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USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4 HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST CARSON RANGER DISTRICT

The Black Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) is anticipating filling several 1039 Temporary Seasonal positions for the 2014 Fire Season.

These positions are being advertised under the Announcement numbers listed below that are specific to the Black Mountain IHC.

Submit your application from Jan. 6th-Jan 22nd 2014

Tentative Crew Availability April 20 - October 18, 2014. Please contact us if you have any questions.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Series	Position	Grade	Announcement Number	Contact
0462	Forestry Aid	GS-3	*To be determined*	Doug Clark Asst. Supt., Cell 775-720-2149 or Office 775-884-8106 dougclark@fs.fed.us
0462	Forestry Tech	GS-4	14-TEMP110417-004084JG-DT	Matt Hoggard Supt. Office 775-884-8107 or Cell 775-721-0680 mhoggard@fs.fed.us
0462	Forestry Tech	GS-5	14-TEMP110417-004100JG-DT	

Position qualifications can be found at: <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/>

Black Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew

<http://greatbasinhotshots.org/>

Duties of the Position

The Black Mountain Hotshots are seeking highly qualified applicants for the positions of Forestry Aid or Forestry Technician (Hotshot Crewmember). Individuals interested in this position should be team players, highly motivated, self disciplined, hard working and in top physical condition.

Incumbent will serve as a firefighter on an IHC performing duties associated with wildland fire suppression, prescribed fire operations, fuels management and other project work as assigned. When not assigned to an incident, project work and training hold a high priority. Project work may vary to what the district and forest needs may be. Training consists from standard S courses to medical emergency procedures and triage.

As a Hotshot Crewmember, the incumbent participates in all phases of fire suppression activities including initial attack and extended attack, fireline construction, hose lay construction, firing operations and mop-up. When not on a wildland fire assignment the incumbent will actively participate in daily crew physical training sessions; involving runs of 3-9 miles in length, calisthenics and weight lifting.

As a Hotshot Crewmember, the incumbent will be involved in rigorous fieldwork for extended periods of time. Assignments often require being in remote areas for many days at a time, normally they may exceed 14 continuous days. Repeated shifts of 14-18 hours are normal. The work is primarily performed in forest and desert environments in steep terrain where surfaces may be extremely uneven, rocky, covered with thick vegetation, smoky conditions with a wide variation of adverse

circumstances. The incumbent must adjust and cope with exposure to weather elements, dust and smoke, poor bivouac and eating situations under an unpredictable set of circumstances. The incumbent must pass the Work Capacity Test (pack test) at the arduous level of condition of hire. WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: These positions participate in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT 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. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if you are applying for these positions. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements. The incumbent may also be required to complete a background check and meet Federal Interagency Wildland Firefighter Medical Qualification Standards. Medical clearance is required before taking the Pack Test.

About Black Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew

The Black Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) was organized in 1989, on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Carson City Nevada. IHC's are a national resource with no geographical boundaries that respond to wildland fires and other natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes). Crews are comprised of 20 highly motivated members that work in highly complex and demanding situations. IHC's fall under a Type-1 status in the Incident Command System, and are fully equipped with their own communications, tools and transportation.

They work and train together daily and have a permanent supervisor assigned to them. Participating on an IHC crew is both demanding and rewarding, providing a unique opportunity to work with unique people with many different backgrounds and cultures.

IHC's foster a learning environment with dedication to team work and the ability to accomplish a mission and objective safely. Working on the Black Mountain IHC is a commitment to the crew for a period of 5 to 6 months with very little personal time. The Black Mountain IHC is committed to continued professional development in complex and demanding wildland fire situations. The Black Mountain IHC promotes an environment that is free of any and all forms of discrimination.

About the Forest

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is the largest National Forest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the state of Nevada, and includes one million acres of land in eastern California, along the eastern Sierra Front. The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas: the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). For additional information, check out the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF Website... <http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf>

About the Carson City Duty Location

The Carson Ranger District manages approximately 400,000 acres of public lands in 6 counties in the states of Nevada and California. Portions of the Carson-Iceberg and Mokelumne Wilderness areas and the Mt. Rose Wilderness occupy about 125,000 acres within the districts. The District is located in an area with key challenges and opportunities in recreation, conflict resolution, fire suppression, fuels and forest management. The district has a fairly small, though complex timber program.

Carson City is the State Capital of Nevada with approximately 55,000 residents. It is located 30 miles south of Reno (population 350,000) and 25 miles east of Lake Tahoe at the foot of the Eastern Sierra escarpment. The elevation of Carson City is approximately 4600 feet. The climate is semi-desert with an average of over 265 days of sunshine per year. During the summer months, high temperatures

average around 90 F; during the winter, around 45 F. Average annual rainfall is approximately 11 inches, and average annual snowfall is 22 inches.

Congregations of all religious denominations are available in Carson and Reno. There is one hospital in Carson City and 4 hospitals including a veteran's hospital in nearby Reno/Sparks. Carson City is a center for shopping, drawing citizens from nearby communities to shop at several large department stores and grocery stores. There are many fine restaurants to choose from in Carson City and the surrounding area. The community has several annual events, like the Mountain man Rendezvous, Ghost Walk, and Nevada Day. Golf courses abound in the general area. Softball, for youth and adult, is a popular summer pastime. Alpine and Nordic skiing are favorite winter sports. World-class ski resorts like Heavenly, Squaw Valley, Mt. Rose, Diamond Peak and Kirkwood are only 30 minutes to one hour away. Hunting, fishing, biking, hiking and golfing are popular summer time activities

Housing

Houses for sale in the Carson City area range from an average of \$130,000 to \$280,000. Rental properties range from \$800 to \$1500 per month.

Government Housing

Government living facilities are available on a limited first come-first serve basis.

Educational Facilities

Within Carson City there are six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, and Truckee Meadows Community College. The University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) is within commuting distance and offers a variety of disciplines from medicine to studies in environmental sciences. All major fields of study and many advanced degree programs are provided at UNR, a fully accredited state university. And TMCC offers numerous training programs and associate degrees.

How to Apply

You must apply between January 6th – January 22nd 2014 at “USAJOBS” In order to be considered. If you are interested, please submit your application before the January 22nd, 2014 closing date. Through the announcement you may be instructed to electronically attach additional information (e.g.; resume, DD-214, SF-50, training documentation/certificates, college transcripts, etc.) **The applicant must select “Carson City, NV” as a desired duty station to be considered.**

Announcements for these positions are on the USAJOBS website. These web-based applications provide individuals interested in employment opportunities with the Forest Service to apply for jobs. You must log into USAJOBS to create an account and an applicant profile. www.usajobs.gov. For step by step details on how to apply:

http://fsweb.asc.fs.fed.us/HRM/eRecruit/documents/FS_CM_HowtoApplyforaJob.pdf

Additional links:

[USFS R4 Fire Hire](#) (for permanent fire positions)

[Interagency Hotshot Crew Index](#)

www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/fire/

