

## WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Are you looking for a job or career that you will find important and rewarding? Do you want to work in and protect some of the most beautiful and fragile areas in the United States? Then, the bureaus of the Department of the Interior may be looking for you!



The National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of

Indian Affairs offer jobs for a season or careers for a lifetime.

Each bureau is individually recruiting for exciting permanent and temporary opportunities in fire management.

Jobs will generally be titled as Forestry or Range Technicians. Read the job announcement to determine the specific position focus.

**Firefighter:** Serves as a crewmember on a handcrew, using a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and techniques on wildland and prescribed fires.

**Engine Crew:** Serves on a fire crew that uses equipment associated with wildland fire engines, including pumps and hoses as well as traditional handcrew equipment.

**Hotshot:** Experienced firefighters who specialize in extended attack on wildland fires.



**Smokejumper:** Specialized, experienced firefighters who parachute into remote areas for initial attack on wildland fires.

**Helitack:** Serves as initial attack firefighter and support for helicopter operations on large fires.

**Fire Use Module:** Serves as a crewmember who works on prescribed fire, fuels reduction projects, and fires that are managed for resource benefits.

**Dispatcher:** Serves as central coordinator for relaying information regarding a fire as well as ordering personnel and equipment.

**Fire Lookout:** Serves as locator for fires in remote locations and informs emergency response units of new fires.

**Education/Prevention Specialist:** Serves as media contact and educates the public about wildland fire as well as safety measures that may be taken to protect property.

**GIS Specialist:** Uses satellite technology to map fire perimeters, vegetation areas, and other scientific studies.

**Biological Technician:** Studies and collects data on the effects of fire on plants and animals in burned and non-burned areas.

**Other Support Positions:** Warehouse worker, administrative positions, vehicle operators and other positions will be advertised under several job titles.

## WHAT IS THE PAY & BENEFITS?

Employees are hired under the Federal Civil Service System. Pay ranges from about \$10.00 per hour to over \$17.00 per hour, depending upon the position and your experience. Firefighting positions are paid overtime for any hours worked beyond the regular shift.

Temporary employees receive sick leave, paid vacation, paid holidays, and training. Permanent employees receive health and life insurance, sick leave, paid vacation, paid holidays, extensive training, and are covered by the Federal Employee Retirement System. Many fire positions qualify for retirement after 20 years.





**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?**

Wildland fire activities require hard work often on uneven, steep, rough, slippery, terrain. Lifting or carrying equipment over 50 pounds may be required.

Individual job announcements will list the physical fitness and medical examination requirements.

**WHAT ABOUT FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?**

Employees are hired for permanent and temporary jobs. Many seasonal employees return year after year.

Many permanent employees have progressed from entry-level fire crew positions to leadership positions on engine crews, or as experienced firefighters on hotshot crews or as smokejumpers. Employees have opportunities to progress with careers in fire management.

**TO FIND OPEN JOBS AND HOW TO APPLY**

**Temporary Jobs**

[www.firejobs.doi.gov](http://www.firejobs.doi.gov)

Click on Jobs & Contacts and select the preferred state.

Or call toll free

**1-888-364-6432**

**Permanent Jobs**

Visit USA Jobs website at

[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

Or Employment/Jobs sections on bureau-specific websites:

National Park Service Fire & Aviation

[www.nps.gov/fire/](http://www.nps.gov/fire/)

Bureau of Land Management Fire & Aviation

[www.fire.blm.gov/](http://www.fire.blm.gov/)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Fire Management

[www.fws.gov/fire](http://www.fws.gov/fire)

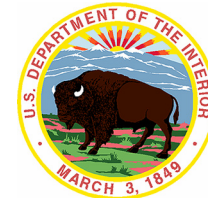
Bureau of Indian Affairs Fire Management

No bureau website – USA Jobs BIA Search  
<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/jobsearch.asp?re=10&vw=d&pg=1&jbf574=IN06>

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