



Huron-Manistee National Forests — Cadillac, Michigan Great Lakes Inter-Agency Wildland Fire Module

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, located on the east and west sides of the northern lower peninsula of Michigan, will soon be advertising the following positions for the establishment of the Type 1-Great Lakes Inter-Agency Wildland Fire Module:

- Gs-0462-08/09- Type 1 WFM, Module Supervisor (PFT)
- Gs-0462-07/08- Type 1 WFM Assistant Supervisor (PFT)
- Gs-0462-06 - Type 1 WFM Squad-leader (PFT)
- Gs-0462-05 - Type 1 Senior Fire-Fighter (18/8)

The duty station for these positions will be located at the Chittenden Work Center, Wellston, Michigan.

These positions are categorized as a position in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide as designed by the WO fire and Aviation Management. The FS-FPM minimum qualification standards must be met prior to entrance into the position as a condition of hire. Refer to the FS-FPM standard Position Description Crosswalk for a full description of the MQS.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDOUS level is a “condition of employment”. The Arduous pack test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

May be required to operate a crew carrier. If a CDL is required, the position is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the DOT/ Forest Service Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Program.

Major Duties:

Wildland Fire Modules (WFMs) facilitate the use of fire and other management techniques involving planned and unplanned wildland fire events. WFMs are highly skilled and versatile fire crews, which provide technical and ecological based expertise in the areas of: long term planning, ignitions, holding, and suppression, prescribed fire preparation and implementation support, hazard fuels reduction, and fire effects monitoring, resulting in fire fulfilling its natural/historic role to meet resource and management objectives.

These positions will be under the direction of the Huron-Manistee National Forest Fire Management Officer and will form the Great Lakes Inter-Agency Wildland Fire Module as a regional and national fire resource. The incumbents are responsible for the day to day operation or supervision of a ten person Wildland Fire Module. The primary mission of a Wildland Fire Module is to provide an innovative, safe, highly mobile, logistically independent, and versatile fire module with a primary commitment to maintain fire’s role as a natural ecological process for wildland fire management and incident operations.





DESCRIBE DUTIES

WFM Supervisor- Supervises a group of employees performing fire suppression and fire management work. Provides administrative and technical supervision necessary for accomplishing the work on the unit. Performs the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. Responsible for directing 7-10 person Type 1 WFM that provides a unique skill of high operational self-sufficiency.

Executes a safe and effective wildfire and prescribed fire operations and serves in various functions, including Incident Commander, Task Force Leader, Crew Boss, Burn Boss and Firing Boss.

Skill at implementing long term plans, preparing operational guides, working with other resource managers, and developing training plans.

WFM Assistant Supervisor- Serves as full assistant to the module leader who is responsible for directing 7-10 person module. Performs all aspects of wildland fire management and prescribed burn operations. Assists in the direction of the WFM, providing technical and ecological expertise in the areas of long term planning, ignitions, holding and suppression, prescribed fire operations, monitoring, hazardous fuels reduction and fire effects monitoring.

Execute safe and effective operations. Perform site assessments, triage, and implement protection on incidents. Prepare and implement fuels treatment. Assures maintenance of crew fleet, training plans, and assists with managing property.

WFM Squad Leader- Serves as a highly trained and skilled suppression team leader on a Type 1 WFM. Serves as a lead wildland firefighter on a module. Responsible for leading 3 or more module personnel that provide a unique skill of high operational self-sufficiency. Performs various technical duties that involve differing and unrelated processes and methods. Coordinates the activities of a squad of firefighters in wildland fire and all-hazard situations.

Participates in the operation of WFMs with fire crews that are highly skilled and versatile in providing technical and ecological expertise in the areas of long term planning, ignitions, holding and suppression, prescribed fire preparation and implementation support, hazardous fuels reduction, and fire effects monitoring.

Executes safe and effective wildfire, prescribed fire and aviation operations. Serves in various functions, including Incident Commander, Squad Boss, Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Firing Boss, Helicopter crew member, chainsaw operator, and Fire Effects Monitor as qualified.

WFM Senior Firefighter- Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew performing fire suppression and prescribed fire operations. Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior. Participates in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression, fuels management, prescribed fire, and resource management projects.





May inventory fuels beds, prepare reports, perform hazardous fuels reduction projects, monitor burn conditions, pile debris, and act in assigned positions such as ignitions or holding, or other designated positions during actual fuels reduction efforts.

About the Forest:

The Forests of Northern Michigan are rich in history. Glaciers shaped the landscape and formed many beautiful lakes and streams. In the late 1800's, logging was in its heyday and the result was cut over lands that nobody wanted. The Huron National Forest was established in 1909 and the Manistee National Forest was established in 1938. These 2 Forests have operated as one administrative unit since 1945.

The Huron-Manistee National Forests cover nearly one million acres of land in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Sixty-one million people live within a 500-mile drive to the forest boundaries. These are the first national forest system lands people encounter when traveling north from major population centers such as Chicago, Indianapolis, Detroit, and Cleveland. Many people vacation on or have second homes near national forest lands, giving them an opportunity to get away from their everyday world and to enjoy all the national forests have to offer.

Recreation use on the Huron-Manistee National Forests spans all seasons. People visit the Forests for camping, horseback riding, swimming, picnicking, biking and hiking opportunities. They also enjoy fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, fall-color tours, skiing, snowshoeing, and off-road-vehicle, motorcycle and snowmobile riding. The Forests represent different recreational experiences through one wilderness; five nationally designated wild and scenic rivers; two nationally designated trails, one National Forest Scenic byway, and one visitor information center. The Huron-Manistee's proximity to the Great Lakes and its many rivers, lakes and streams defines the Forests as "United by Rivers." We are very proud of the wide variety of recreational opportunities we are able to provide the American public.

Visit our Website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf/>

Community Information:

Wellston is a small community in the Southeastern part of Manistee County. Housing ranges from \$19,000 for a lot to \$215,000 for a 3 bedroom. There are 2 larger communities within 28 miles of Wellston, Michigan.

Cadillac is a full service community of approximately 10,000 people, situated in the northwest portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Lake Cadillac and Mitchell are adjacent to the city and serve as major attractions. There is generally a good selection of housing in the \$60,000 to \$250,000 price range, however, rentals are limited and range from between \$350 to \$1,000 per month. The area abounds with four season outdoor recreation opportunities and is a popular destination for vacationers year round. There are a number of public and private schools in the area. Cadillac features a variety of health care professionals including family practices, dental offices, chiropractic center, naturopaths, as well as Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital that is supported by 80 physicians.





For more information on the Cadillac area visit the Cadillac website on the worldwide web at <http://www.cadillac.org/> or <http://www.cadillacmichigan.com/>.

Manistee is a full service community of approximately 6,200 people, situated in the northwest portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan. There generally is a good selection of housing in the \$70,000 to \$150,000 price range however, rentals are limited and range from \$350 to \$1,000 per month. The area abounds with four season outdoor recreation opportunities. Manistee boasts a re-vitalized downtown with a beautiful river-walk adjacent to a variety of retail shops and restaurants.

For more information on the Manistee area contact the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce @ (231) 723-2575 or at www.manistee.com.





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Chris Peterson, Fire Staff Officer
phone: 231-775-2421 fax 231-775-8742, capeterson@fs.fed.us.

WFM Positions, GS-0462-5,6,7,8,9
Fire & Aviation Management, Huron-Manistee National Forests (R9)
Duty Station: Wellston, Michigan 49689
Respond by: November 11, 2016



Applicant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
Current Title, Series, Grade _____
Current Organization/Location: _____

Current Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Not Current Employee

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- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act
- Other
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- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
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