

USDA Forest Service

Forestry Aid (Fire), GS-0462-03

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:	TEMP-OCR-462-3-FIRE	APPLICATION DEADLINE:	None
JOB LOCATION:	Multiple locations throughout the Forest Service.	WORK SCHEDULE:	Full Time
SALARY RANGE:	\$11.34-\$11.34	OPEN DATE:	9-3-2008
TIME LIMIT:	Temporary, not to exceed 6 Months	WHO MAY APPLY:	US citizens
NUMBER OF VACANCIES:	500		

NOTES:

This is a continuously open recruitment bulletin for multiple locations throughout the Forest Service.

Positions may be filled as a temporary appointment up to 6 months or as a not to exceed (NTE) 1 year which can be extended 1 additional year.

These are temporary positions with varying tours of duty (work schedule) and may include weekend work. Some positions may have irregular and protracted hours of work. Tours of duty include full-time or less than full-time. Considerable travel may be required.

Relocation expenses (transfer of station) are not authorized.

The Office of Personnel Management has delegated to the Forest Service the authority to make Temporary Appointments under the USDA Demonstration Project for Temporary Employment. Under this project, any U.S. Citizen may apply.

DUTIES:

Serves on crews performing duties in fire prevention and suppression. Performs prescribed burning crew duties in order to reduce fuel hazards and disease, while protecting wildlife. Assists with fire dispatch through operation of radios, telephones, and other necessary equipment to exchange information for fire weather and other forest suppression activities.

Lays or directs hose in the use of water. Moves dirt, chops brush, and fells 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. Chops, carries, and piles logging slash. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that may threaten loss of control of the fire. Cleans, reconditions, and stores simple fire tools and equipment.

Performs basic duties in support of fire, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research programs, projects, or activities.

MINIMUM FEDERAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Qualifying experience for the GS-3 level includes six months general experience that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or that provided familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the occupation.

SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE: Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of one (1) academic year of post high school education which included at least 6 semester/9 quarter hours in any combination of courses such as range management or conservation, agriculture, forestry, wildlife management, engineering, biology, mathematics, or other natural or physical sciences.

COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS:

Please check Job Posting Information, Summary, for the area of consideration (i.e., Who May Apply), and time limit information.

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters: This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack. You are strongly encouraged to consult with your physician and begin training immediately if you are applying for this position. This announcement constitutes the required 30 days advanced notice for testing requirements.

Required overnight travel may be as high as 20% of the time.

Date of Availability: Due to the seasonal nature of this position, please provide the dates you are available for employment. Applicants applying on-line may provide this information in the Additional Information section.

Bargaining Unit Status: Eligible - Coverage is dependent upon unit location.

To receive consideration for this position, you must meet all qualification requirements as of the closing date of the announcement.

To ensure that you receive consideration, an application package submitted by mail must be postmarked by the closing date of the announcement and received within seven (7) working days. Applications submitted through the on-line application process must be received by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on the closing date.

Applications submitted in postage-paid Government envelopes will not be accepted.

Applications received become the property of the USDA Forest Service and will not be returned.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons

with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: The USDA Forest Service provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please contact the point of contact listed on the vacancy announcement. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Government housing may be available.

Forest Service affiliated child/day care facilities are not available.

This is a temporary, time-limited appointment. However, an extension of the appointment may be possible without further competition. The appointment may also end early if there is a lack of work or funds.

As a condition of employment, all male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must have registered for the selective service. If selected for this position, the applicant must sign a statement certifying his registration, or the applicant must demonstrate exempt status under the Selective Service Law.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: All Federal employees are required to have Federal salary payments made by direct deposit to a financial institution of their choosing.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or nationals.

VETERANS' PREFERENCE: Generally, preference is granted to veterans who entered the military service prior to October 14, 1976; or served on active duty during the period from August 2, 1990, through January 2, 1992, and who are otherwise eligible; or who served on active duty during the period beginning September 11, 2001, and ending on the last day of Operation Iraqi Freedom; or who have served in a military action for which they received a Campaign Badge or Expeditionary Medal. This includes the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) awarded to those who participated in Operation Joint Endeavor or Operation Joint Guard. Also, you may be entitled to veterans' preference if you are a disabled veteran; you have received a Purple Heart; you are the spouse or mother of a disabled veteran; or you are the widow, widower, or mother of a deceased veteran. Applicants will be required to provide proof prior to appointment to validate their claim for preference. More detailed information is available on the Main Menu screen under the selection entitled, "Veteran Information."

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Check our website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs> for specific information on the organization and duty location of positions, the promotion potential, the bargaining unit status, the availability of Forest Service affiliated day care facilities, and government housing.

TEMPORARY OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Typically, positions are expected to work from April through September. There may be some positions that start earlier and/or end later. Applicants are encouraged to apply early in the recruitment process. The first certificate of eligibles will be issued to the hiring unit no sooner than five working days after the opening date of the announcement. Additional lists will be issued upon request from the hiring unit. Some

positions will have varying work schedules and will involve working weekends or irregular work hours. Considerable travel may be required.

ARDUOUS FIRE POSITIONS: Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to be employed in a position performing hazardous duties.

An initial pre-employment medical examination is required for arduous fire positions in the U.S. Forest Service. Failure to meet any of the required medical qualifications will be considered disqualifying for employment. Units in the following locations of California, Southern Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Southwest Wyoming, Arizona, and New Mexico will not be subject to these medical requirements until 2009.

Applicants may choose up to nine (9) different location codes.

HOW TO APPLY: In order to determine if you meet the eligibility and qualification requirements for this position, please submit the following information:

1. Experience/Employment Information:

a. Apply On-Line at 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.

OR

b. Apply by Scannable Questionnaire: This Questionnaire requires completion of a scannable form. You must request the instructions and form and submit the scannable application form and supporting documentation by mail. A facsimile of the scannable form cannot be accepted.

2. Eligibility Information:

It is highly recommended that the following documents be electronically attached to your application to verify your eligibility, basic qualifications, and to validate answer choices:

(1) DD-214/SF-15 to verify veterans' preference claim and/or eligibility for VRA or VEOA appointments is required. Applicants claiming preference based on service performed after October 14, 1976, must specify on the application the Campaign Badge upon which they are basing their claim. Veterans who fail to submit a DD-214 with their application will not be granted veterans preference. Copies of DD-214 should be attached to the AVUE profile or faxed to 253-573-9869.

(2) Transcripts (official or unofficial), diplomas, or certificates of training are required if education is used to meet basic qualifications requirements. If education is a basis for meeting qualification requirements, transcripts are required. Failure to submit this documentation can result in disqualification for position. Transcripts should be attached to the AVUE profile or faxed to 253-573-9869.

(3) Notice of Expected Separation or other proof document if requesting priority placement consideration under the Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) or Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP). CTAP and ICTAP candidates must meet the criteria for the Well Qualified or Quality categories in order to be considered.

TO REQUEST A SCANNABLE FORM: Please refer to the contact name and phone number listed in this vacancy announcement.

Contact Information:
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