



Central Oregon Fire Management Service

Ochoco & Deschutes National Forests and Prineville BLM

Central Oregon Fire Management Service **OUTREACH & VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT** **Fire Dispatcher, GS-462-04** **14-TEMP110601-010637FC-DT**

Central Oregon Fire Management Service (COFMS) is recruiting to fill a GS-0462-04, Fire Dispatcher. This Temporary position is located at Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center in Prineville, Oregon * It is a Forest Service position, hosted by the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests. Multiple positions may be filled from qualified applications.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please respond on the enclosed **Outreach Notice Form** by Feb. 14, 2014.

Based on the response from this outreach, a referral list will tentatively be requested on February 18th. It is recommended that all interested candidates have their applications completed no later than Feb. 14, 2014. Estimated starting date for this position is as early as April 21, 2014.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

The tour is a temporary position not to exceed 1039 hours.

The primary purpose of this position is to serve as an Initial Attack dispatcher in support of an interagency initial attack fire suppression program. The employee on a recurring basis serves as a dispatcher for one or more interagency dispatch and dispatch center related functions. Receives and processes information, and dispatches personnel, equipment, aircraft, and supplies in support of all risk incident management. Receives and transmits information critical to fire management via radios, telephones, and computer terminals. Knowledge and experience in the operation of dispatch software applications

used in the center such as; WildCad, Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS), Automated Flight Following (AFF), etc. is preferred.

The position has no special physical demands and is in an office setting. The incumbent must be able to work overtime, various duty schedules, unscheduled days and hours, nights and weekends. Due to the nature of the service the dispatch center renders, the office setting is one that produces and maintains a high-stress environment. Being able to multi-task effectively in this type of environment is a highly desirable trait.

The selectee must meet the requirements of the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) for Initial Attack Dispatch which currently entails EDRC, and 90 days prior wildland fire experience. This is a secondary firefighter position.

CONDITION OF HIRE:

You must possess the Basic Requirements identified below to be considered eligible for this position. Transcripts must be provided for qualifications based on education. Your application or resume must clearly show that you possess the appropriate experience requirements.

GS-04: Six months of general experience and six months of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-03. General experience is defined as one or more of the following: General maintenance of farm/ranch facilities; worked in a greenhouse, nursery or landscaping e.g., planting, moving, watering, and tending plants; animal caretaker in a laboratory, zoo or pet store; volunteer work at a park, hospital, community sports league, local fire department, etc. And specialized experience is defined as one or more of the following fuels reduction work and suppression of wildland fires using a variety of hand and power tools to control spreading wildland fires and to prepare lines prior to prescribed burning; Patrolled fire line to locate and extinguished sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that could have threaten developed fire lines, moved dirt, chopped brush; or Worked in wildland fire suppression observing fire behavior and weather conditions to effectively dispatch fire management resources. –OR

Successful completion of 2 years of study that included at least 12 semester hours in any combination of courses such as forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine fisheries and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 3 semester hours in mathematics is creditable-OR

A combination of education and experience listed above.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in further information and/or has questions regarding the position may contact: Jada Altman (Assistant Center Manager) at 541-416-6814; Mailing address: 4550 SW Airport Road, Prineville, OR, 97754; or email: jadaaltman@fs.fed.us or; Phil Henderson(Lead IA Dispatcher) at 541-416-6802 or email: phenderson@fs.fed.us .

This position is advertised on the web in USAJOBS.

<http://www.usajobs.gov>

Announcement #: 14-TEMP110601-010637FC-DT or USAjobs control #: 360914700.

ABOUT COIDC

Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC) provides support to federal and state wildland units within the Central Oregon area. Central Oregon averages 450 wildfires per year and 800-900 total incidents per year (including law enforcement, search and rescue, smoke checks, prescribed fire activity, etc). COIDC hosts Type II and III Interagency Incident Management Teams. Agency resources include 45 engines, four hand crews, several dozers, and three exclusive use helicopters. On average, COIDC hosts 15 regional/national contract crews, 50 contract engines, 25 contract water tenders, and numerous other types of equipment. COIDC also hosts 75-100 Administratively Determined (AD) overhead personnel. COIDC has responsibility for dispatching several Regional and National resources including two Interagency Hotshot Crews, Smokejumpers, Rappellers, Lead Planes, Air Tankers, an Air Attack module, and several helicopters. COIDC operates year round, and operates 24 hours a day when needed.

ABOUT THE AREA:

The City of Prineville is located 35 miles northeast of Bend and 30 miles southeast of Madras. The major highway through town is US Highway 26. The population is around 11,000 in the city with approximately 23,000 living in the surrounding area. There are numerous parks in and adjacent to town; a public library; full service medical and dental facilities; a shopping center; a country club, two golf courses and numerous denominations of churches.

SCHOOLS: The Crook County School System in Prineville consists of four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Central Oregon Community College in Bend offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through Oregon State University and the University of Oregon. There are several private schools in town and there is also an active home-school program in both counties.

HEALTH CARE: Prineville has one major hospital and two clinics.

HOUSING: Rental apartments and houses are available in Prineville. The approximate range for the monthly cost of rentals is \$500-\$600 for a two bedroom, one bath unit and around \$650-\$750 for a three bedroom unit in either duplexes or apartments. The cost for a three bedroom single-family house runs \$750 and up.

Prineville is a rapidly growing community with many new subdivisions. The average price for a newer home in Prineville is \$190,000 - \$250,000, and for a single-family residence on rural acreage \$250,000 - \$300,000 and up. The value of rural property is determined to a large extent on the availability of water.

CENTRAL OREGON:

TRAVEL: The Redmond Municipal Airport is currently served by four air carriers: Delta Connection, Horizon Air, United Express and Allegiant Air with daily direct flights to and from Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Seattle.

WEATHER: Central Oregon is 'High Desert' which means the climate is semi-arid and has four distinct seasons. Summer brings warm, sunny days with temperatures in the high 80's to 90's. There can be a few days in August where the temperature will reach the low 100's. Fall is pleasant and mild with average high temperatures of 75 degrees, and nighttime lows sometimes dipping into the 20's. Winter is relatively mild with the snowfall in the neighborhood of 8-10 inches, but it usually melts quickly. Temperatures are normally in the low to mid 20's and 30's. January can bring a week or two of sub-zero temperatures. Spring is usually sunny, but cool. The growing season is relatively short as the elevation of Redmond is 3,077, Bend is 3,623 and Prineville is 3,033 feet. Madras, with an elevation of 2,242 feet, enjoys a longer growing season. The average yearly precipitation in Central Oregon ranges from 8.64 to 12 inches.

More detailed information about Central Oregon may be obtained from the following websites:

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Bend-Oregon.html>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Prineville-Oregon.html>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Redmond-Oregon.html>

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in this position, please complete this form and send via email to: **Jada Altman** at jadaaltman@fs.fed.us or **Phil Henderson** at phenderson@fs.fed.us or fax to **ATTN: Phil Henderson** at 541-416-6847. For more information, you may contact Jada or Phil at 541-416-6802/6814. Response due 2/14/2014.

Yes, I am interested in the following position:

Position Title/Series/Grade: Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatcher), GS-0462-04

Location: **Pacific Northwest Region, Ochoco National Forest, Prineville, OR**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address:

Phone: _

Current title/series/grade: _

Current ICS qualifications:

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES ___ NO ___

IF YES: Current Agency and location: _____

Type of Appointment: ___ Permanent Seasonal ___ Term ___ Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

___ Person With Disabilities ___ Veterans Readjustment ___ Former Peace Corps

Volunteer ___ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability ___ Student Career

Experience Program ___ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ___ Other:

Veteran with Reasonable Accommodation.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!!!

