



FIRE OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA FOREST SERVICE
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4
HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Las Vegas, Nevada

[All applications MUST be submitted by 1/31/2012 to be eligible](#)

August 2011

Position	Number & Location	OCR
Supv. Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	2 Las Vegas	OCRCP-SFEO(H)-462-7/8
Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	1 Indian Springs & 1 Las Vegas	OCRCP-FEO(H)-462-7
Forestry Technician (Prevention)	1 Las Vegas	OCRCP-PREV-462-5/6/7
Forestry Technician (AFEO)	3 Las Vegas	OCRCP-AFEO -462-6

- **All positions are IFPM positions, all requirements must be met at the time of hiring.**
- **For more info on IFPM go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/index.html>**
- **All positions are Primary Fire Positions.**

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How to apply

You can apply for these positions on the open and continuous cert at avuedigitalservices.com

Applications can ONLY be processed through:

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu>

Referral list will be approximately pulled on January 31, 2012.

(Check http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fire/r4fire_hire/index.shtml for the exact date.)

For dates, info and timelines go to:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fire/r4fire_hire/index.shtml

If you have applied in AVUE before you will need to recertify your application in AVUE or it will expire before the applications are pulled for fire hire.

Please ensure a copy of your IQCS Master Record and SF-50 are attached to your application in .pdf or .doc format.

About the Positions

The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA) will soon be filling a number of Fire positions corresponding with the announcement numbers provided above, these positions will be located in outstations around the SMNRA with a duty station of either Las Vegas, Nevada or Indian Springs, Nevada. The incumbents will be responsible for performing within their respective roles in the USFS fire program on a highly complex land area with multiple jurisdictions. The personnel selected for these positions will be expected to work in an atmosphere where interagency cooperation and professionalism will be needed. Perspective applicants should have strong firefighting in a variety of fuel types and leadership skills (consistent with the position), experience in fire and fuels is a plus, and a strong desire to develop interagency partnerships with the many agencies in the area that provide wildfire protection. These positions would report to the District AFMO or Engine Captain.

The Spring Mountains NRA is located within 30-miles of 2 million people which makes working on the NRA both exciting and challenging. Managing the wildland urban interface (WUI) is an important factor for these positions. These incumbents will need good people skills and be able to work closely with the fire programs from the other 3 federal land management agencies, 5 municipal and volunteer fire departments, 2 Department of Defense bases, 1 Department of Energy facility and numerous residents of the SMNRA.

The Southern Nevada Interagency Fire Community

The Spring Mountains are a sky island surrounded by the hot and dry Mojave Desert; therefore the climate and fire behavior are remarkable. In the center of the Spring Mountains NRA, stands the limestone summit of Mount Charleston nearly 12,000 feet above sea level.

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Fuels range from cheatgrass and sagebrush to ponderosa and bristlecone pine with joshua and pinon juniper in the middle. Southern Nevada fires are managed through one dispatch center, the Las Vegas Interagency Communication Center (LVICC). Resources in Southern Nevada include:

- One helibase with a Type 3 helicopter and a 10-12 person crew from all 4 federal land management agencies,
- Nine stations (4 on the SMNRA), 9 - Type 4 engines (4 are USFS), 1- Type 6 engine
- 3 - Prevention Technicians (the FPT's are USFS as well).
- All agencies combine to staff the Southern Nevada Interagency Handcrew as a Type 2 IA crew.
- Fire dispatches are made from run cards based off of Duty Officer input and the closest resources to the fire.
- In addition to fire suppression duties summer fuels work will be assigned to each module and winter pile burning and or chipping is a likely opportunity.

Spring Mountains NRA

- There are 5 fire stations on the NRA, staffed with engines and or a Fire Prevention Technician.
- The District office is located in the North West part Las Vegas at 4701 N. Torrey Pines and is co-located with the BLM and USFWS offices.
- Indian Springs, staffed by Patrol 751 is located in the desert around 3,000' of elevation in the Clark County Fire station at Indian Springs NV, adjacent to Creech Air Force Base.
- Cold Creek staffed by E451 is located in the desert around 3,000' of elevation at a Nevada Division of Forestry facility.
- Lee canyon, staffed by E452 is located in ponderosa pines in the mountains around 8,500' of elevation in a historic USFS facility adjacent to a Nevada Division of Forestry & Clark County Fire Department station.
- Kyle Canyon staffed by E453 and P753 and is in ponderosa pines at around 7,000' of elevation in a historic USFS facility.
- Mountain Springs, staffed by E454 and P754 is at around 5,000' of elevation located in a Clark County Fire Station with plans to build a new USFS station in the works.

The Spring Mountains NRA includes 316,000 acres of National Forest system land in Southern Nevada's Clark and Nye counties. The closest communities are Las Vegas, and North Las Vegas, near the North and Eastern NRA boundaries. Pahrump lies on the western side of the NRA about 10 miles from the border. The NRA receives about 1.9 million visitors annually. In the summer visitors are seeking the cool green sky island above the desert with much cooler temperatures. In winter, snow is on the mountain, and the only downhill skiing and snowboarding area in Clark County attracts many visitors. The mountain is an awesome place to visit year around as it displays six life zones, many wildlife species, hiking trails, springs, extensive wilderness areas, and an experience unlike anything the busy metropolitan Las Vegas valley offers.

The Las Vegas metropolitan area, home to two-million people, is among the fastest growing areas in the United States. Las Vegas receives 6,000 new residents each month. Las

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Vegas is surrounded by seven million acres of federal lands, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These federal lands include 18 wilderness areas and 8 congressionally designated areas including the Spring Mountains NRA, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

The Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, with one million acres of land in Eastern California, along the Eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas, the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Nevada portion extends from the Idaho/Oregon border south to Las Vegas, and from the California border east to the Utah border. The Forest administers 5.3 million acres in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties; and one million acres in 7 California counties.

The Region

The Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah provides administrative oversight and support to thirteen National Forests and one National Grassland in Utah, Nevada, western Wyoming, and southern and central Idaho and covers 31,816,792 acres in the National Forest Systems. There are approximately 2,000 permanent employees in Region 4.

The community

Las Vegas is called the entertainment capital of the world. The 37 million tourists annually travel to and from by plane, automobile, and bus. The hotels continue growing, expanding, and changing. The city reinvents itself every few years.

This vibrant city offers surprisingly unique opportunities to those who choose to call it home. The Southwestern Metropolitan area is home to 2 million residents – a place with schools, parks, grocery stores, awesome libraries, and quiet neighborhoods populated by people from every state in the union. The unique characteristics of Las Vegas are reflected back to the contrasting creation, settled by Mormons, named Las Vegas, Spanish for “The Meadows”.

Housing

Through the 1990s and now into the 21st century, the Las Vegas valley has been the fastest growing metropolitan area in the nation. Low unemployment, an expanding skilled labor force, an exceptional tax structure, a pro-business environment and a great climate merge to make Las Vegas the “total package”.

Currently Las Vegas is experiencing a housing buyers market. The median price for a house is about \$134,000 (a drop from the high of \$312,500 in December 2005). In addition to the dropping median prices there are many houses on the market for sale.

Rental apartments can be found for \$800 per month and rental houses for \$1000 a month.

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There is very limited to no government housing available, permanent employees are at the bottom of the priority list for government housing, obtaining your own housing is suggested.

Educational Facilities

Thousands of new residents, hundreds of new homes, and dozens of new communities all add up to one thing: an ongoing need for schools and teachers. Today, the Clark County School District ranks as the sixth-largest school district in the United States. To keep pace, the district's building program provides approximately \$3.5 billion to construct 88 new schools through 2008, while improving every area school already in existence. These numbers are indicative of the commitment made to education by Southern Nevada politicians, voters, educators, and the private sector.

Clark County School District

To learn more about Clark County School District facilities and programs contact:
Clark County School District
2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89191
(702)799-5304

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)

The University is a premier urban university with more than 40 years of community service. UNLV is in the midst of a 10-year campus-wide planning effort. New buildings include a five-story \$55 million library. The student body is now over 20,000 with over 4,000 graduate students. UNLV provides 48 undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs in eight colleges. UNLV is nationally recognized for its hotel management, criminal justice and social work programs. Other programs of note are the university's business, real estate, computer science, arts, recreation, architecture, and construction management disciplines.

The bottom line

Nevada is truly one of America's least discovered treasures. It is also the most mountainous state in the lower 48. Combine that fact with the setting sun and you get some of the best sunsets anywhere in the United States. Living anywhere in Nevada the first thing you're most likely to see when looking out the door is sagebrush and plenty of it. Move up in elevation though, and you'll find plenty of aspen, mountain mahogany, pinyon pine, Utah juniper, limber pine, bristlecone pine and many deciduous shrubs and flowers.

Outreach Response

For full consideration the supervisor should be contacted by the candidate to discuss the job.

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Dennis Darling, Fire Management Officer, (702) 515-5422 or via email at ddarling@fs.fed.us or Brian Kitchen, Assistant Fire Management Officer, (702) 515-5406 or via email at bkitchen@fs.fed.us