



# SHOSHONE

## SOUTH ZONE FUELS AND FIRE

**VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### Shoshone National Forest (South Zone)

The Shoshone National Forest South Zone Fire Management is seeking Veteran candidates to serve on an 8-10 person fuels and fire module stationed out of Lander, WY for the 2019 field season. The crew completes fuels management projects on the Washakie and Wind River Ranger Districts and is actively engaged in wildland fire suppression and management. Seasonal employment typically runs from early May to late October. Government housing may be available. **Interested candidates can submit a resume with references and DD214 to [jamiegeerdes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jamiegeerdes@fs.fed.us) by March 15, 2019.**



US Forest Service  
South Zone Fuels  
(Lander)

Staffed with 8-10 personnel

Learn to operate a chainsaw

Participate in projects aimed at reducing hazardous fuels and improving forest health

Work outside daily in a physically demanding job

Learn about wildland fire suppression and management

Learn to operate wildland fire equipment such as engines, pumps and chainsaws

Travel the country on wildland fire assignments

For additional information, please contact:  
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## **THE POSITIONS**

### **Forestry Aid (GS-0463-03) - \$12.74/hr**

To qualify for a GS-03, you must meet at least one of the following:

- 6 months of general work experience, which can be any work experience; OR
- 1 year of education above the high school level, which included at least 6 semester hours in any combination of the following courses: range management; range conservation; agriculture; forestry; wildlife management; engineering; biology; mathematics; other natural or physical sciences; OR
- a combination of education and experience described above.

### **Forestry Technician (GS-0462-04) - \$14.30/hr**

To qualify for a GS-04, you must meet at least one of the following:

- 6 months of general work experience, which can be any work experience AND 6 months of specialized work experience equivalent to the GS-03 level duties. Examples of specialized work experience include on-the-line wildland fire experience in forest/range fire control, prevention or suppression work as a trainee wildland firefighter. OR
- 2 years of education above the high school level which included at least 12 semester hours in any combination of the following courses: forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine biology and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 3 semester hours of mathematics is creditable toward this requirement; OR
- a combination of the education and experience described above.

Temporary employees hired in wildland fire or wildland fire support positions are eligible for:

- Annual and Sick Leave
- Overtime and Hazard Pay
- Paid federal holidays

-Participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) program - Employees electing to participate in the FEHB will be responsible for the employee share of the premium while on the official agency roles, which is deducted from bi-weekly earnings. After separating from federal employment, employees will be offered to continue participation in FEHB under the Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) option. Employees electing to continue coverage under the TCC provision will be responsible for the full premium amount plus a 2% administration fee.

**WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying/wearing a forty-five (45) pound pack or vest. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if applying for this position. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements.**

## Basic Duties:

- Performs assignments to develop knowledge of fuels management and fire suppression techniques and practices such as fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays, foam and retardant, working around aircraft, safety rules, and fire and fuels terminology.
- Performs as part of a 8-10 person crew to complete fuels management projects utilizing chainsaws and other hand tools (cutting, thinning, piling etc.) on the Shoshone National Forest.
- Participates in local, regional and national wildland fire suppression on Type 6 engine and/or as part of a 20 person Interagency Type 2 IA crew or other capacities as needed. **Frequent travel is associated with these positions.**
- Positions run from May to October (start date may be negotiable) with some possibility of working intermittently in the winter months (funding dependent).
- Basic wildland fire (S130/190) and chainsaw (S212) training is provided, in addition to other training(s) needed to perform to the position

## **ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**All applicants must submit a resume and DD214 to Jamie Geerdes at [jamiegeerdes@fs.fed.us](mailto:jamiegeerdes@fs.fed.us) by March 15, 2019**

### ***Veterans Recruitment Authority (VRA)***

The Shoshone National Forest has specific funding set aside to fund seasonal Veteran positions on the Fuels Module. Veterans' Recruitment Appointment (VRA) is an excepted authority that allows agencies, to appoint eligible veterans without competition. If you:

- are in receipt of a campaign badge for service during a war or in a campaign or expedition; **OR**
  - are a disabled veteran, **OR**
- are in receipt of an Armed Forces Service Medal for participation in a military operation, **OR**
  - are a recently separated veteran (within the last 3 years), **AND**
- Separated under honorable conditions (this means an honorable or general discharge), you are VRA eligible.

Agencies can use VRA to fill temporary (not to exceed 1 year) or term (more than 1 year but not to exceed 4 years) positions. If you are employed in a temporary or term position under VRA, you will not be converted to the competitive service after 2 years.

There is no limit to the number of times you can apply under VRA.

You must provide acceptable documentation of your preference or appointment eligibility. The member 4 copy of your DD214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," is preferable. If claiming 10 point preference, you will need to submit a Standard Form (SF-15  [152 KB]), "Application for 10-point Veterans' Preference."

If you have experience as a firefighter, be sure to include your IQCS, or IQS, Master Record with your resume. This documentation supports what you are submitting in your application.

- **If you are basing any of your qualifications on your education, you must attach valid transcripts.** There is no method to verify education (including coursework completed and GPA) without these.
  - Valid transcripts are those that are issued by the school (official or unofficial). Course listings/grades pulled from your student profile or account are not transcripts.
  - Transcripts that have been altered in any way (i.e. written on, edited) are not considered valid.
  - Attaching password protected transcripts is not recommended. If they cannot be accessed, they cannot be verified.
  
- **If you are claiming Veteran's preference, you must attach your DD-214.**

*Your resume is the basis for determining qualifications, so you need to be as complete as possible. There are a number of items that should be included to improve your chances of making the referral list and being selected for a seasonal/temporary position with the Forest Service.*

#### Work Experience:

- Be sure to include specific dates of employment, in **mo/day/yr format** (i.e. 05/15/2014 – 08/24/2014), and hours per week. This helps determine experience level. It is recommended that you include the specific dates in your resume where you explain your work experience for that position.
- Be very specific and detailed when describing your work experience. **Include everything:** duties, responsibilities, equipment and tools used.
- Volunteer Experience also counts. If you have volunteered for any local organizations be sure to include it.

#### References:

- References are checked during the selection process.
- Be sure to include at least two professional references.

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