

Outreach Notice

Region One

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST, NINEMILE RANGER DISTRICT Huson, Montana

Assistant District Fire Management Officer GS-0462-8/9

This notification is being circulated to inform perspective applicants of an upcoming opportunity on the **Ninemile Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest**. We will soon be filling a GS-462-8/9, Assistant District Fire Management Officer. This is a permanent full time position with a duty station in **Huson, Montana**. **The vacancy is advertised on the “open continuous roster”, and you should apply prior to April 11, 2015 if interested.** The Open Continuous Roster (OCR) numbers that you will need to apply to are: **15-FIREOCR-462DZAFMOM-89G (status eligibles) and 15-FIREOCR-462DZAFMOM-89DP (all US citizens)**

We anticipate requesting a referral list on April 13, 2015.

About The Position This position is responsible for the management of a complex fire management program. The fire management program includes an active fire program, with opportunities for multiple objective fires and an active fuels program.. The fuels program has an emphasis on both prescribed fire and mechanical treatments used for wildlife habitat maintenance and hazardous fuel reduction. The greatest challenge in the fire suppression workload is the wildland urban interface and jurisdictional protection responsibility on privately owned property. The complexity of the program is driven by forest service managed lands in warm dry ponderosa pine forest types directly adjacent to private property, checkerboard ownership through the District, a history of multiple concurrent fire starts and a human caused fire element. The District will usually experience at least one Type 3 incident during a season. Fire danger can remain high through the fall due to variation in season ending events and dry warm forest types.

The fire management program requires active involvement with the two counties Mineral and Missoula, local land owners, neighboring agencies and cooperators as well as various committees. The engagement ranges from resolving access issues to collaborating on land management activities and uses.

This position serves as a primary assistant to the District Fire Management Officer with

responsibilities for the development, implementation and administration of a suppression program and duty officer responsibilities. Supervisory responsibilities include two GS-462/7 Supervisory Fire Engine Operators. The fire organization also has six additional permanent positions and up to twenty seasonal employees. This position directs crews and provides for on-the-job training opportunities wherever reasonable. This position also serves as the District Fleet Manager.

The Ninemile District experience an average of 50 lightning caused starts annually with human caused early/late season fires and multiple lightning fire events. The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring safe initial and extended attack suppression procedures, ensuring fire management tactics meet resource objectives and coordination with Incident Management Teams.

The fuels program on the district accomplishes approximately 3,000 to 5,000 acres annually with the focus on priority areas designated in County Fire Plans. This position ensures the planning, development and implementation of prescribed burning and/or thinning contracts in compliance with NEPA and resource objectives. The incumbent will support the fuels program by developing burn plans up through the complex level and directing prescribed burns as assigned. Evaluates post sale treatments against measurable and quantifiable burn plan objectives.

Location: The Ninemile Ranger District has a diverse landscape that creates a need for a variety of programs. The district includes 360,000 acres of the National Forest System Lands that supports a vegetation management program involving timber management, wildlife habitat improvement as well as hazardous fuels reduction objectives. Within the District boundaries are an additional 75,000 acres of privately owned timber production ground and an additional 25,000 acres of private residential property, these acres are within the Districts wildfire suppression protection jurisdiction.

The Ninemile Ranger District is located in Huson, Montana, at the National Historic Remount Station. The administrative site is home to a large majority of the Region 1 pack stock in the winter and is a working ranch.

Located in Western Montana just 25 miles west of Missoula (population 75,000) a full service community, the duty station offers both a rural and urban setting to choose from with a large housing market. Limited rental opportunities exist within the Huson and Frenchtown communities.

Housing costs range from 180,000 to 300,000 within all commuting areas.

A variety of employment opportunities are available within government agencies and in private industries. Additional Forest Service employers include the Missoula Technology and

Development Center, The Northern Rockies Fire Lab, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Region 1 Regional Office, Northern Rockies Training Center, The Aerial Fire Depot and other units on the Lolo National Forest.

Huson is service by the Frenchtown School District with K-12. The commuting area is service by the Alberton School District, Missoula School District and the Hellgate School District.

Here is a link to further community information.

<http://www.missoulachamber.com/>

Geographic Characteristics: The area is a unique landscape ranging from 3000' to 7,000' in elevation with vegetation that varies from ponderosa pine, Douglas fir forest in warm dry setting to lodgepole pine and mixed conifer at higher elevations. Western larch, aspen, alder, western red cedar and sub alpine fir are also abundant.

The district is known for providing dispersed recreation opportunities that include, hiking, hunting, fishing, trail riders (motorized and non-motorized) for the greater Missoula area and local folks.

The climate is dry, mid-continental with summer day temperatures averaging in the high 90's and evening temperatures averaging in the 60's. Winter temperatures range from below zero on the coldest days to the mid-40's on warmer days. Precipitation averages 10-13 inches per year. Western Montana does experience a maritime influence in its weather patterns with clouds and sometimes limited precipitation.

Housing:

Government housing may be available at the time this position is filled. The District office is also a reasonable commute from the Missoula area which offers a full array of housing opportunities.

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Position Identification

Position Title:	Supervisory Forestry Technician, Asst. District Fire Management Officer
Series/Grade:	GS-0462-8/9
Location:	Ninemile Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Huson, Montana

Applicant Information

Name:			E-Mail Address:
Current Title, Series, Grade			
Current Organization/Location:			
Current Appointment:	Permanent	Temporary	Term Not Current Employee

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Position Interest

I would like to be considered for this position in the series identified.

	Series currently identified and classified
	Other appropriate series for which I am qualified
	Target grade level currently identified
	Other grade level for which I am qualified (below target grade)

Applicants May Use This Space to Identify Special Qualifications, *Interests, Needs or Provide Other Information:*

Please contact Dewey Arnold, Ninemile District Fire Management Officer, at 406-626-5422 for any questions about the position.

Please send this completed form to dlarnold@fs.fed.us

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.