



Payette National Forest 2013 Temporary Jobs Listing

Position Title: Forestry Aid (Fire) GS-0462-3
Number of Positions: up to 5 positions may be filled, budget dependent
Location: Yellow Pine, Idaho
Salary Range: \$11.95 per/hour
Estimated Start & End Date: May 6 – October 5
Application Due Date: 3/1/2013
Government Housing Available (Y or N): YES
<p>Duties: The position is located on a wildland fire helitack crew. The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control as a specialized firefighter with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of specialized tools or equipment.</p> <p>Other wildland fire related duties may involve fire prevention, monitoring fires for resource benefit, point protection of resource values, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning. The incumbent may be assigned for varying periods of time into one or more types of positions within the wildfire program (i.e., handcrew, engines, structure protection group) where the individual's specialized skills are required. In addition, also reports weather and fire behavior information keeping the dispatcher and/or other officials informed of current conditions.</p> <p>Helicopter Duties: Serves as a skilled member of a helitack crew. Regularly performs standard fire duties in the suppression of wildland fires. Loads helicopter cargo and completes manifest of crews and equipment. Builds fire line and lays and/or constructs hose lays. Patrols areas of controlled fires to 'mop-up'. Cleans, reconditions, and stores fire tools and equipment. Independently or with one or two other crewmembers may be assigned to carry out specialized assignments such as tree falling, backfire and burnout, construction of helispots, and specialized helitack operations.</p> <p>Additional Duties: Uses standard forestry practices and techniques along with accepted fire suppression and prescribed burning methods used in various types of fuels under a variety of weather and terrain conditions.</p> <p>Position requires participation with fire and safety training using practices and methods of fire suppression in a safe and efficient operation. Participate in crew proficiency checks, drills, and fire critiques. Employee is required to ensure the welfare of themselves and co-workers in all aspects of assigned work.</p> <p>Perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance.</p> <p>Assist in forestry/range research efforts; in the marketing of forest/range resources; or in the scientific management, protection, and development of forest/range resources.</p>
<p>Position Requirements:</p> <p>Qualification for a GS-04 requires at least 6 months of specialized firefighter work experience as a GS-03 and 12 months as a GS-04 to qualify for the GS-05 grade. Qualification for the GS-05 grade requires IFPM training and Red Card qualification standards. Refer to the link below for IFPM requirements. http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf</p> <p>The helitack crew requires at least one season of firefighting experience (three months), in other words previously qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2).</p> <p>It is required to attend and pass S-271 Helicopter Crewmember training if not previously completed to maintain a position on the helitack crew.</p> <p>The duties of this position require sustained, arduous physical exertion under rigorous and unusual conditions. It also requires long hours working away from home for up to 28 days at a time.</p> <p>This position(s) are classed as an arduous fire position under the Interagency Wildfire Qualifications</p>

Standards.

This is a qualified fire fighter position under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8336(c) and 5 U.S.C. 8412(d). Based on the type of work performed, taking and passing the Work Capacity Test at the arduous level is a **“condition of employment”**. The arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile level terrain hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

Krassel Helitack Operations

The primary role of the helitack crew is to provide initial attack suppression with fire management/aviation support for the Payette National Forest and neighboring forests. Other operations accomplished include: national single resource personnel, prescribed fire planning and implementation, fuels treatments, and other resource projects as needed. The current helicopter is on a 100 day type 3 helicopter contract starting June 14th. The local initial attack work load fluctuates year to year depending upon weather patterns. During periods of low fire danger the helicopter and crew are available for assignment nationally.

Location and Housing

Krassel helibase is a remote base located along the South Fork Salmon River approximately 18 air miles from the town of McCall, ID. Drive times from McCall are 1.5 hours on dirt roads and 2 hours on the highway. Krassel offers temporary housing during the fire season for all employees. The base has generator/solar/battery power with a satellite phone/internet system. In 2011, construction was completed on six, three person bunkhouses and a training room. The area offers the outdoor enthusiast opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, fishing, rafting, and hunting during recreational time.

Link to USAJobs.gov announcement:

[GS-03 \(Duty Station: Yellow Pine, ID\): \(TEMPOCR-0462-03-FIRE-DT\)](#)

[USAJobs](#)

Contact for more information:

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