

# Summer Student Employment USDA Forest Service Savannah River Wildland Fire Management



USDA Forest Service Savannah River (FSSR) is seeking a motivated individual 18 years of age or older, interested in natural resource management, specifically wildland fire management.

The fire program at Savannah River is a 365 day per year fire management organization. The program applies 20-25 thousand acres of prescribed fire annually, mostly aviation ignition supported by ground operations, across the landscape to meet ecosystem management or hazardous fuels objectives. Production resources include 2 type III engines, 2 type VI engines, and 3 type II dozers. We also sponsor candidates for the National Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program on an annual basis. The dispatch center provides emergency response support, prescribed fire support, and remote worker tracking.

The summer student can expect to be exposed to all areas of wildland fire management and as opportunities arise exposure to other natural resource management activities (wildlife biology, timber management, research and road management).

We are looking for an individual 18 years of age or older so they will be able to actively participate in wildfire suppression or prescribed fire operations after completing basic firefighter training and passing the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the Arduous Level. The Arduous WCT consists of a three mile hike carrying 45 pounds and must be completed in 45 minutes.

Wildland fire management is a physically demanding job taking place in extreme environmental conditions and hostile vegetative and topographic environments. Work requires long hours and limited days off. Depending on the severity of the fire season travel to National Forests across the United States may be involved. These trips may last up to 14 days and involve camping in primitive locations.

Salary: Approximately \$10.95-\$11.95 per base pay hour for 40 hour work week.

Interested applicants should submit a resume electronically or hard copy by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 to:

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