

Lynne Chastain-Carpenter audio transcript

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When the Forest Service needs me. I really think of it as the citizens of the United States Navy, and I think that's part of being a public servant. My name is Lynn Chastain Carpenter. I'm the national geologic hazards manager for the Forest Service. My fire job is liaison officer and burned area emergency response geologist. A really I really enjoy liaison.

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Liaison work is similar to the public information officer, but we're working with major stakeholders such as the state, the county, law enforcement, people who own land that's being affected by the fire. And so a lot of it's coordination, collaboration, information sharing and the this major stakeholders have a different relationship with the fire teams and the public does. I also do bear work, which is the burned area emergency response.

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And in that I go out as a geologist and I help understand how the terrain may react after the fire to extreme precipitation events. Being red carded means that I have the training and experience to fit into a fire team environment well, and I know my roles and responsibilities. The Forest Service is unique in that we have in an opportunity for us to have.

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It's almost like a melting pot at each one of these fire camps where people meet each other and get to know each other, and it's kind of a crash course and flowing friendships, but you form friendships that you otherwise wouldn't. And I think that when we have these relationships that we form and sometimes under very stressful conditions, we kind of have we we learn and we have an instinctual have each other's back kind of mentality.

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And I think that's one of the things that I really enjoy about working on fires is the opportunity to meet new people and form. New friendships may be a strong word, but former new relationships and understand the different perspectives and different parts of the country. And also for me, I think it's great that other people, people from all around the country, get to see places from all around the country and understand how different our needs are in different areas.