



OUTREACH NOTICE

REGION 5

LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST



Apply by
11:59 PM, Eastern Time,
September 19, 2014

Fall 2014 Region 5 Centralized Fire Hire
Forestry Technician

Airtanker Base Manager Assistant GS-0462-8

TO APPLY

Applicants should apply to any position/location they have interest in, whether a vacancy exists or not. Vacancies created during the Fire Hire process will be immediately "back-filled".

A list of all Fire Hire positions in Region 5 can be found at <http://famcat.us/trackingdb/>.

The Announcement Numbers in the adjacent tables are links to the respective vacancy announcement.

Open and Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Applicants must have a USAJOBS profile created before applying.

Applicants must meet the position's minimum qualification standards contained in the Interagency Fire Program Management Standard (IFPM) to be considered. You must attach a copy of your IQCS Master Record (or equivalent documentation of fire qualifications and training) to your application. Failure to provide the requisite documentation could result in disqualification. IFPM website: <http://www.ifpm.nifc.gov/standard/electronicver/electronic.htm>

Applicants must ensure their application(s) has been recertified through USAJOBS within 60 days of the application deadline in order to remain active and to be considered for Certificate(s) of Candidates.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Selectees must be able to meet the Requirements specified for the position, such as completing a Work Capacity Test and maintaining a valid State driver's license. A drug test may be required prior to the starting date.

ABOUT THE FOREST AND FIRE ORGANIZATION

The [Los Padres National Forest](#) encompasses approximately 1.75 million acres of central California's scenic Coast and Transverse Ranges. The forest stretches across almost 220 miles from north to south and consists of two separate land divisions.

There is a considerable risk of wildfire on the Los Padres National Forest resulting from a combination of weather, vegetation, terrain, and human use. Wildfires have burned over 2.3 million acres on the Los Padres since 1912. Most wildfires in the forest are human-caused, the balance are lightning-caused. The average annual wildfire occurrence has increased steadily over the last 60 years. This increase is attributed to urban encroachment, expanded recreational use of the forest, and old-age chaparral.

The Los Padres National Forest fire organization is organized into five districts, supervised by one Division Chief and two Battalion Chiefs each. The other supporting functions are the Los Padres Communication Center and Santa Maria Airtanker Base, both located at Santa Maria Airport, and the Vandenberg Interagency Training Center located on the Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Los Padres Fire personnel are part of a much larger group of agency cooperators that share resources to accomplish the fire suppression and management job on Forest Service lands and partner-managed lands.

In the summer, during the height of wildfire season, there are more than 350 Los Padres employees working in fire management. During the winter, the fire organization shrinks by more than a third, as work emphasizes fuels management and preparation for the upcoming fire season.

The Los Padres is also the home of Central Coast Team 7, a Type 2 Incident Management Team.

For more information about the Los Padres, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf/>.

Air Tanker Base Information

Santa Maria Air Tanker Base

Base Location: Santa Maria, CA
Aviation Officer: Mark Nunez
Base Manager: Andrea Helming
Phone: (805) 937-5059

USAJOBS locations: Santa Maria

Current Announcement Numbers for Airtanker Base Manager Assistant (last update 09/02/14)

This announcement is planned to be open on September 8, 2014 and close on September 19, 2014. The announcement will not open in USAJOBS until the opening date. For further position info, click here:

<http://famcat.us/trackingdb/>

| Announcement Number | Position Title | Grade-Series | USAJOBS location(s) |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 14-FIRE-462-ASSTATBMR5-8G | Forestry Technician | GS-0462-8 | Santa Maria |
| 14-FIRE-462-ASSTATBMR5-DP | (Airtanker Base Manager Assistant) | | |

Fall 2014 Region 5 Centralized Fire Hire Timeline

| Last Day to Apply For Airtanker Base Manager Assistant Only | HR Processing & Certificates of Candidates (referral lists) Generated | Evaluations & Reference Checks | Forest Recommendations and Selections | Earliest Effective Start Date |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| 9/19/14 | 9/26/14 - 10/3/14 | 10/20/14 - 10/31/14 | 11/3/14 -11/21/14 | 12/28/14 |
| <p>Apply to any position/location of interest whether vacant now or not. Vacancies created during Fire Hire will be back-filled immediately.</p> <p>Apply early, many incomplete applications and/or errors occur during last minute efforts.</p> <p>Applications completed in USA Jobs prior to July 22, 2014 (60 day rule), will need to be recertified through USA Jobs in order to remain active and to be considered for Certificates of Candidates.</p> | <p>Referral Lists generated by Human Resources. Initial Qualifications and Veteran Preference Validation completed.</p> | <p>Fire Subject Matter Experts evaluate applications, complete supervisor reference checks, and document actions.</p> | <p>Recommendations, Selections, and Offers Made. Personnel Actions are assigned to HR staffers and confirmation letters generated.</p> | <p>Earliest effective start date for selections that do not require drug testing or Transfer of Station.</p> |

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