

# Outreach Notice

## Tahoe National Forest 2014 Temporary Fire Positions: American River Ranger District, Yuba River Ranger District, Truckee Ranger District and Sierraville Ranger District

The Tahoe National Forest will soon be filling TEMPORARY FIRE positions. Openings will be available at the GS-03, GS-04 and GS-05. These positions may be available on engines, hotshot crews, helitack, and dispatch. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform candidates interested in applying for the positions to submit the appropriate application.

The Tahoe National Forest will begin requesting applications for TEMPORARY FIRE positions after Feb 12, 2014 and could continue through June 2014 or until positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and update their profiles and resumes every 60 days to ensure their application remains active within USAJOBS.

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](https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page)). Applicants can APPLY NOW! Please see the list of temporary Fire Vacancy Announcements listed within this outreach notice.

Link to USA JOBS: [USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site](http://usajobs.gov/)

Be sure to indicate the Duty Station of the Ranger District where you want to work when applying in USA JOBS. The Ranger Districts and Duty Locations are listed below. Many of the work stations are located in remote locations, for specific information on a location please contact the following individuals:

CREW TYPE	SUPERVISOR	E-Mail/PHONE	RANGER DISTRICT/Duty Station City
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Dispatch	Cliff Snider	<a href="mailto:csnider@fs.fed.us">csnider@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-477-6112	Nevada City
Tahoe Hotshots	Eric Rice	<a href="mailto:erice@fs.fed.us">erice@fs.fed.us</a> or 288-3231/478-6253	Yuba River/ Camptonville
Truckee Hotshots	Bobby Hubby	<a href="mailto:bhubby@fs.fed.us">bhubby@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-587-3558 ex 256	Truckee/ Truckee
	Nate Nelms	<a href="mailto:nnelms@fs.fed.us">nnelms@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-587-3558 ex 254	Truckee/ Truckee
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American River Hotshots	Adam Leyba	<a href="mailto:aleyba@fs.fed.us">aleyba@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-367-3545	American River/Foresthill
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Engine 341	Jeb Pronto	<a href="mailto:jpronto@fs.fed.us">jpronto@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-367-2412	American River/ Foresthill
Engine 62	Brennock Townsend	<a href="mailto:brennocktownsend@fs.fed.us">brennocktownsend@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-994-3401 x/6670	Sierraville/ Loyalton

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Engine 71	Robert Hilfer	<a href="mailto:rhilfer@fs.fed.us">rhilfer@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-587-3558 ex 242	Truckee/ Truckee
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Engine 333	Andy Achter	<a href="mailto:arachter@fs.fed.us">arachter@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-265-4371	Yuba River/ Nevada City
Engine 32	Jason Flores	<a href="mailto:jflores@fs.fed.us">jflores@fs.fed.us</a> or 288-3231/478-6253	Yuba River/ Downieville
Engine 31	James Prince	<a href="mailto:jprince@fs.fed.us">jprince@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-288-3353	Yuba River/ Camptonville
Engine 34	Tim Mullin	<a href="mailto:tmullin@fs.fed.us">tmullin@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-426-3350	Yuba River/ Soda Springs
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Battalion Chief 61	Shawn Burt	<a href="mailto:sburt@fs.fed.us">sburt@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-994-3401	Sierraville Ranger District
Battalion Chief 71	Joe Griffin	<a href="mailto:jgriffin@fs.fed.us">jgriffin@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-587-3558 ext. 250	Truckee Ranger District
Battalion Chief 32	Rich Herrera	<a href="mailto:rherrera01@fs.fed.us">rherrera01@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-478-6264	Yuba River Ranger District
Battalion Chief 31	Rob Noxon	<a href="mailto:rnoxon@fs.fed.us">rnoxon@fs.fed.us</a> or 530-288-3231 x/6253	Yuba River Ranger District

**POSITION:** Primary purpose of these positions is to perform wildland firefighting work.

**Work capacity Test (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters:** 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.

**HOUSING:** HOUSING: Space in Forest Service barracks may be available at approximately \$4-\$7 per day. These rates may vary and applicants are encouraged to check with the identified contacts above regarding any changes in barrack rates & barrack availability for their respective locations.

**DATES:** Approximate dates of employment for these vacancies are May 2014 through October 2014.

The Tahoe National Forest is 850,000 acres located in the north central Sierra Nevada Range between Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet in the Sierra foothills on the west to 9,400 feet along the rugged ridges of the Sierra Crest. Interstate 80 and Highway 49 crisscross the Forest and offer year-round access. The forest has served as the gateway to the Pacific since the first pioneers crossed the plains in search of the riches of the California gold fields in the 1840s. This history is still much in evidence, as local communities have retained the flavor and character of their Gold Rush origins. The Forest is truly one of multiple uses. Timber and biomass harvest continues to be viable in the Gold Country. It is also a very important recreation forest. Wilderness and Wild River uses, Western States Trail, off-highway vehicle use, hiking, camping, fishing, rafting and kayaking are popular local activities. Mining is still popular today with about 1500 active claims on the Forest. Water issues are also becoming increasingly important as rivers that originate in the Forest provide water to local communities as well as the Reno, Sacramento and Southern California areas.

**Yuba River Ranger District Duty Locations:**

**Nevada City, CA:**

Considered one of the most desirable places to live in California, Nevada City and its companion city Grass Valley, offers the amenities of a much larger community, as well as a rural setting. Numerous medical services including a full service Hospital, a community college and several live theaters are also available. Western Nevada County has a

population of about 50,000 although the incorporated area of Nevada City is 3,000 and Grass Valley is 10,000+. Housing prices range from \$250,000 to \$650,000. Apartment / House rentals range from \$800.00 and up. Pines, oaks, and maples as well as numerous reservoirs and streams surround these attractive foothill towns. The average rainfall is about 55 inches. An occasional snow occurs during the winter, but does not remain long. Summers range from 85 - 100 degrees. Within less than 30 minutes commuting distance are the communities of Colfax, Cedar Ridge, Penn Valley, Lake of the Pines and Alta Sierra. Within approximately 45 minutes commuting distance are the communities Auburn and Downieville. Truckee is approximately a 1 hour drive (in good weather) over the Sierra Crest from Nevada City. The Tahoe NF is located in the north central Sierra Nevada Range between Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet in the Sierra foothills on the west to 9,400 feet along the rugged ridges of the Sierra Crest. Interstate 80 and Highway 49 crisscross the Forest and offer year-round access. The forest has served as the gateway to the Pacific since the first pioneers crossed the plains in search of the riches of the California gold fields in the 1840s. This history is still much in evidence, as local communities have retained the flavor and character of their Gold Rush origins. The Forest is truly one of multiple uses. It is also a very important recreation forest. Winter skiing, kayaking, hiking, mountain biking and camping are popular local activities. Mining is still popular today with about 5,000 claims. Early day land grants to railroads have accounted for a checkerboard ownership pattern throughout most of the Forest. Although mostly owned by private timber companies, this extent of private land offers growing challenges in the form of a developing urban/rural wildland interface. Water issues are also becoming increasingly important as rivers that originate in the Forest provide water to local communities as well as the Reno and Sacramento areas.

### **Downieville, CA:**

Downieville California is a small town on scenic Highway 49 in Gold Country. Downieville is situated at the confluence of the Downie River and North Fork of the Yuba River. The town of Downieville (population 350) has many recreation opportunities including cycling, off-road motorcycling, and kayaking, hiking, and gold panning. Fishing for planted rainbow trout and for German browns also is an attraction. With an elevation of about 3000 feet, winters are mild and summers are pleasant.

### **Camptonville, CA:**

Camptonville, California, is a small town on scenic Highway 49 in Gold Country. The town of Camptonville (population 400) has a volunteer fire department, a K-8 grade school, a post office, a part time restaurant, two churches, and a small mini market. 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. 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.

### **Soda Springs, CA:**

Located just off interstate 80, approximately 14 miles west of Truckee, CA and 45 miles west of Reno, NV, this small resort destination offers very few amenities. The majority of the homes are summer cabins. There are more amenities and housing opportunities in Truckee and Reno.

### **American River Ranger District Duty Location:**

#### **Foresthill, CA.**

The duty station is in the mountain community of Foresthill, located approximately 17 miles east from Auburn and Interstate 80. Home prices in Foresthill start at approximately \$165,000 and rent prices range from approximately \$600/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. Housing in Foresthill is primarily rural flavored and home values in the Foresthill area range from 180,000 to 400,000. Auburn has both rural and urban settings and home values range from 200,000 to 440,000.

### **Sierraville Ranger District Duty Location:**

#### **Sierraville, CA:**

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.

### **Truckee Ranger District Duty Location:**

#### **Truckee, CA:**

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 nearing 16,000. Daytime summer temperatures are usually in the 70s and low 80s, but can be as high as 100 degrees. Nighttime winter temperatures are normally in the 10 to minus 10-degree range, but have been known to go down well into the minus 20s. For more information about the town of Truckee, visit their website <http://www.townoftruckee.com>.

Applicants must use the following vacancy announcement numbers listed below in order to be consider for employment opportunities for the type of jobs listed above. Applicants must apply by February 12, 2014 in order to be considered for these employment opportunities. Please be sure to identify/select the duty stations that you are interested in.

## 2014 Temporary Fire Vacancy Announcements

Series/Grade/Job Title/MR Number	Vacancy Announcement Number
TEMP-WG-6907-04 MATERIALS HANDLER FS2539	TEMP-R5-WG6907-4-MATHAN-DT
TEMP-WG-6907-05 MATERIALS HANDLER FS2540	TEMP-R5-WG6907-5-MATHAN-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (FIRE DISPATCHER) FS0935	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-FIR-DSP-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (FIRE DISPATCHER) FS0936	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-FIR-DSP-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (SMOKE JUMPER) FS0829	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-SMKJMP-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-06-FORESTRY TECH (SMOKE JUMPER) FS0830	TEMP-R5-GS462-6-SMKJMP-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-03-FORESTRY AID (FIRE SUPPRESSION) FS3867	TEMP-R5-GS462-3-SUPPR-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (FIRE SUPPRESSION) FS3868	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-SUPPR-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) FS1476	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-ENG-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) FS1477	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-ENG-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (HOTSHOT/HANDCREW) FS2036	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-HS/HC-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (HOTSHOT/HANDCREW) FS2037	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-HS/HC-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (HELITACK) FS0199	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-HELITK-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (HELITACK) FS0200	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-HELITK-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (FUELS) FS0911	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-FUELS-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (FUELS) FS0912	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-FULES-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (LOOKOUT) FS2856	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-LOOKOUT-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (LOOKOUT) FS3451	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-LOOKOUT-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-04-FORESTRY TECH (PREVENTION) FS1648	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-PREVENT-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (PREVENTION) FS1229	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-PREVENT-DT
TEMP-GS-0462-05-FORESTRY TECH (AIRTANKER BASE) AR5018	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-AT-BASE-DT

**OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**  
**Temporary Forestry Technicians**  
**Wildland Firefighter Positions**  
**Tahoe National Forest**  
**Respond By Date: 02/12/2014**

If you are interested in applying to these temporary Wildland Firefighter positions please submit the outreach form to the persons listed in the outreach notice.

This outreach form does not constitute an application. Applicants are encouraged to setup their profiles in USAJobs Website. Applicant will be notified when the positions are posted in the USAJobs Website (<https://www.usajobs.gov/>). Applicants can APPLY NOW! Please use the vacancy announcement numbers listed in the body of the outreach notice.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH (if a federal employee): \_\_\_USFS \_\_\_BLM \_\_\_OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ TERM

\_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

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

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

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

EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ PATHWAYS PROGRAM (FOR CURRENT STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES)
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Duty Location Preference:

Foresthill, CA \_\_\_\_\_ Camptonville, CA \_\_\_\_\_ Truckee, CA: \_\_\_\_\_ Sierraville, CA \_\_\_\_\_ Nevada City, CA \_\_\_\_\_

Soda Springs \_\_\_\_\_ All Locations \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of this vacancy? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy

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