



US Department of Agriculture

# Forest Service

## Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Wildland Fire Crews*

*GS-0462-03,04,05 Handcrew/Engine Crews*

### *Hood River/Cascade Locks, Oregon*

Find rewarding and challenging work with the USDA Forest Service at the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. We are recruiting crew members for our Initial Attack Handcrew based in Cascade Locks and our Wildland Fire Engines based in either Cascade Locks or Hood River.

#### THE POSITIONS

These positions are temporary seasonal employment as part of our 10-person IA Crew or our Wildland Fire Engine program. Our positions begin in June, and continue into November. Applications for both the Handcrew and Engine crews can be found at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

Prior wildland firefighting experience is preferred, but all applicants with a strong work ethic and a desire to work outdoors in a challenging and dynamic environment are encouraged to apply. Applicants are expected to arrive in excellent physical condition, and must be able to commit to a fire season of uncertain schedules and extremely long shifts of 16 hours or more.

Engine crews are based in either Hood River or Cascade Locks and are primarily responsible for responding to fires within the Columbia River Gorge and the surrounding area. We have a heavy fire load, with an average of more than 45 fires per year. Engine crewmembers will also be part of off-forest assignments as part of Engine and Handcrew modules dispatched from the Scenic Area.

Handcrew positions are located in Cascade Locks, OR and respond to fires locally as well as nationally. The crew averages more than 50 days on fire assignments throughout the Western United States, as well as many additional days on fires with the Columbia River Gorge. Crewmembers are expected to be available for the vast majority of the fire season for long duration assignments away from home of two or more weeks.

#### THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NSA

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area stretches along the Columbia River between the Deschutes River and the Sandy River in Oregon, and Maryhill and Washougal on the Washington side. The cities of Hood River, The Dalles, Stevenson, White Salmon, and several smaller communities all fall within the Scenic Area. The Portland Metro area borders the Scenic Area 30 miles West of Cascade Locks on Interstate 84. More information about the Columbia River Gorge NSA can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/crgnsa/home>.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are interested in a position, please complete and send the attached Outreach Interest form to [lorettaduke@fs.fed.us](mailto:lorettaduke@fs.fed.us) or mail or return it in person to:

902 Wasco Ave Suite 200  
Attn: Loretta Duke  
Hood River, OR 97031

If you have questions pertaining to the positions please call **Loretta Duke** at 541-308-1725. Applicants are encouraged to send a resume along with the Outreach Response form.

#### **Additional Contacts:**

**Chris Harper** Engine Captain  
541-308-1731 [cjharper@fs.fed.us](mailto:cjharper@fs.fed.us)

**Darin Toy** Engine Captain  
541-308-1726 [dtoy@fs.fed.us](mailto:dtoy@fs.fed.us)

**Andrew Myhra** Handcrew Captain  
503-307-3743 [ajmyhra@fs.fed.us](mailto:ajmyhra@fs.fed.us)

## Outreach Interest

**Forestry Aid / Forestry Technician  
Engine/Handcrew  
GS-0462-03, 04, 05 (Temporary/Seasonal)**

If you are interested in this position, complete this form and return it to Loretta Duke using one of the following methods:

- E-mail to [lorettaduke@fs.fed.us](mailto:lorettaduke@fs.fed.us)
- Fax number: 541-386-1916
- Mail/In Person: 902 Wasco Ave. Suite 200 Hood River, OR 97031

**Attached resumes are welcomed and encouraged.**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Interested in:    **Handcrew**     **Engine**     **Handcrew and Engine**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Are you currently a Federal Employee?**        Yes         No

**If Yes:**

Name of your Agency & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment    Permanent     Term     Temporary

**If No:**

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title & Salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment    Permanent     Term     Temporary

Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- Former Peace Corps
- Person with Disabilities
- Student Employment Program
- Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Recruitment Act
- Reinstatement Eligibility
- Other

Applicants may use this space to identify other qualifications relevant to the position.

Thank you for your interest! Applicants should select both Hood River and Cascade Locks as a Duty Station when applying through USAjobs.