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2014 Early Alert:

Seasonal Fuels Management Jobs

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Fuels Management Program is looking for qualified, interested individuals to fill temporary seasonal (maximum employment period of six months) Fuels Management Technician positions. The positions will be stationed at either the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District in Salmon, Idaho or the Middle Fork Ranger District in Challis, Idaho.*

Housing: Government Quarters may or may not be available for this position. Employees seeking rental can expect a range from \$500 - \$800/month.

Position Duties

At the GS-4 level, works independently or as a skilled member of a fuels management crew performing duties in fuels management and fire suppression. At the GS 5 level may lead a crew performing the above duties. These positions are primary fire positions and 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 hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. The primary duties when not on fires are conducting fuels inventories, timber stand exams, thinning trees with chainsaws, piling brush for later burning, prescribed burning and supporting other functions such as timber, recreation, wilderness, range and archeology. Over the last five years the three highest percentages of work accomplished have been: 1. Using chainsaws to cut trees and pile the slash. 2. Performs work such as line digging, laying hose, and mopping up on wildfires. 3. Conducts inventory work in timber and fuels to gather and prepare data for future project work on the forest.

As a GS-4 the position requires knowledge of standard forestry practices and techniques to perform fuels management duties and knowledge of wildfire suppression methods and fire behavior in a variety of climatic, topographic, and vegetative types. It also requires knowledge of fire and fuels safety rules and the skill and ability in the use and maintenance of tools and equipment used in fuels and fire management.

The GS-5, as the crew lead, makes continuing assignments by initially indicating, orally or through written work orders, such criteria as the amount of work expected, general explanation of what is to be done, advice on the location of reference material or work samples, and the nature of the limits applicable to the assignments. Within established procedures, independently executes the task sequences associated with recurring and continuing work and makes adjustments to accommodate needed minor deviations in work methods. The Lead assures that tasks completed, data developed, the methods used in securing data, and application of guidelines are technically accurate and in compliance with instructions and established procedures.

The work is performed in a forest environment where the terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with thick and tangled vegetation. Temperatures may range from very hot and dry to cool and extremely wet. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered. Work requires the use of safety equipment such as boots, gloves, goggles, and hardhats.

How do I Apply?

This position will be advertised on the USAJOBS website Applicants can go to www.usajobs.gov once the advertisement is finalized and apply.



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