



USDA FOREST SERVICE

OUTREACH NOTICE

REGION 2, ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION
GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, GUNNISON
NATIONAL FORESTS



Multiple Fire Positions

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest's (GMUG), Rocky Mountain Region is conducting an outreach to fill multiple Fire positions on the Norwood and Gunnison Ranger Districts. The positions are for permanent, full time employment and permanent seasonal employment. This notification is being circulated to inform perspective applicants of the upcoming employment opportunities and determine interest in the positions.

Included is the outreach for GS-0462-06, GS-0462-6/7 and GS-0301-9/11 current permanent fire positions covered by the Open Continuous Rosters (OCRs). The vacancy announcements for these positions are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. There are Open Continuous vacancy announcements with no closing date. Those that wish to be considered for these positions must apply to the vacancy announcements by **January 25, 2013**. The Certificates of Candidates for these positions will be issued to the selecting officials no later than **February 4, 2013**. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the listed date and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration.

Please respond to the outreach if you are interested in applying for one of the vacant positions. Your response is important. **Please address your outreach response to the contact listed for each location. If you are a Merit Candidate (current permanent Federal employee), you need only respond and apply to the Merit Announcement.** Additional information about the position is available from the direct supervisor.

Note: Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) qualifications must be met prior to selection.

Forest Service – Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) qualifications must be met by October 1, 2013.

For more info on IFPM go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/index.html>

A current copy of your IQCS Master Record will be needed for most positions in this outreach because of these qualification requirements.

Vacancies:

Norwood/Ouray Ranger Districts (West Zone)

Contact Information: Judy Schutz, (970) 327-4261 **Email:** jschutz@fs.fed.us
Duty Location: Norwood, Colorado

# of Positions	Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/ Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Location
1	District/Zone Fire Management Officer	DZFMO	OCR13-301DZFMO(M)-9/11G & DP	26/0	GS 9	Judy Schutz	Norwood, CO
1	Supervisory Engine Operator (SFEO)	SFEO	OCR13-462-SFEO(M)-6/7G & DP	18/8	GS 6	Eric Brantingham	Norwood, CO
1	Lead Forestry Tech. (FEO)	FEO	OCR13-462-AFEO-6G & DP	18/8	GS 6	Eric Brantingham	Norwood, CO

Gunnison Ranger District (East Zone)

Contact Information: John Murphy, (970) 641-0471 **Email:** jrmurphy@fs.fed.us
Duty Location: Gunnison, Colorado

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Bargaining Unit Status: Not eligible

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 requires completing a three (3) mile hike within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE:

DZFMO: This is a covered secondary position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous wildland firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment as a basic qualification requirement for this position.

SFEO, AFEO: Approved for Primary/Rigorous firefighter coverage. Approved by USDA under FERS and CSRS on 03/25/2009, C2. FS1474.

Duties:

District/Zone Fire Management Officer, DZFMO:

The primary purpose of this position is to provide operational oversight for and planning of wildland fire suppression activities, as well as specialized expertise for the assigned zone. The incumbent is responsible for preparedness, prevention, prescribed burning, monitoring, hazardous fuel reduction, and fire facilities on the West Zone. The incumbent will also assist with writing and executing wildland fire management plans, prescribed burn plans, and preparedness plans.

Duties and Responsibilities include and are not limited to:

- Fire and fuels management oversight for the Zones.
- Direct supervision of AFMO’s.
- Oversight for type 6 wildland engines, each staffed with five personnel, and fuels technicians.
- Acts as zone Duty Officer.
- Coordinating with other resource areas and interagency partners and cooperators.

Supervisory Forestry Tech., SFEO:

Serves as a supervisory wildland firefighter on a Type 6 wildland fire engine. Directs the operation of a wildland fire engine, ensuring the correct positioning, proper use and operation. Personally performs and directs others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzle and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Responsible for maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Ensures the engine is kept in a full state of readiness for emergency fire dispatch. May be required to be a fully qualified chain saw operator.

Prescribed Fire

Serves as a supervisory wildland firefighter on a prescribed fire crew. Directs and performs prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding and mop-up. Monitors fire behavior, fire effects, and fire weather on prescribed fires and wildland fire use. May use specialized firing equipment (e.g. fusees, drip torches, flares, and terra torch). Forest protection officer qualifications are desirable but a requirement.

Gathers and considers information on weather data, topography, fuels types, and fire behavior in responding to wildland fire incidents. When positioning and deploying personnel and equipment, recommends best approaches and practices to use in protection of the values at risk.

Lead Forestry Tech., FEO:

Serves as a lead wildland firefighter on a wildland fire engine. Drives and operates a wildland fire engine, positioning the engine for proper use and operation. Personally performs and directs others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Has specialized duties such as water handling specialist, fully qualified chain saw operator, or responsible for maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Ensures the engine is kept in a full state of readiness for emergency fire dispatch.

Prescribed Fire

May serve as a lead wildland firefighter on a prescribed fire crew. Performs prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up. Monitors fire behavior, fire effects, and fire weather on prescribed fires and wildland fire use. Performs the duties of a fully qualified chainsaw operator, chainsaw maintenance, and minor repair. May use specialized firing equipment (e.g. fusees, drip torches, flares, and terra torch).

Area Description:

Forest: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests encompass 5,000 square miles on the Western Slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west of Denver, in west-central Colorado. This forest has five Ranger Districts: Grand Valley with offices in Collbran and Grand Junction, Paonia at Paonia, Gunnison at Gunnison, Ouray at Montrose, Norwood at Norwood and the Supervisor's Office located in Delta, Colorado.

The GMUG contains over three million acres of some of the most scenic lands in the Rocky Mountains. With elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet, the diversity of ecosystems transition from desert shrub to alpine tundra. The Forest is an ideal environment for numerous winter and summer recreation activities. The GMUG has three ski areas, numerous diverse communities and a 12,000 square mile area of influence that includes a 250,000 population. Cost of living is comparatively low in the valley areas and very high near the ski resorts. For additional forest information, visit the internal website: <http://fsweb.gmug.r2.fs.fed.us/> and external web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug/>.

Community:

Norwood, CO:

Nestled between the San Juan Mountains to the South and East and the scenic Canyon lands of Moab and the Uncompahgre Plateau to the West and North, and sitting atop Wrights Mesa lies the town of Norwood Colorado. A small town, with a friendly atmosphere and where Forest Service employees are an integral part of the community, Norwood is a delightful mix of rural agriculture communities living nearby to a travel and tourism oriented ski area, with full-time and part-time residents making up the community. The town of Norwood is an ideal place to live offering numerous year-round recreational opportunities and basic town services. The conveniences of larger communities are within an hour's drive.

Population and elevation

Population is about 515 in town, with approximately 1300 additional residents within the surrounding countryside. The elevation of the town is 7,014 feet, which provides both the benefits of warm, sunny days year-round along with recreation opportunities of skiing and snowboarding during the winter months.

Housing

Real estate values have historically maintained or increased their value in this market, largely due to the proximity to Telluride Ski Resort and the availability of "more reasonably priced" housing in the Norwood area. A limited number of single family homes are available to buy or rent, with rentals ranging from \$700.00-\$1500.00 a month for houses. Generally, houses sell for \$200,000.00 and greater with lower priced homes on the market about half an hour west in the Nucla/Naturita area.

Residences with acreage are frequently for sale, while the area also offers some trailer spaces for rent in town. No government housing is available.

Health Care

There is one medical clinic with an emergency room and helicopter pad in Norwood. A physical therapist and two dentists practice locally. Montrose Memorial Hospital is 65 miles away and provides a top-of-the line, full service medical facility. Flight for life is also available out of the Montrose, Grand Junction and Cortez area. There is a mental health clinic, a local volunteer ambulance service, an active search and rescue unit and a physical fitness center in town.

Churches, Schools and Childcare Facilities

Area churches include Baptist, Christian, Pentecostal, Jehovah Witness, a non-denominational Christian Fellowship (Redvale), Catholic (Nucla) and LDS (Naturita).

Public schools are located in Norwood as well as in commuting distance to Nucla/Naturita and Telluride. The Norwood school includes preschool through high school. Varsity sports are offered at all three places. Mesa State (Grand Junction) and Fort Lewis (Durango) are the nearest accredited universities.

Prime Time Child Care is open in Norwood through The Wright Stuff Community Foundation. The Wright Stuff is a local, non-profit organization and provides many community services including a local climbing wall and adult education.

Recreation

Recreation opportunities are unlimited. The Telluride Ski Area is an hour away. Additional winter sports include cross country skiing on groomed trails, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice skating (Telluride) and tubing/sledding. Summer activities are hiking, backpacking, camping, mountain bike riding, jeeping (Telluride/Ouray), horseback riding, Blue Ribbon fishing, and river rafting. In the fall, there is world-class hunting for elk, deer, and turkey.

Moab, Utah, is just about two hours away and provides year-round hiking, mountain bike riding, jeeping, camping and rafting. Black Canyon National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area are located between Montrose and Gunnison. Mesa Verde National Park is two hours south of Norwood. The destination towns of Ouray, Silverton and Durango are within two hour drives. Two scenic byways (San Juan Skyway and Taboguache-Unaweep) traverse through or surround the district.

Additional Information

Local businesses include a small grocery store, a hardware store, several restaurants, motorized sports, one gas station, and one gift shop. Montrose is 65 miles to the northeast and provides other shopping needs including large grocery stores and national chain stores such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot.

Telluride offers limited jet service. The nearest regional airport is Montrose.

Opportunities for spousal employment are limited but available in Norwood or Telluride.

For further information, contact the Norwood Chamber of Commerce at www.norwoodcolorado.com or PO Box 116, Norwood, CO. 81423 (970) 327-4928

Gunnison, CO:

The City of Gunnison, the County Seat of Gunnison County, is centrally located in the State of Colorado, 200 miles from Denver and 180 miles from Colorado Springs, the major metropolitan areas of the state. The city is approximately 30 miles west of the Continental Divide at the confluence of the Gunnison and Tomichi Rivers. Crested Butte and Monarch ski area are 28 miles north and 42 miles east, respectively. Gunnison's elevation is 7,703 feet. Gunnison County encompasses 3,239 square miles. 78% of Gunnison County is Federal Land owned by the U.S.F.S. (1,220,035 acres), BLM (355,350 acres), and Curecanti National Recreation Area (40,000 acres), a total of 2,526 square miles, equal to 4.3 persons per square mile.

Recreation:

Hundreds of miles of trails offer varied hiking, horseback riding and jeeping experiences, allowing a rare opportunity to savor the solitude and silence of the high altitude beauty. Miles of streams and rivers not only delight the fishermen, but provide the perfect arena for a thrilling whitewater adventure or a leisurely float trip. Blue Mesa, the largest lake in Colorado, offers water sports of all types. Located in Gunnison's Curecanti National Recreation Area and boasting 96 miles of shoreline, Blue Mesa provides recreation opportunities for boaters, windsurfers, water skiers and fishermen. Golfers can challenge themselves on the two top rated 18-hole golf courses in the area: Dos Rios and the Club at Crested Butte. Meanwhile, backpackers hike to mountaintops to see the breath taking views, and bicyclists tour the countryside.

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park combines depth, narrowness, and sheerness, more so than any other canyon in North America. Visitors can explore the enchantment of the canyon, often referred to as a "mini Grand Canyon," on the scenic rim drives or by taking the Morrow Point Boat Tour. There are also many circle tour trips of the area for sight-seeing or ghost town exploration. Winter finds the anglers bearing augers for ice fishing, snowmobilers and cross country skiers exploring the majestic mountains, and downhill skiers tackling the terrain. Crested Butte Mountain Resort, located 30 miles north, is the favorite of many skiers because of its friendly people and short lift lines. With 15 lifts (with a capacity of 19,850 people/hr) and over 121 trails, terrain parks, half pipes and tubing hills, Crested Butte boasts a diverse mix of terrain. Any season in the Gunnison Country offers a rewarding outdoor experience . . .

For further information, contact the Gunnison Chamber of Commerce at:

www.gunnisonchamber.org

Outreach Response:

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact and/or respond to the respective District Ranger:

Judy Schutza, Norwood District Ranger

John Murphy, Gunnison District Ranger

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OUTREACH RESPONSE

Multiple Positions

Duty Locations: Norwood, CO and Gunnison, CO
USDA Forest Service, R2-Rocky Mountain Region

Please respond by 01/25/2013 to:

Judy Schutza, Norwood District Ranger (970) 327-4261 or jschutza@fs.fed.us
John Murphy, Gunnison District Ranger (970) 641-0471 or jrmurphy@fs.fed.us

Location of Interest: _____ Norwood R.D. _____ Gunnison R.D.

Position of Interest: _____ DZFM, _____ SFEO, _____ FEO

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Work, Home or Mobile?

Employer: FS Unit _____ Other _____

Location: _____

Tour: Permanent _____ Temporary _____ Student/Intern _____ Contractor _____ Other _____

Current Position Title: _____

Series/grade if Federal Employee: _____

How did you hear about this position? _____

Agency Contact _____ Other _____

If not a current permanent employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Schedule A (Person with Disabilities)

_____ Veterans Readjustment

_____ Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability

_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998

_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer

_____ Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

_____ Other _____