

OUTREACH NOTICE

Smokey Bear Interagency Hotshot Crew IHC Crewmember

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS

TEMPOCR-0462-03-FIRE-DT (Forestry Aid – Fire)

TEMPOCR-0462-04-HOTSHOT-DT (Forestry Tech – Hotshot)

TEMPOCR-0462-05-HOTSHOT-DT (Forestry Tech – Hotshot)

Positions

These positions are located on the Lincoln National Forest in Southeast New Mexico. Incumbents serve as new or experienced crewmembers on the Smokey Bear Interagency Hotshot Crew. The crew is stationed in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

These are temporary positions with personnel employed from March 10, 2013 through September 21, 2013. During this period crewmembers must be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and respond on short notice and leave the Ruidoso area for extended periods of time. While not on incident assignment the work schedule is 40 hours per week including weekends.



Smokey Bear Hotshot Crew Mission Statement

Provide a professional, highly trained, productive, motivated Interagency Hotshot Crew respected by all. Our reputation is grounded on a strong commitment to our core values of duty, respect, and integrity through physical and morale courage.

IHC Crewmember Duties and Responsibilities

Incumbents serve as a firefighter on a 20 person hand crew performing wildland fire suppression, all-risk emergencies or fuels management duties under the most adverse environmental conditions of climate, fuels and terrain. Crew members pack all the water and supplies needed for work shifts that frequently exceed 12 hours. Crews sleep on the ground and are lucky to get a shower every couple of days.

Our specialty is wildfire suppression, but may be assigned other jobs, including search and rescue and disaster response assistance. When not on an assignment work is performed to meet resource goals through thinning, prescribed fire implementation, habitat improvement, trail construction projects, facility and equipment maintenance.

Crewmembers will be required to utilize a variety of specialized hand and power tools, firing equipment, and techniques while safely and aggressively managing wildfires and providing assistance on assigned all-risk assignments.

The Smokey Bear Hotshot program stresses each individual's responsibility and right to a safe work environment, correctly identifying critical safety issues and demonstrating appropriate responses to unsafe conditions.

Crewmembers are required to participate in an active physical training regiment on a daily basis. In addition, they participate in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices and methods of fire suppression. Participation is required in crew proficiency checks, drills, safety sessions and incident critiques.

Referral lists which are used to select applicants for these positions may be requested by December 14, 2012 and applications must be submitted prior to that date at: <https://www.usajobs.gov>

Those applying for work as a Forestry Technician – Hotshot; GS-462-05 must meet selective factors to be considered for the position. These include: Qualifications as an FFT1 (Firefighter Type 1) and successful completion of S-290 (Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior).

All crewmembers must take and pass the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the ARDUOUS level as a condition of employment. The arduous fitness test consists of a 3 mile hike, within 45 minutes, while carrying a 45 pound pack.

Government housing is available on a limited basis through payroll deduction

For Further Information

Where to apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov>

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Hotshot Crews: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC_hist.html

Duty Location, Ruidoso, NM: <http://www.ruidoso.net>