

Wildland
Firefighter



Apprenticeship Program

WILDLAND FIRE APPRENTICE OUTREACH

USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4

HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

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For detailed Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program info go to:
<http://www.wfap.net/apprentice.html>

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is currently advertising for Wildland Firefighter Apprentices, these positions will be managed by the Forest Supervisors office with potential work locations in **Las Vegas, Minden, Carson City, Reno, Austin, Ely and Elko Nevada; and in Bridgeport, Topaz and Markleeville California** as directed by Forest Fire Management depending on employee development needs, staffing needs and budgets. These are Wildland Firefighter Apprentice positions that upon completing the apprentice program the employee will be converted to a permanent position on the forest or at another location within the US Forest Service as appropriate. During the time in the program there are specific requirements for performing time in the following functional areas: Hotshot, Engine, Aviation & Dispatch, these opportunities combined with local training & academy sessions will all be provided to employees before being converted to permanent positions.

Because you are making a commitment that will last several years we do recommend that apprentices have some wildland fire experience. Most apprentices had several seasons of fire experience before they were hired into the apprenticeship program, but you are not required to have any experience. You cannot attend the academies until you have 500 hours of wildland fire experience, this does not mean that you won't be considered, there will just be a delay while you accumulate the required hours before attending the academy classes.

Our earliest anticipated start date will occur in late May or early June, and we expect to operate until late September or early October, beyond that apprentices will attend additional training sessions at the USFS Wildland Fire Training Center at McClellan business park in North Highlands Ca.

These positions will be advertised under a Forest specific announcement that can be found at www.usajobs.gov

**** Please refer to the Vacancy Announcement numbers or Control numbers and apply within dates shown in order to be considered for these positions. ****

Announcement number: 15-FIRE-462WFAP-345DP

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL OPEN IN USAJOBS 12/1/2014

Additional Information:

1. ONLY on-line applications are accepted through www.usajobs.gov
2. New applicants must create a new profile within www.usajobs.gov, there they will be linked to the USFS eRecruit system to apply.
3. Be sure to indicate the correct duty station(s) of the location(s) of where you wish to be considered.
4. If interested in any of the positions, it is highly recommended to contact the supervisors listed to receive information about the positions and announcement numbers when they become available.

***Housing MAY be available at some of the forest duty stations, but not all.....make sure to ask the Training Officer what the housing situation looks like on each of the districts.

If you are having difficulty applying for the position through the USAJOBS, you may also contact: [ASC HCM Contact Center@fs.fed.us](mailto:ASC_HCM_Contact_Center@fs.fed.us) or **Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 877-372-7248**

All applications must be processed through www.usajobs.gov an online application service used by the USDA Forest Service.

FITNESS & 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 ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if you are applying for these positions. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements.

The WFAP adheres to the physical standards listed in table 6.2 of the Fitness and Work Capacity handbook, and highly encourages that Apprentices arrive ready to meet or exceed the minimum standards: 25 push-ups, 45 sit-ups, 2-7 pull-ups, and 10:30 for the 1.5 mile run. During your time at the Academy we will introduce various fitness programs and philosophies such as: Crossfit, Boot Camp, etc, as well as traditional cardiovascular conditioning and strength training techniques. To prepare yourself, please refer to [Fitness and Work Capacity, 2009 Edition and Introduction to FireFit](#)

About the Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the state of Nevada, and includes one million acres of land in

eastern California, along the eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas: the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas).

How to Apply

Through the announcement (when available) you may be instructed to electronically attach additional information (e.g.; resume, DD-214, SF-50, training documentation/certificates, college transcripts, etc.)

The applicant must select the desired “Duty Location City” in order to be considered, the duty station for these positions will be Sparks NV although you will be placed at one of the other duty stations within the forest for the field season.

Announcements for these positions are on the USAJOBS website. These web-based applications provide individuals interested in employment opportunities with the Forest Service to apply for jobs. You must log into USAJOBS to create an account and an applicant profile. www.usajobs.gov.

For step by step details on how to apply:

http://fsweb.asc.fs.fed.us/HRM/eRecruit/documents/FS_CM_HowtoApplyforaJob.pdf

Additional links:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/htnf/about-forest/offices>

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/htnf/about-forest/jobs>

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