



OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA Forest Service

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests *2015 Seasonal Wildland Fire Fighter Positions*

The GMUG National Forest will soon be advertising several temporary seasonal positions for the 2015 fire season. 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 with the GMUG Fire Management Program.

Temporary positions will be located at the following duty stations:

East Zone-Gunnison Ranger District - Gunnison, CO

North Zone-Grand Valley/Paonia Ranger Districts - Grand Junction, CO

West Zone-Norwood/Ouray Ranger Districts - Norwood & Montrose, CO

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests has an average of 60 ignitions per year burning approximately 2,000 acres per year. The Forests Fire Management resources include; 4- Type VI Engines and 1- Wildland Fire Module. We have an active prescribed fire and fuels program averaging approximately 3,000 to 8,000 hazardous fuels treatment acres.

Forestry Aid Fire Suppression GS-0462-3

www.usajobs.gov.

Announcement Number: 15-TEMP-R20462-3-FIRE-DT-JB Advertising: January 6-12th, 2015

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. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Duty Stations: *Grand Junction, CO – Gunnison, CO – Montrose, CO – Norwood, CO*

Forestry Technician – Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-4

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Announcement Number: 15-TEMP-R20462-4-FEO-DT-JB Advertising: January 6-12th, 2015

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. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Duty Stations: *Gunnison, CO – Montrose, CO – Norwood, CO*

Forestry Technician – Fire Engine Operator GS-0462-5

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Announcement Number: 15-TEMP-R20462-5-FEO-DT-JB Advertising: January 6-12th, 2015

A minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required as well as FFT1 and S-290 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, etc. 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. This position requires frequent travel to all parts of the country to perform suppression activities.

Duty Stations: *Gunnison, CO – Montrose, CO – Norwood, CO*

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

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Announcement Number: 15-TEMP-R20462-4-HSHC-DT-PM Advertising: January 6-12th, 2015

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 Stations: *Grand Junction, CO*

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

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A minimum of 90 days of wildland firefighting experience is required as well as FFT1 and S-290 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. 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 Stations: *Grand Junction, CO*

For more information about the vacancies and the GMUG Fire Program communicate with the Point of Contact by duty location:

East Zone-Gunnison Ranger District: Jim Ramirez jamesramirez@fs.fed.us

North Zone-Grand Valley & Paonia Ranger Districts: Erick Stahlin ewstahlin@fs.fed.us

West Zone-Norwood Ranger District: Eric Brantingham: ebrantingham@fs.fed.us
Ouray Ranger District: Thad Chavez: thadchavez@fs.fed.us

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters. These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities.

- **Forestry Technician and Forestry Aid:** 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.

These positions have been identified under the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) and are subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the FS-FPM Standard and Guide. The applicant will be required to possess these qualifications by the date identified for each position.

For additional information on FS-FPM: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

About the GMUG Forest: The GMUG National Forest encompasses 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: Grand Valley with offices in Collbran and Grand Junction, Paonia office is located in Paonia, Gunnison office is located in Gunnison, Ouray office is located in Montrose, and Norwood office is located in Norwood. The Supervisor’s Office is located in Delta, Colorado.

The GMUG NFS contain 3,163,131 acres with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet. The climate at lower elevations is warm and arid while the high country is cold in the winter and warm most of the summer months. The Forest is an ideal winter and summer recreation area. The Forest has three ski areas, 43 communities, and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a 250,000 population. Cost of living is one of the lowest in the country in lower elevations and among the highest in the country near the ski areas. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: <http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/> and external web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/GMUG>.



OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Temporary Seasonal Positions

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region
Grand Junction, Gunnison, Montrose and Norwood

Please send this outreach response form to the identified contact listed above

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: _____ Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent ____ Temporary ____ Student/Intern ____ Contractor ____ Other ____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

____ Veterans Readjustment Act (VRA)

____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

____ Student Career Experience Program

____ Other _____