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Teton Interagency Fire Management School Programs Feature Fire Management Careers



The Jackson Hole High School, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Jackson Workforce Center co-sponsored a job fair this month, giving local students an opportunity to learn about area job opportunities. Organized by the School- to- Careers program, the job fair was developed to feature summer employment positions and showcase local careers. Approximately 250 students attended the afternoon event, held in the High School Commons area.

Teton Interagency Fire Management was one of thirteen participants in the job fair, providing a display with photographs and information on a variety of positions within the fire organization. Staff members spoke with students and distributed brochures detailing the application process. They teamed with Grand Teton National Park's Human Resources Officer who was on hand to answer questions about federal employment and to recruit for other seasonal positions throughout the park. In response to the National Fire Plan goal of increasing wildland preparedness and developing additional trained fire staff, Teton Interagency Fire managers have stepped up recruiting efforts over the last two years, using college mailings, web postings, and local school programs to promote federal fire positions. Grand Teton National Park also served as a pilot site with other Department of the Interior bureaus to jointly recruit seasonal firefighters for Wyoming units in 2002/2003 and within the Rocky Mountain Geographic Area Coordination Center in 2003/2004.

The Teton County School District's School- to- Careers program also organized the third annual Careers- on- Wheels Day this month. With trucks of all sizes lining the parking lot, elementary and middle school students toured the area and listened to drivers talk about their jobs and the capabilities of their vehicles. Teton Interagency's Engine 3, a Type III wildland fire engine, was one of the featured trucks. Staffed by four National Park Service and three Forest Service crew members, the engine serves as an example of the coordination and partnership that exists between the two federal land management agencies. Approximately 600 people attended the popular school event.

