



2014 OUTREACH NOTICE

**Wildland Fire Apprentice Program
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST**


For more information on the Los Padres National Forest, visit the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres

TITLE:	Forestry Aid - Apprentice	DUTY LOCATION:	Goleta, CA
SERIES:	GS-0462		Los Padres National Forest
GRADE:	GS- 03 to 05	OPENINGS:	4-10 Positions
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:	14(1)-WFAP-462-3/4/5DP		

Attached is the Recruitment Bulletin for the California Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program (WFAP) on the Los Padres National Forest. Please use the Announcement number listed in the table below to be considered for an Apprentice position. *This Demo (DP) announcement will be open to temporary government employees (summer firefighters), Veterans, members of the general public and current Federal employees.*

Applications must be submitted online through USAJOBS no later than January 27, 2013

Vacancy Announcement – 14(1)-WFAP-462-3/4/5DP <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/356444000> will be open December 1, 2013 through January 27, 2014 for opportunities in California (R-5). This Demo (DP) announcement will be open to temporary government employees (summer firefighters), Veterans, members of the general public and current Federal employees. This is the agency wide/national announcement number for the WFAP. To apply for the WFAP GS-462-3/4/5 at **California locations** you must submit the on-line application **no later than January 27, 2014**, to be considered for these positions. This announcement will close at 11:59 EST – 8:59 P.M. (or 20:59 hours) Pacific Standard Time.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants must access the vacancy announcements through USAJobs – <http://usajobs.gov/>. Applicants must establish a profile and build or upload a resume in the USAJobs site. For assistance in navigating USAJobs: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page Once applicants have established a Profile and Resume, that data will be used in all future applications without the need to reenter. Applicants are required to recertify their application every 30 days.

Applicants need to attach any required supporting documents (IQCS Master Record, DD-214 to claim Veterans Preference, High School and/or College Transcripts, etc.) for each job applied to – they are not automatically added to your application from your profile. If combining education and experience, applicants must attach transcripts to receive credit. The SF-50 form is only needed if applicant is a current Career or Career Conditional employee. If your application documents are too large (more than 3MB) to upload into USAJobs, you can convert your documents into a Portable Document Format (PDF) file to reduce the file size. Please read the entire Vacancy Announcement carefully. Applicants will respond to a series of questions to determine Core Eligibility, Minimum Qualification and Assessment Questions. Responses will be evaluated by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and Human Resources to confirm supporting documentation and experience from your resume and past Supervisor's reference checks. **Any level of Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Competencies (KSACs) claimed in the Assessment statements must be supported and documented in your resume and attachments.**

Veterans are encouraged to apply on the USAJobs web site under the Demo Authority (DP) where Veterans Preference is applied to eligible applicants. Veterans **MUST** submit a DD-214 if you are claiming Veteran's Preference. Veteran applicants *may* qualify for funding under the GI Bill as the WFAP education/training is recognized by the Veterans Administration.

Specific duty locations have been consolidated under the Los Padres National Forest Headquarter duty location of **Goleta, CA**. The nature of the WFAP may require a selectee to move to different duty locations across the Forest to gain expertise and complete program requirements.

Selections for Apprentice positions are scheduled to be made by March 28, 2014

Los Padres National Forest <http://fs.usda.gov/lpnf> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **GOLETA** in USAJobs: Arroyo Grande, Big Sur, Carpinteria, Fillmore, Frazier Park/ Fillmore, Goleta, Greenfield, Jolon, King City, Los Olivos, New Cuyama, Ojai, Piru, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Santa Margarita, and Santa Ynez. Contacts for specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer Sarah Majdiak – 805-961-5748 or by Email sarahmajdiak@fs.fed.us Fire Point of Contact – Sheryl Woods 805-455-5917 or 805-605-4995 or by Email sherylwoods@fs.fed.us

ABOUT THE FOREST: The Los Padres National Forest resides along the Central Coast of California with countless activities and attractions. There are numerous world-class beaches and communities within 1 ½ hours from the Supervisor's Office such as, the communities of Goleta, Montecito, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Ventura, Camarillo, Ojai, and Lompoc; as well as, many other desirable communities in the area.

Questions regarding a specific district's openings should contact:

Monterey Ranger District: Division Chief Pete Harris at: (831) 601-1893 or peterharris@fs.fed.us

Santa Lucia Ranger District: Division Chief Tom Plymale at: (805) 925-9538 or tplymale@fs.fed.us

Santa Barbara Ranger District: Division Chief Mark Vontillow at: (805) 967-3481 or mvontillow@fs.fed.us

Ojai Ranger District: Division Chief Kevin Grant at: (805) 646-4348 x321 or kgrant@fs.fed.us

Mount Pinos Ranger District: Division Chief John Abell at: (661) 245-3731 or jdabell@fs.fed.us

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For more information on the WILDLAND FIRE APPRENTISHIP PROGRAM please visit: www.wfap.net

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