

# Outreach Notice

**Wildland Firefighter Apprentice  
Forestry Technician  
GS-0462-03/04/05  
Tahoe National Forest**

**Job Details:**

**Title: Wildland Firefighter Apprentice**

**Series:** 0462

**Grade:** GS-03/04/05

**Respond By Date:** 01/27/14

The Tahoe National Forest is currently outreaching for approximately 8 Wildland Firefighter Apprentice positions. These positions are permanent seasonal; at the GS-03 and GS-04 level: guaranteed 13 pay periods with a requirement to work an additional 2 pay periods a year as needed; at the GS-05 level: guaranteed 18 pay-periods with a requirement to work an additional 2 pay periods a year as needed. After completion of the Apprentice program and placed in permanent position of record at the GS-462-05 Senior Firefighter level, employees will be converted to a permanent full-time tour of duty. This position is developmental to the full performance GS-462-05 grade level (Wildland Senior Firefighter). Applicants will be eligible for non-competitive promotion to the GS-05 without further competition upon meeting OPM qualifications, satisfactory work performance, and supervisory recommendation.

Selections will start being made during the week of March 03, 2014. Please provide accurate phone numbers on your application where you can be reached during that time.

**Duties:** Work on a hand crew, engine crew or helicopter crew performing duties in wildland fire suppression, fire prevention and fuels reduction. Wildland fire suppression activities include building fireline with hand tools, establishing fireline hose lays, controlling wildland fire, and cleaning / maintaining firefighting equipment. Fire prevention work includes sign placement, patrolling and fire prevention presentations. Fuels reduction activities include line construction for prescribed burning operations, cutting and piling brush and slash for pile burning, and planned use of fire in prescribed fire operations.

**NOTE: YOU MUST SPECIFY THE DUTY STATION, Nevada City, CA WHEN YOU APPLY.** Duty assignments maybe filled at the following locations: Truckee Ranger District, Sierraville Ranger District, American River Ranger District and Yuba River Ranger District.

**To be considered for these positions, apply through [usajobs.opm.gov](https://www.usajobs.opm.gov) website (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>). Applicants must apply no later than January 27, 2014. May fill up to 08 positions. Applicants can APPLY NOW! By applying to the following vacancy announcement number, 14(1)-462-WFAP-3/4/5DP which is posted in the USAJobs website.**

**Job Location (s):**

**Forest:** Tahoe National Forest

**District:** Truckee Ranger District, Truckee, CA

**Location:** The Truckee Ranger District Office is located in Truckee, California on Interstate 80, approximately 35 miles west of Reno, Nevada and 15 miles north of Lake Tahoe. Sacramento and San Francisco are about 100 miles and 200 miles west, respectively. The town elevation varies between 5200 and 7200 feet. The population is about 12,600. Daytime summer temperatures are usually quite pleasant, in the 70's and low 80's, but can be as

high as 100 degrees. Nighttime winter temperatures, normally in the 10-degree to minus 10-degree range, have been known to go down well into the minus 20's.

**Location: American River RD, Foresthill, CA.**

**Location:** The duty station is in the mountain community of Foresthill, California, located approximately 17 miles east from Auburn and Interstate 80. Home prices in Foresthill start at approximately \$250,000 and rent prices range from approximately \$900/month on up. In addition, trailer pads are available at the Forest Service trailer park. Government barracks may be available. Foresthill is a beautiful community dating back to the California Gold Rush. It is located at approximately 3100' elevation on the Foresthill Divide between the North and Middle Forks of the American River. It is surrounded on the south and west by the Auburn State Recreation Area, on the north by BLM Lands, and on the east by National Forest. The American River Ranger District is distinguished with a portion of Granite Chief Wilderness, the North Fork American Wild River and Placer County Big Trees, the northern most grove of Giant Sequoias. The area is also known for its beauty, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, mining and logging activities. There are 2 grocery stores, daycare facilities, a post office, an elementary, middle school and high school, bank, hardware store, 4 restaurants, 2 gas stations, park with softball diamonds and a pool available, with much more available in Auburn. Sierra Community College is a 45-minute drive away and UC Davis and CSU Sacramento are within commuting distance.

**District: Yuba River Ranger District, Camptonville, CA**

**Location:** NOTE - The District employs approximately 50 permanent positions. The District office is located in Camptonville, California, a small town on scenic Highway 49 in the Gold Country. A work station is located in the town of Downieville (population 350), which is also on scenic Highway 49. The town of Camptonville (population 400) has a volunteer fire department, a K-8 grade school, a post office, a pizzeria, two churches, and two small mini markets. . With an elevation of about 2,500 feet winters are mild and summers are pleasant. Many employees live in the Nevada City/Grass Valley area (population 40,000) located 25 miles south, while a few others live in Downieville, a small community 25 miles to the east. Nevada City/Grass Valley is a full service semi-urban area, offering many elementary schools, high schools, restaurants, shopping centers, churches, grocery stores, movie theaters, etc. From Grass Valley it is approximately 90 miles to Reno, Nevada- 60 miles to Sacramento; and 150 miles to San Francisco. Lake Tahoe and abundant skiing opportunities are about 70 miles to the east.

**District: Sierraville Ranger District, Sierraville, CA**

**Job Location:** The Sierraville Ranger District is located in the Sierra Valley in the mountains of the eastern Sierra Nevada 25 miles north of Truckee and Interstate 80 on State Route 89 North. It is a picturesque area with elevations ranging from about 5500 feet to about 8,000 ft. The area receives quite a bit of snow usually November through April. Reno, Nevada is located about one hour driving time to the east. Lake Tahoe is about 40 miles to the south. The area provides a full range of programs and is known as a premiere winter and summer recreation destination area. Sierraville and the Sierra Valley area are considered very rural with cattle ranches and logging industry to lend to the economics of the communities. The east side of the Sierra is a special place to live and work with magnificent natural beauty and many ways to enjoy it. The area offers excellent summer and winter recreation opportunities. Numerous winter sport recreation areas are located within a 40 mile radius. The area offers the best in alpine and nordic skiing, and snowmobiling. There are many high alpine lakes, reservoirs and rivers. The area also offers excellent opportunities for fishing, boating, water skiing, swimming, camping, hiking, biking and horseback riding.

**Housing:** There is not an abundance of rental housing available in either Sierraville or Truckee area. Rent in the Sierraville area (mostly around Loyalton, Calpine, and Portola) range from \$700 to \$800 per month for a small house. Home ownership around the Sierra Valley starts around \$150,000 and goes up. There is no government housing available at Sierraville. More reasonable housing, both to rent and buy is available in the Reno, approximately 55 miles from Sierraville. Rent in the Truckee area ranges upward from \$850 a month for apartments with rental houses starting at about \$1200 per month. Home ownership of an average 3BR, 2BA house starts at about \$300,000.

**Schools:** In the Sierraville area there are four local communities within 30 minutes of Sierraville. They are Truckee, Loyalton, Calpine and Portola. Portola and Loyalton provide high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. Students in Sierraville and Calpine are transported to either Portola or Loyalton schools. Sierra College offers extension courses in Truckee throughout the year. Feather River Community College is 45 minutes to the west in Quincy and the University of Nevada, Reno and the Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno are also within commuting distance.

**Shopping:** The Sierra Valley area is limited to smaller stores in each community where you can procure the basic supplies. Loyalton and Portola have the most to choose from and have smaller gas stations, book stores, pharmacies, hardware stores and restaurants. There is more shopping in the Truckee area where there is a variety of specialty stores along with the usual businesses you would expect to find such as sporting goods, grocery stores, drug stores, hardware stores, etc. Most shopping needs can be fulfilled in Truckee; however residents most often travel and shop in Reno where the selection is larger and prices can be significantly lower.

**Medical Facilities:** In Sierra Valley, medical services are available in Loyalton and Portola. Truckee area provides the Tahoe Forest Hospital, a 24 hour facility with many physicians and specialists on staff. There is an emergency room, pharmacy, lab, and surgical facilities in Truckee. Portola also has a small hospital and is available to transport via ambulance and life-flight for specialized care to other regional hospitals located in Reno or Sacramento. Other health care available in the Sierra Valley are dentists, physical therapy offices, eye doctors, and chiropractors.

If you would like to more information about our positions and would like to be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted in USAJobs website, please submit the outreach form to Shelly Pearce, [rpearce@fs.fed.us](mailto:rpearce@fs.fed.us)

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# **OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_USFS \_\_\_\_\_BLM \_\_\_\_\_OTHER\_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_TERM

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CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE  
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
AUTHORITIES:

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- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ PATHWAYS PROGRAM (i.e. Internships, Recent Grads)
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this vacancy announcement? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete this form describing your current status and return it to **rlpearce@fs.fed.us**

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**Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy**

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