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**Position Description – Northern Rockies  
Heavy Equipment Technical Specialist (HETS)  
THSP Exception Position 5**

The Heavy Equipment Technical Specialist is responsible for providing heavy/logging equipment technical assistance to Incident Command Teams (IMT) and Agency Administrators. The HETS will report to the Operation Section.

**Requirements:**

1. Successful completion of a light work capacity test and RT-130, Fireline Safety Refresher, will be required annually.

**Duties:**

- Provides expert knowledge (equipment capability, cost, and site affects) of heavy equipment use in various fuel types, soil types, and slopes.
- Reviews incident needs and discusses any special procedures or problems with the Unit Leaders.
- Provides assistance and guidance to Operations, Plans, and Logistics by applying a high skill level to matters pertaining to the use and transport of heavy equipment.
- Interprets minimum standards and assists in resolving issues pertaining to equipment standards and the safe operation of this equipment.
- Coordinates and assists the Operations/Safety and Logistics personnel with the operational requirements of the equipment, as well as the most efficient use of the equipment.
- Works with the Contracting Officers Technical Representative to assist in resolving issues within the scope of agreement.
- Briefs Operations/Safety and Logistics Staff on current problems and provides recommendations in order to alleviate issues.
- Acts as a liaison between local forest industry resources and the Agency Administrator and Incident Commander.

Approved:

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