

2015 Fire Temporary Seasonal Outreach Notice Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest's Thunder Basin National Grassland

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest's and Thunder Basin National Grassland is advertising and filling several Temporary positions for the following duty stations:

Douglas Ranger District-Douglas, WY
Laramie Ranger District- Laramie, WY
Brush Creek Hayden Ranger Districts-Saratoga, WY
Parks Ranger District-Walden, CO
Yampa Ranger District- Yampa, CO
Hahn's Peak Bears Ears Ranger Districts-Steamboat, CO

If you have any questions regarding these positions please contact the individual(s) listed as the point of contact (by duty station) at the end of this document.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to select all duty stations to increase their chances of gaining employment on the MBRTB.

Forestry Aid GS-0462-03 (Entry Level Seasonal firefighter)
Forestry Technician GS-0462-04 (Seasonal firefighter)
Forestry Technician GS-0462-05 (Senior Seasonal firefighter)

The Medicine Bow- Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland has an average of 75 ignitions per year burning approximately 10,000 acres per year. The Forest initial attack resources include; 7 Type VI, 1 Type IV Engines, and one Wildland Fire Module. We have an active prescribed fire and fuels program averaging approximately 7,000 to 8,000 hazardous fuels treatment acres.

Forestry Aid Fire Suppression GS-0462-3

Announcement # 15-TEMP-R20462-3-FIRE-DT-JB, open 01/06/2015 - 01/12/2015

You can access this job in USAJOBS on 01/06/2015. Type in the announcement # in the search field and then select the duty stations you desire. www.usajobs.gov.

These positions are part of a wildland fire crew, performing firefighting work on an engine or hand crew. Assignments include developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays, hand tools, chainsaws, working around aircraft, and patrolling fireline to locate and extinguish hotspots that may be a threat. Cleans and maintains fire tools and equipment. During prescribed burns, monitors and controls the fire, and collects data on fire weather and fire behavior. There may be frequent travel associated with these positions.

Duty Stations: Douglas, WY, Laramie, WY, Saratoga, WY, Walden, CO, Yampa, CO and Steamboat, CO

Forestry Technician – Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-4

Announcement # 15-TEMP-R20462-4-FEO-DT-JB, and 15-TEMP-R20462-4-FIRE-DT-JB, opens 01/06/2015 - 01/12/2015

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Serves as a skilled crewmember on a wildland fire engine. Personally performs and may direct others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Responsible for positioning the fire engine or apparatus for safe and efficient operation. Performs engine operation duties in

the suppression of wildland fires and prescribe fire. Drives engine to fire locations in consideration of safety of crew and equipment, and how the equipment can be best used in control and mop-up operations.

Duty Stations: Douglas, WY, Laramie, WY, Saratoga, WY, Walden, CO, and Yampa, CO

Forestry Technician – Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-5

Announcement # 15-TEMP-R20462-5-FEO-DT-JB, and 15-TEMP-R20462-5-FIRE-DT-JB, opens 01/06/2015 – 01/12/2015

You can access this job in USAJOBS on 01/06/2015. Type in the announcement # in the search field and then select the duty stations you desire.www.usajobs.gov.

A minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required prior to applying for the GS-5 level. Serves as senior wildland firefighter on a wildland fire engine. Independently performs engine operation duties in the suppression of wildland fires and prescribe fire. Drives engine to fire locations in consideration of safety of crew and equipment, and how the equipment can be best used in control and mop-up operations. Personally performs and may direct others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Has specialized duties such as water handling specialist, fully qualified chain saw operator, or responsible for maintenance of. Accomplishes emergency repairs as necessary to permit continued use of equipment. In those instances when the apparatus cannot be used effectively in suppressing the fire, the incumbent takes aggressive control action in attacking the fire, using other means.

Duty Stations: Douglas, WY, Laramie, WY, Saratoga, WY, Walden, CO, and Yampa, CO

Forestry Technician – (Hotshot/Handcrew) GS-0462-4

Announcement # 15-TEMP-R20462-4-HSHC-DT-PM, open 01/06/2015 – 01/12/2015

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This position serves as a skilled crewmember on a handcrew assigned to performing fire suppression duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain on the full range of complexity of fires. Utilizes a variety of specialized tools, equipment and techniques while actively suppressing wildfires, such as a Pulaski, shovel, McLeod, ax and chainsaw to control the spread of wildfire. Performs basic fireline activities such as line construction, lopping and scattering of fuels using hand tools and holding, patrolling, monitoring and mop-up operations. Moves dirt, chops brush, small trees, etc. to construct fire line. During prescribed burns, monitors and controls the fire, and collects data on fire weather and fire behavior. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Duty Station: Steamboat, CO

Forestry Technician – (Hotshot/Handcrew) GS-0462-5

Announcement # 15-TEMP-R20462-5-HSHC-DT-PM, open 01/06/2015 – 01/12/2015

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A minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required prior to applying for the GS-5 level. Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain. Performs the duties of a fully qualified chain saw operator and chainsaw repair technician. Certified in the use of helicopter long lines. Performs all aspects of wildland and prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up. May on occasion serve as driver of a crew carrier. Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuel types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents. When positioning and deploying personnel and equipment, recommends best approaches and practices to use in protection of the values at risk Responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire situations. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Duty Station: Steamboat, CO

For more information about the vacancies and the MBRTB Fire Program contact the Point of Contact by duty location:

Wyoming:

Laramie: Brandon Bonenberger at bbonenberger@fs.fed.us or (307) 745-2494

Douglas: Shay Rogge at krogge@fs.fed.us or (307) 358-4690

Saratoga: Tyler Christen at ttchristen@fs.fed.us or (307) 326-2526

Colorado:

Steamboat Springs: Lance Broyles at lancebroyles@fs.fed.us or (970) 870-2182

Yampa: Sam Duerksen at sduerksen@fs.fed.us or (970) 638-4170

Walden: Casey Cheesbrough at ccheesbrough@fs.fed.us or (970) 723-2728

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT – FIRE POSITIONS

Successfully complete the 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 consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

Many positions will require the operation of Forest Service vehicles or equipment. A valid state driver’s license is required in order to obtain a government driver’s license.

ABOUT THE FORESTS:

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Medicine Bow contains 1,665,721 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It consists of three Ranger districts: Brush Creek/Hayden at Saratoga, Laramie District at Laramie, and the Esterbrook Work Center on the Douglas District at Douglas.

The Routt National Forest is located in northern Colorado. It was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 as the Park Range Forest Reserve, and then the name changed to the Routt National Forest in honor of Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial and the first State Governor of Colorado. The Routt includes 1,126,650 acres of National Forest land within its boundaries. It now consists of three Ranger Districts: Hahn’s Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District at Steamboat Springs, Parks Ranger District at Walden, and Yampa Ranger District at Yampa. The former Middle Park District at Kremmling is part of the Arapaho National Forest but is administered as part of the Routt, and as a part of the Parks District. It includes 232,846 acres of National Forest.

The Thunder Basin National Grassland is located in northeastern Wyoming in the Powder River Basin between the Big Horn Mountains and the Black Hills. The grassland is managed by the Douglas District with the Thunder Basin Work Center located in the Wright, WY area. The 580,000 acre Grassland ranges in elevation from 3,600 feet to 5,200 feet and the climate is semi-arid. Land patterns are very complex due to the intermingled federal, state, and private lands. The Grassland abounds with wildlife, provides forage for livestock, provides unique opportunities for recreation, and is underlain by vast mineral resources.

Major resource programs on the Forest include fire and fuel management, range, timber and other vegetation management, wildlife, minerals and recreation. The Forest has been heavily impacted by a mountain pine beetle epidemic which has affected more than 1.2 million acres of lodgepole pine. The large number of dead trees has increased the potential for large fires and the need for fire and fuels management.

Elevations on the Forest range from about 5,000 feet to over 12,000 feet. Vegetation varies from sage brush-grasslands at the lower elevations to mixed conifer forests of pine, spruce, fir and aspen in the upper

elevations. Wildlife is abundant, with antelope, elk, moose, mule deer, and white-tailed deer being the most common larger species.

Additional information about the Forests, Grassland and Interagency Dispatch Zones can be found on our website at:

Forest and Grassland <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/>

Casper Interagency Zone http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2cpc/

Craig Interagency Zone http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2crc/

Information about the Major Communities in and around the MBRTB NF & GL:

Steamboat Springs, CO

<http://www.steamboat-chamber.com/>

Walden, CO

<http://www.townofwalden.com/#>

Yampa, CO

<http://www.colorado.com/cities-and-towns/Yampa>

Esterbrook, WY

<http://www.conversecountytourism.com/esterbrook.html>

Wright, WY

<http://www.wrightwyoming.com/>

Laramie, WY

<http://ci.laramie.wy.us/>

Saratoga, WY

<http://www.saratogachamber.info/>