



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Humboldt/Toiyabe National Forest  
Mountain City Ranger District

*Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)*  
*GS-0462-06/07*

*Lead Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)*  
*GS-0462-06*

February 2, 2009

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Mountain City Ranger District, and the Northeast Nevada Interagency Fire Management Program are recruiting to fill two permanent seasonal positions. **These positions will be pulled from the Open Continuous vacancy announcement with no closing date. Those wishing to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by March 2, 2009.**

The vacancy announcements for these positions are posted on the US Government's official website for employment opportunities, at <http://www.usajobs.gov>, and also on Avue at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html> under vacancy announcements:

***GS-0462-06/07 Supervisory FEO (18&8) one position:***

ADS08-FSJOBS-ENG-SFEO-0607G, for applicants with merit status  
ADS08-FSJOBS-ENG-SFEO-0607D, for applicants without merit status

***GS-0462-06 FEO (18&8) one position:***

ADS08-FSJOBS-ENG-LEAD/AFEO-06G, for applicants with merit status  
ADS08-FSJOBS-ENG-LEAD/AFEO-06D, for applicants without merit status

The referral list for these positions will be issued to the selecting official on **March 9, 2009**. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the listed dates and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration. Applicants **must** indicate **Elko, Nevada** as one of their geographic locations to be considered for these positions.

## **About the Positions**

The Humboldt-Toiyabe (H-T) National Forest is advertising to fill two permanent seasonal positions in the Northeastern Nevada Interagency Fire Management program. These positions serve as supervisors and members of a fire engine module on the Mountain City Ranger District, with duty station in Gold Creek, Nevada.

Position duties:

These positions perform the administrative and human resource management functions relative to the staff supervised. Plan, schedule, and assign work to subordinates. Establish guidelines and performance expectations for staff members; provide feedback and periodically evaluate employee performance. Provide advice, counsel, and/or instruction to staff members. Recommend or approve appointments, selections, or reassignments to positions appropriate to the selection authority delegated. Effect disciplinary measures as appropriate to the authority delegated in this area. Carry out Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies and program activities.

Serve on crews performing duties in fire prevention and suppression. Perform prescribed burning crew duties in order to reduce fuel hazards and disease, while protecting critical resources. Assist with fire dispatch through operation of radios, telephones, and other necessary equipment to exchange information for fire weather and other forest suppression activities. Lay or direct hose in the use of water. Move dirt, chop brush, and fall small trees to build fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, and McLeods to control spreading wildland fire and/or to prepare lines prior to controlled burning. Chop, carry, and pile logging slash. Search out and extinguish burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump. Patrol fireline to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that may threaten loss of control of the fire. Clean, recondition, and store simple fire tools and equipment.

While on patrol or assigned to a station, establish contact with Forest users, visitors, and local residents. Provide information to them regarding fire danger levels and advise them of precautions they can take to prevent the occurrence of destructive fires. Also explain pertinent laws and regulations. Distribute and explain fire prevention literature; post signs; and issues permits for allowed uses requiring permits. Inspect permitted use areas. Detect and suppress fires while patrolling the Forest. Determine the need for assistance and request resources.

Incumbent must be able to possess and maintain a valid state commercial driver's license and the successful completion of the Work Capacity Test at the arduous level will be required.

Both positions have an 18&8 tour of duty (18 pay periods of work, 8 pay periods of furlough).

These are permanent seasonal positions with varying tours of duty (work schedule) and may include weekend work. Some positions may have irregular and protracted hours of work. Considerable travel may be required.

Relocation expenses (transfer of station) are authorized for current employees with merit status.

## **Bunkhouse quarters are available.**

For more information about these positions, including pay, benefits, and qualification requirements, refer to the vacancy announcements.

### **DUTY LOCATION:**

**Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Mountain City Ranger District  
Elko/Mt. City, NV**

### **HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST**

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe (H-T) National Forest is the largest in the contiguous United States. The Forest spans the entire state of Nevada, a large Western State, with one million acres of land in the Eastern part of California, along the Eastern Sierra Front.

The Forest consists of four distinct geographic areas, the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains (Las Vegas). The Nevada portion extends from the Idaho/Oregon border south to Las Vegas, and from the California border east to the Utah border, essentially the entire state. The Forest administers 5.3 million acres in 12 of Nevada's 17 counties; and one million acres in 7 California counties. The H-T is the only Region 4 National Forest containing NFS land within the State of California.

#### **The Duty Location/Community...**

The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger Districts, headquartered in Elko and Wells, Nevada, is a challenging, exciting, high-visibility assignment. Mining, grazing, recreation and fire are major program areas.

The Mountain City Ranger District lies north of Elko and southeast of Owyhee on State Highway 225, and follows the Independence Mountains north to the Idaho state line. The District is approximately 450,000 acres, and includes the Bruneau Canyon area east to near Jarbidge, Nevada, where it joins the Jarbidge Ranger District. Elevations range from 4,600 to 10,439 feet. This is high desert country, dominated by sagebrush and mountain shrubs with aspen and some fir in the draws. Sage grouse, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and Lahontan cutthroat trout are some of the major fish and wildlife species.

The Jarbidge Ranger District offers 243,907 acres of relatively undiscovered recreation opportunities. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to the Matterhorn Peak at 10,839 feet and the area provides a wide range of temperature, vegetation, and opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast. Visitors can enjoy quiet campgrounds, hunting, stream fishing, or one of the least-used wilderness areas in the nation. The Jarbidge Ranger District occupies a unique region of the United States, where the great Snake River Plains of Idaho meet the Basin and Range Province of Nevada, California, and Utah. A view from the north of the Jarbidge Mountains provides the best glimpse of the contrast between basin and range; the Jarbidge Mountains rise abruptly to 10,000 feet out of the 6,000 foot Snake River Plains. The mountain range is divided by the rugged, north-south Jarbidge Mountain crest, with eight peaks over 10,000 feet high. Winter months bring snow with accumulation averages of about 100 inches, and

temperatures that average lows of 15°F and highs of 40°F. The summer months of July-September are the best for warm weather sports with average lows of 40°F and highs of 80°F. Vegetative types in the Jarbidge range from sagebrush flats to glaciated alpine basins. Subalpine fir, limber pine and white bark pine are found in the higher elevations. Aspen groves fill the lower basins, and big cottonwoods flourish along the riversides. Rocky Mountain juniper trees dot the lower-elevation slopes.

The Ruby Mountains Ranger District is made up of the East Humboldt and Ruby Mountain Ranges. These mountains contain spectacular scenery and a variety of recreational activities. The district covers about 450,000 acres with elevations ranging from 6,000 feet to 11,387 feet at Ruby Dome. The district is characterized by rocky peaks, cirque basins, high glacier-formed lakes, rolling sage/grass hills and step narrow canyons. Yearly snowfall averages about 8-10 feet and winter average lows of 15°F in January. Summer months see temperatures ranging from average lows of 45°F to highs of 80°F. Late summer and fall often has thunderstorms. The Ruby Mountains is well-known for its spectacular spring flowers starting in May and producing color in the higher elevations through July. In the fall, Aspens turn an array of fall colors and create a beautiful fall experience.

Most District employees are zoned between the Mountain City, Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger Districts (some are also zoned with the Santa Rosa Ranger District in Winnemucca). The Mountain City Ranger District's central location in Elko often makes it the focal point for discussions involving all three Districts and employees must work closely together to accomplish zoned and Forest priorities. At various times, the northeast Nevada districts have been run as a single unit.

At over 6.3 million acres, the Humboldt-Toiyabe is the largest national forest in the contiguous United States. Many ranger districts are the size of an entire national forest, and most of them began their history as independent forests. The Humboldt-Toiyabe occupies the north-south mountain ranges of Nevada's basin and range country, and includes four distinct geographic areas -- the Sierra Nevada, Central Nevada, Northeastern Nevada, and the Spring Mountains outside Las Vegas. The Forest extends from California to the Utah border and from Las Vegas to the Oregon and Idaho borders. District offices are located in Carson City, Winnemucca, Elko, Wells, Ely, Austin, Tonopah, and Las Vegas Nevada, and Bridgeport California.

### **Community:**

Elko is the County Seat of Elko County, Nevada and the largest city in the rural northeast of the State. It is located roughly midway between Boise, Idaho (235 miles north), Salt Lake City, Utah (230 miles east), and Reno, Nevada (290 miles west). The elevation is approximately 5,000 feet. The climate is high desert with an average of 10 inches precipitation annually, most as winter snowfall. Average July high temperatures are in the low 90s, and average January lows are in the teens.

As the largest community in the vicinity, Elko offers more services than typical of a community of its size, including a hospital, a small regional airport with daily service to Salt Lake City, Amtrak service, eight elementary schools, three high schools, and the Great Basin College, the Northeastern Nevada Museum, the Western Folklife Center (home of the Cowboy Poetry Gathering), and a full range of restaurants, hotels, and commercial and financial services.

Congregations of major religious denominations are active in the community. Nevada has no state income tax.

The Ruby Mountains to the south of town provide recreational opportunities including the spectacular scenery of Lamoille Canyon and the Ruby Mountains Wilderness. The Jarbidge Wilderness to the north is one of the least visited in the National Forest System.

For additional information on Elko, visit their website at [www.elkonevada.com](http://www.elkonevada.com).

Mountain City is located on State Hwy 225 just 16 miles south of the Idaho border. Originally named Cope, this peaceful town is 130 years old. In April 1869 Jesse Cope's discoveries of gold led to the Cope boom. Cope's main attractions were the Pioneer and Argenta mines. Within months of their discovery a few hundred people had already come to the area. During those early days, a small fort, called McGinnis, provided protection against Indian attacks that never occurred.

The Cope Mining District organized on May 22, and soon afterwards many new mines opened. By June, Cope's population stood at 300, and on July 13 the booming camp was officially renamed Mountain City, although many continued to call it Cope. By the end of summer Mountain City's population had grown to 700, the town had twenty saloons, a dozen hotels, six restaurants, and two breweries had opened. Construction had begun on a \$10,000.00 water ditch from the Owyhee River to help work placer gold deposits. By October the initial excitement had died down, and around two hundred people left the district. The completion of the Elko and Idaho toll road in October made travel to and from Mountain City much easier.

By the end of 1870, Mountain City contained more than 200 buildings and had a population of 1,000. Mining, both gold and copper, continued to flourish until 1871. Many homesteaders came into the area, and a large ranching industry developed.

With the great copper discovery at Rio Tinto, Mountain City saw a rise in growth and new businesses. The Mountain City Messenger began publication on June 30, 1933.

In 1945, after owning their store for twenty six years, the Davidson brothers sold their store to H.C. Read, who renamed it the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule chain grew and eventually became the forerunner of the J.C.Penney Company. When the Rio Tinto boom died out in the late 1940's, Mountain City slowly shrank.

During the 1950's the discovery of uranium on nearby Granite Ridge stirred up some excitement in Mountain City. But despite all the interest, very little uranium ore was ever shipped.

For the hunter, this area offers Mule Deer, Antelope, Mountain Lion, Chukar, Blue Grouse and Sage Grouse. Feed is plentiful here and the terrain offers a wide variety of hunting challenges for all.

Wild Horse Reservoir is located 24 from Mountain City. The reservoir offers catfish, bass, trout and the ever present perch. The Owyhee River provides rainbows and German brown trout. Grab your fly rod for some great fun.

There is much to see in Mountain City and much history to be discovered.

**For additional Forest information, check out the H-T website...**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/>

## **FIRE PROGRAM**

The Bureau of Land Management has primary fire suppression responsibility for the Mountain City Ranger District and Jarbidge Ranger Districts, while the Nevada Department of Forestry provides initial attack fire suppression for the Ruby Mountains. The USFS, BLM, and BIA have entered into a Service First agreement, creating an interagency program for fire and fuels management in the Northeast Nevada area. This interagency program consists of 11 engines, a helitack crew, the Ruby Mountain Hotshots, several ENA type 2 crews, an air attack platform, and an interagency dispatch center. Average fire occurrence for the area is over 200 fires and over 100,000 acres burned annually. Agency personnel regularly suppress fires on other agencies' jurisdiction using the closest forces concept, and work on a variety of crews from different agencies in the area.

## **Vacancy Announcement**

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities, [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

Apply On-Line at [www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html](http://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html). This online application process allows applicants to submit employment information that can be printed for personal use and saved and/or edited on the website for future use. The application process contains all the data elements that are required for resumes submitted for federal employment and may be submitted electronically.

## **Outreach Response**

Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Jeff Arnberger, Interagency Fire Management Officer at (775) 753-0304 or email at [Jeffrey\\_arnberger@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_arnberger@nv.blm.gov).