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APPLY NOW FOR FOREST SERVICE FIREFIGHTING JOBS

Salt Lake City, UT, February 27, 2008 – Are you interested in a career in wildland fire fighting? This may be your opportunity to fulfill that dream of responding to the fire call by protecting your nation's forests and developing comradie with fellow crewmembers. The Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests are recruiting now for wildland firefighting positions. Seasonal firefighting positions are part of a large, forest wide firefighting organization that is responsible for locating, responding to and suppressing wildland fires. Other duties could include participation in tree thinning projects, prescribed burns, and other forest projects.

Firefighting positions potentially available include engine crewmember, helicopter crewmember, prevention technician and more. The work itself requires arduous physical exertion under rigorous conditions. The ability to work in rough, uneven terrain is essential and climbing hills covered with trees, brush, rocks and debris is to be expected. Applicants must be 18 years old and will be required to pass a “Work Capacity Test” at the arduous fitness level. The arduous fitness test consists of completing a 3 mile hike within forty-five minutes while carrying a 45 pound pack.

All applications must be submitted by March 10, 2008. For information on applying, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/employment/index.html> or call Cody Peel, Assistant Fire Management Officer at (801) 342-5268.

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