



Mission Statement

Our Module vision is to accomplish every task given to us with pride, integrity, respect, and safety, no matter how great or humble the assignment. The primary mission of the Eagle Cap Wildland Fire Module/Crew 5-1 is to manage fires and support fuels projects on the district, forest, and national level while maintaining the highest level of safety, professionalism, and teamwork. Our goal is to provide training opportunities that better the skills and knowledge of the crew and the fire organization. When not supporting fire, we assist and support resource goals on our home unit.



History

Crew 5-1 began as a local Initial Attack resource in 1994 and in 2020 was certified regionally as Eagle Cap Wildland Fire Module (WFM) type 2. The Eagle Cap WFM is located in Enterprise, OR on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Our location puts us in the unique position of having local IA responsibility over three wilderness areas across two states. The Eagle Cap, Seven Devils, and Hells Canyon Wilderness areas offer a diversity of terrain and fuel models, ranging from canyon grasslands near the Snake River to the 9,000 ft alpine peaks of the Eagle Caps and Seven Devils.



About the Crew

Eagle Cap WFM consists of a GS-8 Foreman, a GS-7 Assistant Foreman, a Permanent Seasonal (PSE) GS-6 Squad Leader, a PSE GS-5 Senior Firefighter and up to seven GS-3,4,5 temporary seasonal employees. The module has a variety of individual qualifications that are required for WFM type status. Abundant training opportunities are available for module employees throughout the fire season.

The Job

[Wildland Fire Modules](#) are specialized fire crews that engage fires with a variety of strategy and tactics. Our fire suppression and monitoring operations include, but are not limited to; fire line construction, firing operations, fire management, and Fire Effects Monitoring. Wildland Fire Modules are backcountry self-sufficient. This can result in up to 14 days of remote wilderness work. Modules strive to be outfitted as thoroughly

as possible with the intent to require minimal outside support while on assignment. Modules fly, hike, boat, or drive into our assignments depending on the situation. The module also assists in prescribed burning and fuels projects on our forest as well as fire prevention education and job outreach in our community.

Our Season

The module typically starts in May and works through October. The season begins with 80 hours of critical training that includes Fire Refresher, medical training, saw proficiency, and an in depth look at fire effects monitoring and field observing. After critical training, we are available for fire assignments locally and nationally. Additionally, the module plays a large role in our local spring and fall prescribed burn program. During fire season it is not uncommon to work 12-14-hour shifts, 6-7 days a week even while not on fire assignments. In the early season and when not committed to a fire assignment, we PT daily. Our PT regimen consists of running, hiking, High Intensity Interval Training, and low intensity recovery training.



Contact Us

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