



Outreach Notice

Detail/Temporary Promotion NTE 1 Year with possible extension up to 4 years

Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)

GS-462-06/07

Northern Region

Helena Ranger District

Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest

Announcement Number: 16-FIRE-230548FS-PRC

The Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest, Northern Region (R-1), is recruiting to fill a GS-6/7 Fire Engine Operator position on the Helena Ranger District. **This is a detail not to exceed one year position with extensions possible up to four years and is a drug tested position.** This position will serve as an Engine Module Leader and provide leadership in fire and fuels management on a Type 6 engine module. The Helena Ranger District Fire Program is zoned with the Townsend Ranger District Fire Program. Townsend and Helena Ranger District fire zone structure currently is: Zone Fire Management Officer, Zone Assistant Fire Management Officer, Zone Fuels Specialist, 2 Zone Fuels Technicians, 5 Engine Modules (3 in Helena and 2 in Townsend). The Helena National Forest Fire Management Program includes an approximate annual average of 40 wildfires on National Forest Lands in complex fuels. In addition, the cooperative fire suppression program with Montana Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Land Management, and Tri County Rural Fire Departments, essentially doubles the wildland fire workload.

The annual fuels management program on the Zone (Helena and Townsend Ranger Districts) accomplishes anywhere between 2000 - 4500 acres. The workload on the zone and forest is focused on integrated planning and implementation of projects on 40,000 to 70,000 acre implementation areas. Projects within these areas include travel management, watershed restoration, wildlife and fisheries habitat enhancement and vegetative treatments which include timber harvest, prescribed burning, noxious weed control, grazing, and pre-commercial thinning.

Duties: This position is responsible for the following areas: Leadership of fire personnel during suppression operations. Major duties include but are not limited to; management of safe practices for all duties assigned, initial and extended attack actions on wildland fires, responding to wildland fire situations away from home unit as needed, training of crew members, provide leadership for fire/fuels organization, maintenance of positive & mutually respectful workplace, suppression/extinguishments of fires, maintenance and operation of firefighting apparatus and equipment. Also mechanical fuels implementation prescribed burning, and project work for other functional areas with-in agency. In addition we are looking for individuals with a fuels background, duties will include burn plan development, fuel moisture sampling, the setup of fuels plots, fuels and fire behavior monitoring, and could include fuel bed inventory. If you have any of these skills please include information on resume or application.

We are looking for a motivated team player who is excited about taking on many of these challenges on the Helena National Forest. Even though this person will be assigned to the Helena Ranger District, all employees

are considered a forest resource and the probability of working on projects throughout the forest is high. The Helena National Forest has an array of diverse projects and we foster an “all hands on deck” type of environment. Candidates interested in this position should be willing to participate as a full team member of the Helena National Forest.

To Apply: To Apply: All Forest Service vacancy announcements are posted on the Office of Personnel Management’s [USAJOBS website](http://www.usajobs.gov) (www.usajobs.gov). This vacancy announcement number will be **16-FIRE-230548FS-PRC** or go to [this announcement link](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/433857500) (https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/433857500). **This position will close on April 4, 2016.**

Selective Placement Factors:

- A minimum 90 days experience performing wildland fire suppression duties as a member of an organized fire suppression crew or comparable unit that utilized knowledge of wildland fire suppression, containment or control techniques and practices under various conditions. This experience must be documented with specific dates in the online application or resume.
- Primary firefighter positions include the following age requirements: Under age 37 -OR- less than age 37 after subtracting the months of Federal Service worked in a primary or secondary firefighter/law enforcement position -OR- a veteran preference eligible, older than age 37 and is requesting a waiver to the maximum age requirement.
- Successfully completed the Primary NWCG Core Requirement of Engine Boss (ENGB).
- Successfully completed the Secondary NWCG Core Requirement of Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5).
- Successfully completed the NWCG Course # S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use.

To receive consideration for this position, you must meet all qualification requirements. Applicants are also required to submit a copy of their **Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) Master Record** (or equivalent training record) which contains documented proof of the certification or attainment of the above IFPM Selective Placement Factors in order to be considered eligible. **Applying to the Merit Vacancy Announcement, you MUST attach your most recent SF-50.**

Contact Information: Bob Culbreth, Assistant Fire Management Officer-Operations at (406) 274-0171.

Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest - Helena Ranger District

Forest: The Helena National Forest is located in west central Montana and is approximately 980,000 acres. It straddles the Continental Divide and encompasses headwaters of both the Missouri and Columbia River systems. Elevations range from about 3,500 feet to over 9,000 feet. Precipitation varies from 10 to 60 inches across the forest. The forest offers a diversity of environments ranging from open, rolling sage and grassland, to dense timbered mountain slope, to alpine meadows and parks. Although the Helena NF is known for its elk populations, it is home to an abundance of animal life. Livestock grazing, logging, recreation, and minerals exploration are common on the Helena.

Location: Helena is the State's Capital and is located at the junction of I-15 and Highway 12 & 287. For those water enthusiasts, Helena is centrally located to many lakes and rivers. Helena is also home to the Great Divide ski area which offers many miles of downhill skiing. There are also many miles of groomed trails for those looking to cross-country ski or snowmobile. These activities are easily accessed and within a 30-minute drive from the city.

Additionally, Helena offers 25 city parks, three golf courses, 17 public tennis courts, and an array of other recreational choices. We are located roughly half-way between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Indoor choices are just as hard to make! Cultural offerings throughout the year include events

sponsored and co-sponsored by the Helena Symphony and Chorale, the Myrna Loy Center for Performing Arts, Holter Museum of Art, Montana Historical Society, the Lewis and Clark Public Library, the Archie Bray Foundation, Grandstreet Theatre, and the Montana Jazz Festival!

Area residents have three hospitals serving the area. They include: St. Peter's Community Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital, and Shodair Children's Hospital (children's psychiatric and genetic services). This is in addition to the many private physicians and other health care professionals. There are also several retirement homes and community living centers serving the area.

The Helena area offers two high schools, three middle schools, and several elementary schools. The school district also offers many programs for students with special needs. Other educational offerings include private schools, and the Helena College of Technology, which is a component of the Montana University System and offers many programs in the technical arena as well as courses for transfer to a four-year college or university. Helena is also home to Carroll College, a four-year liberal arts college, which offers a number of bachelor's degrees and specializes in a widely-recognized pre-med program. Graduate degree courses through the University of Montana and Montana State University are also available.

Climate: Residents of the Helena area enjoy all four seasons. The summer temperatures range from the high 70's to low 80's with some warmer days. The winters are fairly mild, by Montana standards, with temperatures ranging in the high teens to thirties.

Housing: The standard cost of living in the Helena area is reasonable. If you are looking to purchase, the average house will run around \$150,000-\$200,000 for a nice three bedroom home. A nice rental unit could also be found for an average of \$600/month.

Date:

Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Position Title: **Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)**

Series/Grade: **GS-462-07**

Location: **Helena Ranger District**

Applicant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Current Title, Series, Grade _____

Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

If you are NOT a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following authorities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corps Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration Project (external recruitment from the general public) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

- Series currently identified and classified
- Other appropriate series for which I am qualified:

I would like to be considered for this position at the grade level identified.

- Target grade level currently identified.
- Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade):

I wish to be considered for this position(s) as:

- Permanent Assignment (lateral/promotion/change to lower grade)
- Detail or Temporary Promotion Opportunity

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, Interests, and Needs or Provide Other Information:

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