

Gila IHC Outreach



ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS

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

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

GILA INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW will soon be filling temporary (NTE 1039 hrs) hotshot crewmember positions for the 2013 fire season. Openings are available at the GS-3 and GS-4 levels. The announcement numbers for these positions are listed above and can be found at www.usajobs.gov . Please apply as soon as possible as Certificate of Eligible requests may be made as early as Dec. 20th.

When applying be sure to indicate **RESERVE, NEW MEXICO** as a location for consideration.

Only on line applications will be accepted through www.usajobs.gov .

These positions are temporary positions with personnel employed from approx. April 7 through Sept. 26, 2013. During this period crewmembers must be available for immediate dispatch during work hours and within 2 hours during off time (personal time). Gila IHC work schedule is Sun-Thur , 0900-1300 1330-1730 during fire season when not on incidents.

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.

Working at Negrito firebase presents a unique set of challenges.

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO TOLERATE ISOLATION. OUR BASE IS EXTREMELY REMOTE. THERE IS NO CELL SERVICE. NEGRITO FIRE BASE IS LOCATED UP THE MOUNTAIN 40 MILES SOUTHEAST OF RESERVE, NEW MEXICO. IT IS NEAR THE NORTH END OF THE GILA WILDERNESS. RESERVE IS A SMALL VILLAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 400 PEOPLE. IT HAS A LITTLE GROCERY STORE, 2 GAS STATIONS, 1 BAR, 3 MOM AND POP RESTAURANTS, AND MARGINAL CELL SERVICE. THE NEAREST TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 5,000 IS 70 MILES FROM RESERVE. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF PEACE AND QUIET.

Be sure you are capable of functioning in this kind of environment.

Government housing is available through payroll deduction. Last year's rates were \$3.15 for female barracks and \$3.49 for male barracks.

IHC CREWMEMBER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Incumbents serve as a firefighter on a 20 person hand crew performing wildland fire suppression, all –risk emergencies, and fuels management duties under the most adverse environmental conditions. Hotshots normally work more than 12 hours per day, sleep on the ground, and don't get to shower on a daily basis.

The crew's main task is wildland fire suppression, but have been assigned duties such as search and rescue, disaster assistance, relief efforts, or other national assistance/emergencies. When not on incidents, work is performed to meet district and forest goals such as thinning projects, prescribed fire implementation, habitat improvement, trail construction, hazardous tree removal, and facility and equipment maintenance.

Crewmembers will be required to use a variety of hand tools, power tools, and firing equipment. They may also be used as drivers of government vehicles. Whatever is asked of them they are expected to accomplish the mission in the safest manner possible.

Crewmembers will participate in a DAILY physical training regimen. Physical fitness is a priority with the type of arduous assignments asked of hotshot crews. 12-16 hour shifts swinging a tool while carrying a 35 pound pack is the norm. Hard physical labor is what hotshots are about. Hotshots work in harsh climate and even harsher terrain. Breathing smoke, dust, and ash is commonplace.

Teamwork is a MUST! You will be living and working with 20 other hotshots. Patience and understanding are virtues you must possess.

Training assignments are critical to crewmember development. Every employee will have a developmental program tailored to their unique talents and experience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Where to apply: www.usajobs.gov

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

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