

# Extended OUTREACH NOTICE



## LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST Santa Lucia Ranger District & Ojai Ranger District

For more information on the Los Padres National Forest, visit the forest's website at [www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf)

**Please apply and respond by May 09, 2013**

<b>TITLE</b>	District Fire Management Officer's (Division Chief)	<b>DUTY LOCATION</b>	Santa Maria or Ojai, CA
<b>GRADE</b>	GS-09 /11		
<b>Series</b>	301		

The Santa Lucia & Ojai Ranger Districts is **currently** advertising for two permanent, full-time Supervisory Forestry Technician positions with primary duties as District Fire Management Officer (DFMO), also known as Division Chief. These are career ladder positions supervised by the District Ranger.

**We will use the following Open and Continuous job announcements listed below. Please specify Ojai and/or Santa Maria, California in your application in Erecruit/USAJobs. At the close of this period a referral list will be pulled of eligible candidates.**

[OCR13-301-DZFMO\(H\)-9/11G \(Government\)](#)

[OCR13-301-DZFMO\(H\)-9/11DP \(Public\)](#)

Here is the link for **USAJobs** website

**TO VIEW USAJobs:** <http://www.usajobs.gov>

**Brief Description of Job Duties:** Each position reports directly to the District Ranger and manages a high complexity Fire program on the Santa Lucia or Ojai Ranger Districts of the Los Padres National Forest. The DFMO serves as the manager and supervisor for the District's fire and aviation management program. The DFMO plans, develops, implements, coordinates, and evaluates an integrated fire management program to achieve resource management objectives. Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fireline is a mandatory requirement.

The District's fire management program coordinates and directs fire prevention, suppression operations and fuels management projects as part of an integrated land management program; develops fire management plans and documents; contributes to the compilation, review, and/or distribution of fire hazard and risk data; collaborates in the planning of wildland fire suppression and prescribed burning operations; assists in the determination of resources required for pre-suppression and suppression activities; provides technical support to districts to ensure integration of fire ecology and effects into all documents, plans, and projects; supports long-range fire preparedness and workforce successional planning; assists in the establishment and operation of training programs; administers personnel management procedures related to performance management; may be delegated to perform as Acting District Ranger; performs as a qualified District Duty Officer and must maintain fire qualifications at the Division Group Supervisor and Incident Commander Type 3 level.

The fire regime of the Los Padres is characterized by numerous large wildfires, a very long active fire season, and complex interdepartmental incidents and relationships. Since 2006 about 700,000 acres have burned on the Forest.

Normally the work is sedentary but often requires physical exertion while overseeing fire suppression activities including walking over rough, steep, uneven terrain in all types of weather. Temperatures are frequently extreme, both from weather and fire conditions where the presence of smoke and/or dust conditions are frequently severe. The hazardous nature of fire suppression work requires that protective clothing (boots, hard hat, etc) be worn during emergencies. The DFMO must exercise a variety of safety practices and precautions for their own and other's well

being. The DFMO is faced with emergency situations at all hours and must respond promptly. The position may require long shifts or multi-day assignments under primitive living conditions during emergencies. During the fire season, extended fire assignments away from the unit may be required under very stressful conditions.

Applicants must possess a valid state driver's license. Computer skills are required.

This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, taking and passing the work capacity test (WCT) for wildland firefighters is a condition of employment. The minimum level required is the "moderate" fitness level. The moderate fitness (field) test consists of a two (2) mile hike, within thirty (30) minutes, while carrying a twenty-five (25) pound pack.

Firefighter Retirement Coverage: This is a secondary firefighter position under 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 84122(d) (FERS). Prior wildland firefighting experience is required.

**Santa Lucia Ranger District:**

The workforce supervised by the position consists of two Battalion Chiefs, one Exclusive Use Type 2 Helicopter, one Type I Interagency Hotshot Crew, one Type II Call-When-Needed Handcrew, four Type 3 Wildland Fire engines, one Type II water tender, one Type II Fire Dozer and three Fire Prevention Technicians. The DFMO serves as a duty officer to manage day-to-day operations, and directs safe initial attack and extended attack suppression actions. The DFMO functions as a key member of the Forest's Chief Officer Cadre and provides support as needed to other districts on the Forest.

**Ojai Ranger District:**

The workforce supervised by the position consists of two Battalion Chiefs, one Type 1 Helitanker, one Type II Call-When-Needed Handcrew, five Type 3 Wildland Fire engines, one Type II water tender, and two Fire Prevention Technicians. The DFMO serves as a duty officer to manage day-to-day operations, and directs safe initial attack and extended attack suppression actions. The DFMO functions as a key member of the Forest's Chief Officer Cadre and provides support as needed to other districts on the Forest.

**FOREST:** The Los Padres National Forest encompasses approximately 1.75 million acres of central California's scenic coastal mountain ranges. The forest stretches across almost 220 miles from north to south and consists of two separate land divisions. The Santa Lucia Ranger District is the north-central part of the Los Padres National Forest. It is unique in being a transverse east-west coastal range divided by the Sierra Madre Ridge and draining to the ocean on the south and to the Salinas valley to the north. It includes lands within San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. The Santa Lucia Ranger District encompasses approximately 500,000 acres extending from the Figueroa Mountain recreation area above the Santa Ynez Valley to Cerro Alto in San Luis Obispo County. The District includes four distinct designated wilderness areas, (the Santa Lucia, Machesna Mountain, Garcia and the San Rafael), which represent some of the most rugged and scenic country to be found in California. Elevation ranges from sea level to over 6000 feet. Rainfall varies from 20+ inches along portions of the coast ridge to 2 inches along the District's eastern border.

The Santa Lucia Ranger District is recognized by wildland fire managers as having a distinct complexity of heavy fuels, steep topography, limited access urban interface and weather conditions that create the potential for large fire growth. Some of the largest fires in Los Padres history have occurred on the district, most notably the 2007 Zaca Fire at 240,000 acres. With at least 50% of the District designated as Wilderness, and its boundaries being in the Wildland/Urban Interface defense zones, the threats to critical watersheds and communities is highly recognized.

**Duty Location:** Santa Maria, California

Santa Maria is a full service community of 100,000 people with a hospital, community college, performing arts center, shopping, etc. There are also six incorporated cities within a 35 minute commute that also offer living options (San Luis Obispo, Pismo-Shell Beach, Arroyo Grande, Oceano, Grover Beach, Guadalupe). For information on the community of Santa Maria, click <http://www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/home.shtml>

If you are interested in this opportunity and/or plan on applying to the vacancy announcement noted above, please let us know by returning the **Outreach Response Form before May 09, 2013**. If you want more information, please contact Kathleen Phelps, District Ranger, Santa Lucia Ranger District

Phone: 805-925-9538

E-Mail: [kphelps@fs.fed.us](mailto:kphelps@fs.fed.us)

Address: 1616 N. Carlotti Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93454

**And/Or**

The Ojai Ranger District is recognized by wildland fire managers as having a distinct complexity of heavy fuels, steep topography, limited access urban interface and weather conditions that create the potential for large fire growth. Some of the largest fires in Los Padres history have occurred on the district, most notably the 2006 Day Fire at 162,000 acres and the 1985 Wheeler Fire at 123,000 acres. Nearly 60% of the District is designated as Wilderness, and its boundaries being in the Wildland/Urban Interface defense zones, the threats to critical watersheds and communities is highly recognized.

Duty Location: Ojai, California

Ojai is a community of over 7,000 people with a hospital, shopping, art galleries, numerous private schools, etc. The larger community of Ventura is within 20 miles of the District Office. Ventura has a population of over 100,000 people as well as two Hospitals, a Community College, a large shopping mall, etc. For information on the community of Ojai or Ventura, click

<http://www.ci.ojai.ca.us/> or <http://www.cityofventura.net/>

If you are interested in this opportunity and/or plan on applying to the vacancy announcement noted above, please let us know by returning the **Outreach Response Form before May 09, 2013**. If you want more information, please contact Sue Exline, District Ranger, Ojai Ranger District

Phone: 805-646-4348

E-Mail: [skexline@fs.fed.us](mailto:skexline@fs.fed.us)

Address: 1190 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023

# Extended OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

## District Fire Management Officer (Division Chief) GS-0301-10/11 Santa Lucia & Ojai Ranger Districts Los Padres National Forest

Please return your completed response form by  
**May 09, 2013**

If you are interested in these opportunities and/or plan on applying for this vacancy, please return this Outreach Response Form electronically to [kphelps@fs.fed.us](mailto:kphelps@fs.fed.us) or mail to Santa Lucia Ranger District, 1616 N Carlotti Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454 attn: District Ranger.

**AND/OR**

If you are interested in this opportunity and/or plan on applying for this vacancy, please return this Outreach Response Form electronically to [skexline@fs.fed.us](mailto:skexline@fs.fed.us) or mail to Ojai Ranger District, 1190 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023 attn: District Ranger.

The position will be posted on USAJobs website

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If Current Federal Employee, Agency Employed With: \_\_\_ USFS, \_\_\_ BLM, \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

If Current Federal Employee, Type of Appointment: \_\_\_ Perm \_\_\_ Temp \_\_\_ Term  
\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_ Other

Current FS Employee, Region/Forest/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Series and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate if you are eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

- \_\_\_ Person 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 \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you for your interest and response!***

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