

Forest and District Information

The Umpqua National Forest headquarters is located in Roseburg, Oregon. Population of Roseburg is 21,050. As the county seat, the town offers many shopping, dining, entertainment and medical establishments found in much larger cities. For more information on Roseburg you can visit: www.ci.roseburg.or.us/index.p.

The Umpqua National Forest consists of four different districts: The **Tiller Ranger District**



in Tiller, **North Umpqua Ranger District** in Glide, **Diamond Lake Ranger District** in Idlelyld Park, and **Cottage Grove Ranger District**

in Cottage Grove. Each district is located within roughly an hour's drive from Roseburg except for the North Umpqua Ranger District, which is only a 20-minute drive.



For more information on the Umpqua National Forest visit: www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua or www.fs.usda.gov/umpqua

Each ranger district is unique in the amount and types of jobs available, types of housing available, management styles, and, obviously, location. Although each district is unique, the structure of the organization and type of work you will be doing is very similar.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about the hiring or application process, current openings or housing, contact:

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Wildland Firefighter Employment Information



The Firefighter's Job

During the summer months our primary responsibility is **wildland fire suppression**. We are organized into two different types of fire suppression modules: 3-to-5-person engine crews and 20-person handcrews. The Umpqua National Forest employs about 110 temporary firefighters every summer.

Duties during fire suppression range from constructing handline to stopping fire spread by removing all organic material from the fire's edge to protecting structures by removing combustible material from around homes. Firefighters hike several miles in one day while packing a 30-to-40-pound backpack, often in hot temperatures and steep terrain.



Our Wildland Firefighters help out during **large-scale disasters** as well. In 2001 Umpqua National Forest employees helped in the 9/11 disaster, with the Columbia Shuttle Recovery in 2003, and with the Hurricane Katrina/Rita disaster in 2005.

When not on fire assignments, firefighters do **fuels reduction work** — mostly thinning small trees and brush, and then piling the material. While working for the Forest Service firefighters receive the best available training of any wildland firefighting organization.

Pay Rates and Benefits

Starting wages in 2010 for a first-year firefighter with no experience, GS-3, is 11.95/hour and \$17.93/hour for overtime. Hours worked beyond an 8-hour workday are paid at the overtime rate.

A firefighter can expect to get upwards of



600 hours of overtime, depending on the fire season and length of commitment. In addition to overtime, firefighters

earn Hazard Pay when fighting fires.

Hazard Pay is an additional 25 percent of your base hourly wage.



Employees also earn four hours of sick leave and four hours of annual leave, or vacation time, for every two full weeks worked.

Job Requirements

You must be at least 18 years of age to qualify and pass a **physical examination** before employment. The physical exam is very basic. If you are of good health with no serious medical or psychological conditions, passing the exam should not be a problem.

Once hired you must complete the **work capacity test**, comprised of a three-mile hike on level ground with a 45-pound backpack in under 45 minutes.

The Forest Service will provide you the equipment you need, except for your boots. Boots must be made out of leather, at least eight inches high, with vibram soles.



How to Apply

Apply online at www.avuecentral.com Once you register and complete a profile, search for jobs by location, type of job, grade level, and agency.

Search for a **GS-462 (series) - 03 (grade) Forestry Aid (Fire)** position Announcement No. **TEMP-OCR-462-3-FIRE** or **TEMP-OCR-462-4-HANDCREW** or **TEMP-OCR-462-4-Engine**. At the end of the application you must chose where you want to apply. For additional information on wildland firefighting visit: www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/index.html or www.wildlandfire.com/docs/faqs.htm