

Okanogan-Wenatchee NF Temporary Hiring Outreach

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Tonasket, Methow Valley, Chelan, Entiat, Wenatchee River, Cle Elum, and Naches Ranger Districts

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is anticipating filling several 1039 Temporary Seasonal positions for the 2015 Fire Season.

Positions will be for Helitack/Hotshot/Handcrew/Engine/Dispatch/Lookout/Fuels and will be at the GS-03, GS-04 and GS-5 levels. To be considered for the GS-5 positions you must meet the Interagency Fire Program Management minimum qualifications of FFT1 and S-290. These positions are not-to-exceed 1039 hour positions.

Incumbents of these positions will spend much of the time outdoors in physically demanding work environments. Travel across the Forest, Region and possibly out of state will be expected. Employees will work at a minimum 40 hours a week with potential overtime. There is a high likelihood that employees will be asked to work their scheduled days off from time to time. A typical day is 8 hours in length but in the height of fire season you could work up to 16 hours and occasionally a 24 hour shift may be needed. When on a fire assignment crews typically stay out 14 days before getting a day off. Employees will need to be prepared for physically and mentally challenging work.

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 completing a three (3) mile hike on a flat surface, 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.

RESUME TIP

Special Skills: Highlight any outdoor related skills and talents you have. Any type of outdoor work experience or experience working with saws or hand tools should be documented on your resume. This can be volunteer work, working for your family, school, church or other organization. An example would be, working on your family's orchard cutting firewood or lawn maintenance for your neighbor. The more outdoor experience you can showcase the better.

Announcement Numbers for Fire Crew Member Positions

Helitack/Rappel Crew

15-Temp-R60462-5-HELI-DT-PG

15-Temp-R60462-4-HELI-DT-PG

Hotshot/Handcrew

15-TEMP-R60462-5-HSHC-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-4-HSHC-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-3-HSHC-DT-PG

Engine

15-TEMP-R60462-5-FEO-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-4-ENG-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-3-ENG-DT-PG

Lookout

15-TEMP-R60462-4-LOOK-DT-PG

Hazardous Fuels Crew

15-TEMP-R60462-5-FUEL-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-4-FUEL-DT-PG

Dispatch

15-TEMP-R60462-5-DISP-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-4-DSPT-DT-PG

Fire Suppression Crew

15-TEMP-R60462-5-SUPP-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-4-SUPP-DT-PG

15-TEMP-R60462-3-SUPP-DT-PG

To apply for these positions, visit www.usajobs.gov, and apply to the position announcement numbers listed above. The USAJobs website is the only way to apply for these opportunities, and the window to apply is very short (January 6-12, 2015). Prior to the application period, you can visit the website and create a user account and build your applicant profile.

When you apply, **indicate** the following towns as the Duty Station location

Tonasket, WA for Tonasket Ranger District
Winthrop, WA for Methow Valley Ranger District **
Chelan, WA for Chelan Ranger District
Entiat, WA for Entiat IHC & Entiat Ranger District **
Leavenworth, WA, Wenatchee River Ranger District **
Cle Elum, WA for Cle Elum Ranger District **
Naches, WA for Naches Ranger District
East Wenatchee, WA for Dispatch & Helitack/Rappel Crew
**Government housing may be available

Submit your application in order to be considered for these positions January 6-12, 2015.

Tentative Availability June 1 - October 1, 2014

Please contact us if you have any questions

Position qualifications can be found at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>
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