FIRE-DT
GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPERSSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5SUP-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTE-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5FTEO-DT

**Upper Lake / Covelo Ranger District**

**Duty Location: Upper Lake, CA**

**Contacts:** Cheveyo Munk    Shannon Banks    Tom Braunschweig    William Marcks    Aaron Woods  
Hotshot Supt Elk Mtn    Captain- E42    Captain- E44    Captain- E45    Captain- E43  
707-275-1440    707-275-1452    707-275-2361    707-275-1453    707-275-2361

Position	Vacancy Announcement #
<b>*Estimated 11 position</b>	
GS-0462-03-FORESTRY AID-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-3FAID-DT
GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FIRE-DT
GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPERSSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5SUP-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTE-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5FTEO-DT
GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Hotshot/Handcrew)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTHH-DT
GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Hotshot/Handcrew)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-5HSHC-DT
<b>*Estimated 1 position</b>	
GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECHNICIAN-LOOKOUT (FS2856)	16-TEMP-R5-0462-4LOOK-DT

**Duty Location: Covelo, CA**

**Contacts: Fred Burrows    Conroy Coleman**  
Captain- E352    Captain- E353  
707-983-6314    707-983-8522

Position	Vacancy Announcement #
<b>*Estimated 4 position</b>	
GS-0462-03-FORESTRY AID-FIRE SUPPRESSION	16-TEMP-R5-0462-3FAID-DT

<b>GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPRESSION</b>	<b>16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FIRE-DT</b>
<b>GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH-FIRE SUPPERSSION</b>	<b>16-TEMP-R5-0462-5SUP-DT</b>
<b>GS-0462-04-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)</b>	<b>16-TEMP-R5-0462-4FTE-DT</b>
<b>GS-0462-05-Forestry Tech (Fire Engine Operator)</b>	<b>16-TEMP-R5-0462-5FTEO-DT</b>

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There may be vacancy announcements yet to be created. You can search [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) and type in “TEMP-R5” in the search window to see if any additional announcements have been added.