

## Tray Hall audio transcript

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I always laugh and say, well, this is what I plan to do until something falls through the ceiling or jumps through the window. And that's kind of like fire. You can plan for a hose show, or you can plan for a chainsaw show, and suddenly everything changes and now you're having to refill. Okay, what supplies do I have at the moment?

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What do I need to get in and how can I best meet their needs?

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I am Trey Hall. I'm a zone recreation manager lead with the Mark Twain National Forest.

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So I have a supply unit leader qualification as well as ordering manager and receiving distribution manager qualification. I also have base camp manager, which I haven't had to use in years. But that's still on my red card at this time.

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Predominantly I go out as supply unit leader.

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So a supply unit leader is the individual over the supply unit, whose responsibility is to make sure things are ordered in for the fire, ordered in for the team, you know, supporting the fire.

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And then we make sure to get it received and get it out onto the line or to wherever it needs to be. We work very closely with the operations group because there are predominant supplier, if you will, or person that is requesting we order everything from the personnel, the equipment, the crews, as well as supplies from both the cache and what we call local purchase.

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As far as when we go to get things out onto the fire line, we work hand in hand with what's called the ground support. So we will get everything packaged up, tell them where it needs to go, who to contact once on the line, and then they load it and take it out there.

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What we do if we do our jobs well in supporting the fire efforts, then the fire folks that are actually doing the firefighting are able to do their job better. So that's to me, that's why having that support is very crucial.

Forest Service sees and understands the necessity for those personnel, but not year round. We're not fighting fire 24 over seven, you know, all through the year.

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If we are, it comes and goes and fluctuations. So when the season is kind of not so much ramped down as it may be quieter, we're able to go back to our day jobs, we're able to get back to what we need to do on a daily basis. It also allows folks to go out and really be a part of something big, something sometimes greater, if you will.

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But then come back, pick up their their previous day job and come at it with a new fresh take.

Where this agency allowing us to do that has really shown me that they understand the necessity for those positions, but also the necessity to to hold down the fort, if you will, on the home front.

Being red carded means being able to help when needed.