



OUTREACH NOTICE

NTE 120 Day Detail/Temporary Promotion Opportunity
Quemado Ranger District
Quemado, New Mexico

GS-0462-06 **Assistant Fire Engine Operator**

The Quemado Ranger District of the Gila National Forest, will soon be detailing a GS-0462-06 Assistant Fire Engine Operator located in Quemado, New Mexico. The position will be an NTE 120-day Detail/Temporary Promotion Opportunity.

Interested applicants, or those desiring more information, should contact either District Fire Management Officer – Nathaniel Nozie at nnozie@fs.fed.us or District Assistant Fire Management Officer – Joshua Johnson at joshuajohnson@fs.fed.us, both can be reached at 575-773-4678. **Respond by April 30, 2016.**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSITION

Selected individual will serve as an Assistant Fire Engine Operator on a Type 6 Wildland Fire Engine, and typically provides first-line supervision for up to 4 firefighters. Under direction of Engine Captain, assigns work to subordinates based on priorities, difficulty and requirements of assignments, and the capabilities of the employees. Trains subordinates by demonstrating skills in use of hand and power tools, hoses, chemicals, and hydraulic systems. Observes, corrects and evaluates crew skills. Individual must meet IFPM standards upon entrance in to the position. Minimum qualifications are Firefighter Type 1 and successful completion of S-290.

Personally performs and may direct others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate fittings for effective use of water and additives. Is expected to gain specialized skills in water handling, and maybe responsible for maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents.



ABOUT THE FOREST

The Gila National Forest, 3.3 million acres of mountainous forest and rangeland, rises proudly above the desert country of New Mexico. The Gila boasts more federal wilderness than any other national forest in the contiguous United States and is home to the first designated wilderness area.

Unique features on the forest include an ancient Mogollon site now preserved as the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, the historic water pipeline of the Catwalk of the Whitewater Canyon, 170 miles of the Continental Divide Trail, and the Aldo Leopold, Gila, and Blue Range Wilderness Areas.

THE DISTRICT

The Quemado Ranger District encompasses more than 640,000 acres of the Gila National Forest and was originally administered by the Apache National Forest. In 1974, administrative responsibility of the Apache transferred to the Gila. Later in 1995, the Quemado and Luna Ranger Districts consolidated to create the Quemado Ranger District.

Twenty full-time District employees staff the fully integrated offices of the Luna Work Center in Luna and the Quemado Ranger Station. Integrated resource management programs on the Quemado Ranger District include:

- Management of the nationally recognized **Game Unit 15** elk herd with primitive weapons only hunting.
- Ecosystem based **timber** program designed to benefit forest health, wood product users and visitors.
- Integrated program of wildlife and range **riparian improvement** projects.
- Nationally recognized **watershed improvement** and **range betterment** programs.
- Active **fuels management** program including Wildfire managed for Multiple Objectives, Wildland Urban Interface hazardous fuels reductions, and prescribed fire management to meet a variety of resource objectives.
- An aggressive suppression effort with an average of 50 to 80 wildfires annually.
- Collaborative fire management program with local communities and Volunteer Fire Departments, state agencies and other federal agencies.
- Cooperation with the **Mexican Gray Wolf Reintroduction** program.
- **Partnership** programs designed to accomplish mutual objectives with grazing allotment permittees, youth groups, conservation groups, local residents, and local governments.

In addition to the District's outstanding work programs, the District offers many outdoor recreation opportunities including the **Quemado Lake Recreation Area**, elevation 7,860', where trout and tiger muskie fishing, hiking, and camping attract visitors from all over New Mexico to the 130-acre lake. Three developed campgrounds skirt the lake's edge.

With an average annual rainfall of 15 inches, there are many dry, sunny days in this 4-season climate for visitors to take advantage of the abundant game population of elk,

deer, pronghorn, javelina, bear, mountain lion, and wild turkeys. Many visitors enjoy camping in one of the four primitive campgrounds, watching for bald eagles and other wildlife, visiting the Fire lookout towers, or hiking the more than 30 miles of trails including a section of the **Continental Divide Trail**.

LIFE IN QUEMADO

The unusual name for this cozy community of 250 folks originates from the 1880's story of Jose Antonio Padilla. When Padilla settled near a creek east of the present town, he found that American Indians opposing outsiders burned the surrounding brush. Consequently, he named the area "Quemado," Spanish for "burned." Today, a grassland valley surrounded by piñon pine and juniper hills no longer shows the scars of a historic past and accentuates the extinct volcanic area of Quemado.

Located in Catron County (*NM's largest*), Quemado, elevation 6,890', is a service center for local ranchers offering two café's, two motels, two gas/convenience stations both with Gas/Diesel pumps, two service garage's with mechanic's on duty, one stocked country grocery store, a hardware store, Catholic and Baptist churches, and a post office.

The modern community oriented school in Quemado provides grades K-12 while opportunities for higher education are available at the branches of Northland Pioneer College in Springerville, AZ and New Mexico State University in Grants, NM.

Medical facilities are provided by the once a week Clinic from Catron County in Reserve. Full service communities at Springerville, AZ (50 miles west) Grants, NM (*84 miles north*), Socorro, NM (*110 miles east*), Silver City, NM (*160 miles south*), and Show Low, AZ (*100 miles west*) provide additional shopping and medical facilities. The city of Albuquerque, NM (*154 miles north*) has the nearest large scale, commercial airport to meet all travel needs.

To find more information about the Gila National Forest and the Quemado Ranger District, visit our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila>.

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
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GS-0462-06**

Please return by APRIL 30, 2016

If you are interested in this position, please submit this REQUIRED Outreach Response Form, IQCS records and your Resume to Nathaniel Nozie nnozie@fs.fed.us or Josh Johnson joshuajohnson@fs.fed.us by fax at (575) 773-4114.

Position Title: **Assistant Fire Engine Operator**

Location: **Region 3, Gila NF, Quemado Ranger District**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

E-Mail Address:

Phone:

Current title/series/grade:

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES NO

IF YES: Current Agency and location:

Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

- Person with Disabilities
- Veterans Readjustment
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Disabled Veteran w/ 30% Compensable Disability
- Student Career Experience Program
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Other (please specify):

Thank you for your interest in our Detail.