



Fuels Technician GS-0462-06/07

Stationed at Detroit, OR along scenic Highway 20

Vacancy Announcement Number: PERM-OCR-462-6/7 FUEL G & DP

The Willamette National Forest is seeking an outgoing dynamic self-starter who will serve in a key fire management position in a field fire management organization and report to the Assistant Fire Management Officer for Fuels Management. Duties would be focused on fuels and fire prevention. Primary responsibilities would include preparing and implementing prescribed fire plans, fire effects monitoring plans, manual and mechanical hazardous fuels treatments, and smoke monitoring plans. The incumbent would be expected to integrate prescribed fire, fuels management, smoke management, fire effects knowledge, as well as knowledge of scientific data collection and analysis principles to develop a comprehensive prescribed fire/fuels management program.

Fire prevention duties would include being a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). Responsibilities include establishing contacts with forest visitors providing information about fire danger, advising of the precautions and explaining pertinent laws and regulations. Assist in presenting the role of fire in ecosystems management, educational programs with both internal and external customers. Coordinate fire prevention programs in local schools and the use of Smokey Bear within the forests protection area. Participate in special events such as parades, fairs, festivals etc.

The selected candidate will be expected to travel locally and work nights and weekends as community events require; the tour of duty is year-round, 40 hours each week. The primary duty station is Detroit, OR but considerable time will be spent in Sweet Home and Springfield; on-duty travel costs will be paid. The position pays between \$36,063 and

\$52,099 annually, depending upon experience. Vacation, sick leave and medical benefits are provided.

Other Significant Facts:

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.

FIREFIGHTER RETIREMENT COVERAGE: The incumbent participates in wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire implementation as qualified. This is a secondary firefighter position under the provisions of 5 USC 8336(c) (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). This is an arduous position and requires prior wildland firefighting experience.

About the Willamette National Forest: The Willamette NF covers 1.6 million acres along the western slopes of the Oregon Cascades. It is known for its numerous volcanic peaks, Wildernesses, towering forests, and outstanding rivers.

About the Sweet Home and Detroit Ranger Districts: The Detroit RD manages approximately 300,000 acres including the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness, the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area and Wilderness and the Detroit Lake Reservoir. There are a wide variety of recreation opportunities including: backpacking, fishing, hunting, cross-country and downhill skiing, rafting, canoeing, sailing, bicycling and horseback riding.

Sweet Home RD manages 190,113 acres including two Wilderness areas and several campgrounds along State Highway 20. Average temperatures range from 37 to 49 degrees Fahrenheit in December and 51 to 82 in August; average annual rainfall is 47" in Sweet Home, 80" in Detroit, and exceeds 100" at higher elevations.

About the Sweet Home and Detroit Communities: Detroit is located in the Santiam River Canyon, in the heart of the Cascades, approximately 50 miles east of Salem along Highway 22 and 70 miles west of Bend. At one time, Detroit was a logging community, but the primary activity now comes from recreation. Detroit Lake is the most popular lake in Oregon, known for its excellent water skiing, boating, fishing and camping. There are several small communities within easy commuting distance of the Ranger District including Detroit, Idanha, Gates (elementary school), Mill City (middle and high schools, nearest medical facility), Mehama and Lyons. Some employees commute from Salem and Stayton (nearest hospital). Housing is abundant in the canyon; rentals range from \$500-\$800 monthly, home prices begin below \$100,000. Government housing may be available in Detroit.

Sweet Home is located on the southeastern edge of the Willamette valley and is recognized as the 'gateway to the Santiam playground.' The city covers approximately

6.5 square miles with a population of 7,815; local industry includes timber and forest products as well as several small manufacturing companies.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete the attached form and send via email to ncurtis@fs.fed.us. If you are not a current Forest Service employee or do not have access to email, please complete the form and mail or FAX to: US Forest Service, Sweet Home Ranger District, (Attn: Nanci Curtis), 4431 Highway 20, Sweet Home Oregon 97386, Fax # 541-367-2367 Phone # 541-367-3285.

The position will be filled through an Open Continuous Recruitment Announcement. The vacancy announcement for this position is currently open and can be found at USAJOBS website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. A list of applicants will be requested on or about September 13, 2009. Please select Detroit, Oregon as a Duty Location if you are applying for this position.

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NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DAY TIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF GOVERNMENT :

USFS

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OTHER (please specify): _____

CURRENT LOCATION: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT

TEMPORARY

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If you are **NOT** a current federal government permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

VETERANS READJUSTMENT

DISABLED VETERAN W/ 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!