Outreach/Vacancy Announcement Notice
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests
& Thunder Basin National Grassland





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Various Seasonal Opportunities

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests & Thunder Basin National Grassland (MBRTB) is seeking qualified candidates to fill various seasonal positions on the MBRTB. This outreach is open to individuals qualifying for the GW-0456 at the target grades GW-3 though GW-5 levels in the vacancies listed below.

Interested applicants must apply online at www.usajobs.gov. You will be required to create a USAJOBS account and either create a resume or upload your own. Below are links to each position that is being advertised. Please attach all required documentation.

PLEASE NOTE: Announcements will be open from October 30th 2026 through November 12th 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time. Be sure to indicate any/all duty stations at which you are interested in working.

Please contact Jeremy McMahon at jeremy.mcmahon@usda.gov or Melanie Morgan at melanie.morgan@usda.gov for further information or questions concerning open vacancies. Please include your resume with your response. Any response/inquiry other than applying through www.usajobs.gov is not an application for the position.

Wildland Firefighter		
Series, Grade Level	**Vacancy Announcement Number**	**Duty Station**
GW-0456-3	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC033-3DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Steamboat Springs, CO Walden, CO Yampa, CO Douglas, WY Laramie, WY Saratoga, WY
GW-0456-4	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC048-4DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Steamboat Springs, CO Walden, CO Yampa, CO Douglas, WY Laramie, WY Saratoga, WY
GW-0456-5	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC029-5DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Steamboat Springs, CO Walden, CO Yampa, CO Douglas, WY Laramie, WY Saratoga, WY
Backfill: All forest fire/fuels positions are advertised on www.USAJOBS.gov and if applicants are interested in applying for any position/duty location they are encouraged to apply whether position is vacant/filled in the event of backfill		

HANDCREW – Wildland Firefighter		
Series, Grade Level	**Vacancy Announcement Number**	**Duty Station**
GW-0456-4	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC049-4DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Steamboat Springs, CO Yampa, CO
GW-0456-5	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC028-5DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Steamboat Springs, CO Yampa, CO
Backfill: All forest fire/fuels positions are advertised on www.USAJOBS.gov and if applicants are interested in applying for any position/duty location they are encouraged to apply whether position is vacant/filled in the event of backfill		

FUELS – Wildland Firefighter		
Series, Grade Level	**Vacancy Announcement Number**	**Duty Station**
GW-0456-4	27-TEMPF3-R2-2SC015-4DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Laramie, WY
GW-0456-5	27-TEMPF3-R2-2SC016-5DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Laramie, WY
Backfill: All forest fire/fuels positions are advertised on www.USAJOBS.gov and if applicants are interested in applying for any position/duty location they are encouraged to apply whether position is vacant/filled in the event of backfill		

ENGINE – Wildland Firefighter		
Series, Grade Level	**Vacancy Announcement Number**	**Duty Station**
GW-0456-5	27-TEMPF3-R2-2PC030 USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Walden, CO Douglas, WY Laramie, WY Saratoga, WY
Backfill: All forest fire/fuels positions are advertised on www.USAJOBS.gov and if applicants are interested in applying for any position/duty location they are encouraged to apply whether position is vacant/filled in the event of backfill		

LOOKOUT – Forestry Technician		
Series, Grade Level	**Vacancy Announcement Number**	**Duty Station**
GS-0462-4	27-TEMP3-R2-FS2856-4DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Douglas, WY
GS-0462-5	27-TEMP3-R2-FS3451-5DH USAJOBS - Job Announcement	Douglas, WY
Backfill: All forest fire/fuels positions are advertised on www.USAJOBS.gov and if applicants are interested in applying for any position/duty location they are encouraged to apply whether position is vacant/filled in the event of backfill		

MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS & THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND

The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland is headquartered in Laramie, Wyoming. The Forest encompasses nearly 3 million acres from the north and eastern borders of Wyoming, south almost to the Colorado River that traverses north-central Colorado. The forest is divided into 6 Ranger Districts: 3 in Colorado (Parks (Walden, CO), Yampa (Yampa, CO) and Hahns Peak Bears Ears (Steamboat Springs, CO) and 3 in Wyoming (Douglas (Douglas, WY), Laramie (Laramie, WY) and Brush Creek Hayden (Saratoga, WY)). Additional information about the MBRTB can be found on our website https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/mbrtb.

The fire program focuses on development to build a solid foundation for our future firefighters. We strive to provide opportunities to develop leadership skills through training, project work, and hands on experience. We participate with other functions and project work on the Forest. This may include hazardous tree removal, planting sagebrush, trail clearing, mechanical fuels treatments, prescribed burning, and fire research studies. As a fire program we respond to fires on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. Due to mixed land ownership, we work closely with our interagency and cooperating partners.

THE FIRE AND FUELS PROGRAMS

North Zone

The Douglas Ranger District was established in August 1987 from consolidation of the Laramie Peak Ranger District and Thunder Basin National Grassland Ranger District. The Douglas District is approximately 200 miles long and 60 miles wide, containing 750,000 acres of National Forest system lands scattered throughout 2 1/2 million acres of private and State ownerships. This interspersed ownership makes close cooperation with local resources essential. One Type 6 Engine is located at the District office in Douglas, WY. Due to the vast amount of land covered, fire is fought in a vast array of fuels, ranging from timber to grassland and sage prairie.

The Laramie Peak Unit is in the Laramie Mountains, which are an extension of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. Involvement of fire is frequent due to high incidences of wildfire activity. A Type 6 Engine is staffed at the Esterbrook Work Center to respond to fires within the Laramie Peak Response Area. Fires occur within ponderosa pine stands to mixed high alpine conifer. Depending on the size and location, fires could be weeklong incidents.

Thunder Basin National Grassland is broken up into rolling plateaus, upland plains, and shale uplands. Sagebrush and mid-grass species predominate as the vegetation component. Fire occurrence on the Grasslands is frequent and have short durations due to fuel types. There is a Type 4 Engine staffed out of Wright, WY. Due to the vast distance of the Grasslands, we work closely with county resources to respond to fast moving fires.

Black Mountain Fire Lookout is in the Laramie Range and staffed through the summer fire season. The lookout works directly with local units and the local dispatch center to provide logistical assistance to emerging wildfires.

Central Zone

Comprised of both the Laramie and Brush Creek/Hayden districts, the Central Zone covers grass and sage brush valleys. To the high alpine lakes and granite peaks of South-Central Wyoming. All fire modules participate in a variety of work including wildfire suppression, prescribed fire, and fuels reduction projects.

In Laramie, WY there are 2 Type 6 Engines staffed. As well as a Fuels Crew. With approximately 400,000 acres of public land located in SE Wyoming, there is opportunity to respond to wildfire activity on the sage flats of the mountain foothills. Or in the mountainous terrain of the Rocky Mountains.

Located in the heart of the Snowy Mountains and the Sierra Madre Mountains the Brush Creek/ Hayden district in Saratoga, WY. There is one Type 3 Engine staffed to respond to the south-central area of the zone. Battle Pass Scenic Byway runs through the district. Prepare to patrol Forest Service Roads in an area known for its scenic views. Government housing is available in Saratoga.

South Zone

Composed of 3 districts: Hahns Peak/Bears Ears, Parks, and Yampa Ranger Districts, the Routt portion of the Forest lies in northern Colorado. Elevations range from 5,000 to 12,000 feet ASL. Vegetation ranges from sagebrush-grasslands, oak brush, to mixed conifer forests. The area is home to a wide array of flora and fauna.

Steamboat Springs, CO is the home to Storm Peak Fire Module. It is a 10-person Type 1 Fire Use Module. They specialize in fire suppression. As well as fire observations for scientific data and assist in the objectives of wildfire and prescribed fire management. They also assist the fuels management program in the zone.

Silver Creek Fuels Module is another 10-person fire suppression module. They are in Yampa, CO. They offer fire suppression as well as fuels management. They work directly with Rocky Mountain Youth Corp students for career development.

There is one Type 6 Engine based out of Walden, CO. The engine and crew focus on wildfire suppression in timber, sage, grasslands, and wilderness areas. They assist the fire modules with fuels mitigation and management, that includes prescribed fire operations.

For additional information, please contact:

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