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Fire Jobs

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How to Apply to a

Eldorado National Forest

Temporary Fire Position

Become a Part of the World's Finest Wildland Firefighting Organization:

Positions Available

Hotshot Crew

Helitack Crew

Fire Engine Crews

Prevention Technician

Fuels Management Technician

Emergency Communications Dispatcher

**For more information, navigate to: www.fs.fed.us/r5/fire/jobs or
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Or



Contact the Supervisor's Office at: 530-622-5061 TTY/TDD: 530-642-5122.
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Fire Jobs in the USDA Forest Service

Wildland Firefighters work in a variety of specialized positions. Crews often travel throughout California and other regions of the country. Training is a part of all fire-related positions. Skills development and progressive assignments build fire credentials and eligibility to compete for more senior positions. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

Engine Crews have 5 members who tend 300 to 500 gallon fire engines. Crews perform strenuous physical activities, including constructing “fire lines” with hand tools, “laying hose,” protecting structures, and “mopping up” hotspots along the fire’s edge.

Fire Patrol and Prevention Technicians contact forest visitors, and local residents to educate them on fire danger, advise on wildfire prevention, fire safe measures and structure protection including pertinent laws and regulations. During a wildfire, Fire Patrol and Prevention Technicians patrol the fire line to mop-up hotspots.

Fuels Specialists, Fire Ecologists, Fire Use Specialists, Fire Use Monitors, Fuels Technicians, and Fuels Crews reduce wildland fire risk to people, their communities and the environment through hazardous fuels reduction activities including: planning, data gathering, treatment prescriptions, and monitoring.

Hand Crews, consisting of 18 to 20 men and women, working side by side, construct “fire lines” with hand tools, “burn out” areas using drip torches, and “mop up” hotspots to stop a fire’s spread. The crew may hike to the fireline carrying 25 pound backpacks and hand tools. They may spend 12 hours or more working along the fire perimeter.

Helitack Crews, short for “helicopter attack,” are wildland fire suppression crews specializing in helicopter operations – which may include logistical support, construction of helispots in remote areas, or fighting fires in remote areas as the initial response crew. Crew members may land near a fire or rappel (helirappel crews) from a hovering helicopter.

Hotshot Crews are diverse teams of 20 members who uphold a tradition of excellence. There are 20 throughout California. Their core values of “duty, integrity, and respect” have earned Hotshot crews an excellent reputation as elite teams of multi-skilled professional firefighters.

Who can apply?

Any U.S. citizen, 18 years of age. Selected candidates will have to successfully pass a physical fitness pack test and may be required to take a drug test.

Pay rates and benefits?

\$10.02 – \$15.13 per hour (GS-3 thru GS-5). Salary rates may differ based on location. Selected candidates are eligible for vacation and sick leave.

Firefighters are paid an hourly rate. Hourly rates can be substantially increased by extra pay for overtime and hazardous-duty assignments. Overtime hours worked is paid at 1.5 times the hourly rate. Under some circumstances, firefighters also receive an extra hazardous duty pay equal to 25% of the hourly rate.

Firefighters provide their own subsistence while at their home duty station. The Forest Service pays living expense allowances when firefighters are on a fire or project assignment away from their home duty stations.

Housing options such as barracks may be available at a nominal cost to the employee. All barracks facilities provide cooking, bathing, washing, and sleeping areas. Because of the remote locations of some of the duty stations, television and phones may not be available.

Tour of Duty?

Firefighters generally have a standard 5 day work week, 40 hours per week, with 2 days off. Scheduled days off are often cancelled due to fire emergencies and overtime in excess of 400 hours during the 6 month fire season is not uncommon.

How to apply?

Three, easy to follow steps are included in this package.



Applicant Guidelines for Applying Online for Centralized Nationwide Temporary Positions

For applicants applying for Forest Service jobs online via Avue Digital Services (ADS), there are three basic steps to follow.

1. **Create a personal profile on the Avue Digital Services (ADS) application system website.**
2. **View and print the list of current vacancies for temporary employment.**
3. **Apply to the vacancies through USA jobs website.**

Step 1 Create a personal profile on the AVUE Digital Service (ADS) website.

Go to the following website: www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html. Click on the Forest Service shield to logon.

(If you get a blank screen while navigating through ADS, click on Refresh.)

Click on **New User Registration**. Enter all fields in New User Registration window. Indicate where you heard about this site by clicking on one of the options.

Click on **Create or Update My Profile**. Complete all sections (Personal Information, Applicant Information, Work History, Eligibilities, References, Education Background, Additional Information, and Attachments) because all applicant information will be available to the selecting official. Applicants should include the dates they are available to work in the **Additional Information** section, by stating "From (date), To (date)."

If you have college transcripts, a DD-214, birth or other documents to validate qualifications, they should be attached in the **Attach Resume and Supporting Documents** section. **And new this year**, if you indicate that you are a US citizen you must attach a birth certificate or passport in the same location as above.

Be sure to click on the **Save** button on the bottom of each screen.

Return to the **Main Menu** by clicking on the icon in the upper left corner of your screen.

Step 2: View the list of current vacancies for temporary employment

Go to the following website to view a list of temporary vacancy announcements as well as information on applying for jobs in the Forest Service.

http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/employ/asap/index_nw_centralized_temporary_hiring.htm

Once you are on the website click the “Temporary Vacancy Announcements” link and scroll to the bottom of the document for a list of temporary vacancies and their corresponding vacancy numbers.

Print this document as you will be using this information to apply positions in the USA Jobs website.

The following is a partial list of announcement numbers to look for:

Job Title	Series/Grade	Announcement Number	Location
Forestry Aid	GS-0462-03	DE-OCR-0462-3-FIRE	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	GS-0462-04	DE-OCR-0462-4-FEO	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Hotshot/Handcrew)	GS-0462-04	DE-OCR-0462-4-HSHC	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Helitack)	GS-0462-04	DE-OCR-0462-4-HLTK	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	GS-0462-05	DE-OCR-0462-5-FEO	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Hotshot/Handcrew)	GS-0462-05	DE-OCR-0462-5-HSHC	Multiple Locations
Forestry Technician (Helitack)	GS-0462-05	DE-OCR-0462-5-HLTK	Multiple Locations

IMPORTANT: Be sure to indicate the appropriate “AVUE City” in the Locations section that you would like to be considered for employment. For example, if you have verbally contacted a particular Engine Captain in Pollock Pines, CA and you want to be considered for that position you must list Pollock Pines as an AVUE City. Understand that you can list up to nine separate locations anywhere in the United States. (See the contact list below for the AVUE City for each Ranger District or contact the module leader for more information.)

Eldorado AVUE Job Locations: Pioneer, Georgetown, Pollock Pines, Kyburz, Grizzly Flat and Camino.

Step 3 Apply for jobs through the USA Jobs Website

Log on to the USA Jobs website at the following address:

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

In the box under the words “SEARCH JOBS” with “What: (Job title, keywords)” written in it enter the “ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER” that corresponds to the job you want to apply for.

For example:

TITLE: Forestry Aid (Fire),

SERIES/GRADE: GS-0462-02

You would enter the ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER [DE-OCR-0462-2-FIRE](#) (*do not enter any information into the Where: City, State OR Zip Code*) box.

Now click the “SEARCH” button

When the vacancy announcement is found you will click on the link [\[more\]](#) located under the Job Summary section.

The next screen will allow you to view information related to this position and access the application information clicking on the tab “How to Apply”.

In the section “HOW TO APPLY” click on the link at the end of the paragraph that reads “[To obtain information about this position and TO APPLY, please click on http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?re=TPIXV](http://www.avuecentral.com/vacancy.html?re=TPIXV)”

This will take you to the AVUE Digital Service website where you will log in and begin the application process by clicking on the “APPLY NOW” link on the left hand side of the page.

What’s Next?

You will receive an email message from the USDA Forest Service, letting you know that your application was received. Currently it also says

Once the close date for the vacancy has passed, we will review your information along with the information of others who applied for the vacancy.

However, your application is immediately available to the Selecting Official once you receive this email message, and you do not have to wait until the announcement closes. This message will also tell you how to check on the selection process, to stay aware of your application’s status.

To check on the status of a vacancy announcement you have applied to, applicants can access the

Jobs I Have Applied For section in ADS at www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html to find updated selection information.

Hard Copy Applications

Applicants who cannot apply online via ADS may request hard copy vacancy announcements and instructions from the USDA Forest Service toll free at (877) 813-3476, or fax (208) 373-4285, or TTY/TDD (866) 868-8354.

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Fire Module Information and Contacts

Amador Ranger District

26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer CA 95666
209-295-4251

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	AVUE City
Dew Drop	Engine 13	Kevin Bohall	209-295-5926	Pioneer
Lumberyard	Engine 14	Chris Williams	209-295-5971	Pioneer

You may also contact Jason Withrow, BC-11 at (209-295-5970).

Georgetown Ranger District

7600 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown CA 95634
209-333-4312

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	AVUE City
Georgetown	Engine 33	Abby Bolt	530-333-5584	Georgetown
Sand Mountain	Engine 34	Chris Bryski	530-333-5576	Georgetown
Georgetown	Crew 31A	Rob Brown	530-333-5574	Georgetown

You may also contact John Ward, BC-31 at (530-333-5571).

Pacific Ranger District

7887 Highway 50, Pollock Pines CA 95726
530-647-2349

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	AVUE City
Pacific	Engine 53	Chris Stevens	530-647-5464	Pollock Pines
Crystal	Engine 54	Rob Scott	530-647-5467	Pollock Pines
Big Hill Helitack	Helitack 516	Bob Kafka	530-647-5469	Pollock Pines
Big Hill Helishots	Helishots 516	Darrin Yost	530-647-5466	Pollock Pines

You may also contact Mike Sandoval, BC-51 at (530-647-5431).

Placerville Ranger District

4260 Eight Mile Road, Camino CA 95709
530-644-2324

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	AVUE City
Grizzly	Engine 63	Mike Loeffler	530-647-5345	Grizzly Flat
Kyburz	Engine 64	Julie Buel	530-647-5318	Kyburz
Sierra Springs	Engine 65	Phil Weston	530-644-6402	Pollock Pines
Sly Park	Engine 66	Phil Weston	530-644-6780	Pollock Pines
Sly Park	Eldorado Hotshots	Will Harris	530-644-3588	Pollock Pines
Camino	Dozer 3	Dan Langendorfer	530-647-5344	Camino
Grizzly	Crew 31B	Bernie Quinonez	530-647-5306	Grizzly Flat

You may also contact Dave Pereira, BC-61 at (530-647-5339).