

OUTREACH NOTICE

Fire Prevention Technician GS-462-05/06/07



The Minidoka Ranger District will be seeking applications to fill a Fire Prevention Technician GS-462-05/06/07. The position has a tour of duty of 18/8. Interested applicants will receive an email when the job announcement becomes available. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool.

DUTIES:

Detects and suppresses fires while patrolling an assigned unit. Assesses size and potential of fires, determines need for assistance and requests appropriate resources. When advised by dispatcher or lookout, proceeds immediately to wildland fire scene to perform suppression or other appropriate action in responding to wildland fires and other wildland urban interface/intermix situations.

Provides technical expertise on fire protection and prevention issues of special use permits, service contracts, and timber sale contracts, as well as safety practices and procedures involved in wildland fire prevention and suppression to prevent injury or loss of life while performing in urban locations. Participates in the development of a unit fire protection plan. Assists in fuels and prescribed burn projects.

This position **requires a minimum 90 days experience performing wildland fire suppression** duties as a member of an organized fire suppression crew or comparable unit that utilized knowledge of fire suppression techniques and practices under various conditions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The duties of this position require that the incumbent meet prescribed physical requirements as measured by the Work Capacity Fitness Test at the arduous level. To meet the arduous level the incumbent must be able to walk 3 mile within 45 minutes while carrying 45 pounds. This position is subject to the Medical Qualifications Standards for Arduous positions.

The timing of a referral list has yet to be determined. As has the decision weather or not the FireHire process will be used to fill these positions. To ensure that you receive the most up to date information on the hiring process please complete and return the outreach response form to Miles Ellis @ mwellis@fs.fed.us. You can access the announcement on the USAJobs webpage at www.usajobs.opm.gov. Applicants will need to apply through Avue Digital Services. www.avuedigitalservices.com

When applying for the position you MUST choose Burley, Idaho before submitting your application. If you do not choose this location as a location choice your name will not appear on the list of applicants that we receive

It is important that applicants understand; *a position may not be vacant at the beginning of the process but could become vacant and filled during the selection period through immediate backfill.*

Interested individuals should apply to ALL positions and locations where you would accept a job offer, whether the position(s) are currently vacant or not.

Please address your outreach response to the contact listed. Additional information about the position(s) is available from the direct supervisor.

About the District Fire Program

The Sawtooth N.F., Minidoka R.D. Fire Suppression program includes the area of Southern

Idaho south of Interstate 84 from Twin Falls to American Falls, as well as some areas of the district in northern Utah. Typical the District experiences 15-20 fires a year. District resources also heavily support extended attack and initial attack of fires on BLM lands within the Dispatch Zone. Every effort is made to provide off Forest fire assignments for assigned resources. The District has an active prescribe fire and fuels program with average target of 2000 acres a year. All suppression resources are expected to fully support the District Fuels program. The advertised position is for the **Minidoka Ranger District** on the south zone of the forest, with a **Duty Station of Burley, ID'ING**

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS:

The Minidoka Ranger District has five divisions. The ones that the new engine will have suppression over are Albion Division 78,629 acres, Black Pine Division 73,971 acres, Raft River Division 71, 182 acres, and the Sublett Division 77,482 acres.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. 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.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE: This is a primary/rigorous firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS).

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Burley: The Minidoka Ranger District office is located in Burley, ID, approximately 35 miles east of Twin Falls, ID along Interstate 84. Burley is a moderately sized community for Idaho, comprised of approximately 9,100 residents. Burley is also the seat of Cassia County and most Cassia County offices are located in town. Burley enjoys a warm and dry climate during the summer and fall months with daily highs averaging between 80 to 90 degrees, and nightly lows from 45 to 50 degrees.

Burley exists as part of the greater Mini-Cassia population center, also including the cities of Rupert, Heyburn, Paul, and Declo. Burley is a full service city with numerous grocery stores, restaurants, bars, gas stations, a post office, and hospital. For additional shopping and entertainment, most residents make the 35 mile trip into Twin Falls, the closest large population center to Burley. Kindergarten through High School education is present, with an

extension of the College of Southern Idaho also available in Burley. Several pre-schools operate independently.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information contact Chris Schenck DFMO or Miles Ellis DAFMO, Minidoka District', 208 678-0430.

We highly encourage you to express interest through the utilization of the attached forms.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

NAME: _____

E-Mail ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

- _____ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!

You can either:

E-mail the notice to: mwellis@fs.fed.us

Fax to 307-548-5316

Or send to:

Minidoka Ranger District

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Burley, ID 83336