

Mt. Hood National Forest



Outreach & Vacancy Announcement **Senior Fire Fighter, Engine** **GS-0462-05 Permanent Seasonal (PSE) 13/13**

Hood River Ranger District

The Hood River Ranger District is advertising (1) **GS-0462-5, Senior Fire Fighter, Engine, PSE, 13/13**; duty station is Parkdale, OR. Please fill out and send the attached Outreach response form to Scott MacDonald at Barlow RD, 780 NE Court St., Dufur, OR 97021 by May 9th, 2014.

Referral list to be requested on or by May 12th, 2014; Duty Station is Parkdale, OR.

The Position

This position is targeted for the GS-5 level:

The minimum qualifications for this position are (1) FFT1 with a completion certificate for S-290, (2) and time in grade at the GS-4 or equivalent.

***Be sure and attach your Incident Qualifications and Certifications Systems (IQCS) record.**

***Knowledge of pumps, engine operations, fire tactics, and fire incident management is recommended.**

This primary purpose of this position is to serve as the Senior Fire Fighter/Fire Engine Operator of a **type 3** fire engine module. The incumbent has primary responsibility becoming proficient in the driving and operation of the engine in responding to wildland fires and other all hazard activities. This is considered a primary covered position for purposes of fire fighter retirement under the provisions of 5 USC.8336

This is an arduous position. The incumbent will have to pass a medical examination and the pack test at the arduous level (three mile hike on level ground while carrying a 45 lbs pack within 45 minutes) as a condition of employment.

May require the incumbent to obtain and maintain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). If CDL is required/attained, all applications for, and incumbents of this position are subject to random alcohol and drug testing. This announcement constitutes 30 days advance notice. Selectee should plan to meet the requirements for a Class-B CDL within 180 days (if not already in possession of a valid CDL).

The position (FS1477):

- Performs and leads (as qualified), direct fire suppression efforts using such firefighting tools as axe, shovel, Pulaski, McCloud, chainsaws, etc., in initial attack, fire line construction, and mop-up activities.
- Learn to operate PTO, slip-on, or portable pumps, lays out hose lays as appropriate, determines best method of attack and makes decisions related to tactics.
- Maintains specialized equipment and tools in prescribed manner. Also performs fuels treatments and prescribed burning as assigned.
- On project fires, serves as specialist according to Red Card rating.
- Quality leadership skills and is motivated to teach others.
- Someone who creates a work environment that respects, appreciates, and accepts the contributions and perspectives of all employees.
- May be assigned work for other resource management activities, such as recreation, timber, or reforestation when not performing fire suppression duties.
- The work is directly related to wildland fire suppression and control activities including suppression, preparedness, prevention, monitoring, hazardous fuels reduction, and prescribed burning.
- This position provides leadership to the crew as assigned in the performance of this work.
- A safe and professional working attitude is a must.
- See PD for FS1477 for specific duties in more detail.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

This vacancy is being advertised on Open and Continuous Roster under Merit and Demo hiring authority. The vacancy announcement numbers are:

OCR14-462-ENGRFF-4/5G (merit) and OCR14-462-ENGRFF-4/5DP (demo).

Applications should be submitted through the USAJOBS and the eRecruit system. The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov

Applicants need to indicate Parkdale, Oregon as their geographic locations in order to be considered for this position.

Housing may be available in the form of barracks at the compound, or there may be some government housing at other zone compounds; availability is limited. Contact the AFMO (Scott MacDonald, 541-467-5110) or FMO (Kim Valentine, 541-467-5157) for specifics.

Referral lists for this position will be requested on or about May 12th, 2014.

No Transfer of Station is included for this position.

ABOUT THE EASTSIDE OF THE MT. HOOD AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

The Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts have a variety of complex ecological conditions due to extremes in climatic factors such as precipitation, temperature and wind, topographic features, elevation, geology and landforms, and vegetative type. Diverse ecosystems range from the pine-oak type at the low elevations, to mixed conifer forest, to high elevation, alpine forests. These diverse ecosystems provide numerous (16+) commercial tree species, plus noncommercial tree species and other desired vegetation. In addition, exclusion of fire, past management activities, drought, and insect and disease infestations have altered some of these ecosystems adding to the complexity for current management. Non-native species, including both noxious weeds and exotic insects and disease are a high concern on both districts and also add to the complexity for management.

The land base for the Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts encompasses approximately 385,000 acres. There is a diversity of geographic, climatic, and biotic areas. Elevations range from 100 feet at the Columbia River to 11,235 feet at the summit of Mt. Hood. The land base is located east of the Cascade Crest and receives 45 inches of precipitation a year (Hood River District) to areas with as little as 25 inches per year on the Barlow District. Spring and fall are wet with temperatures dropping into the 30s and 40s. Summers are usually dry with temperatures in the 70s and 80s. Land and resource management on the forest is directed by the Mt. Hood Land and Resource Management Plan as amended by the Northwest Forest Plan. For additional information about the Mt. Hood National Forest, check out the Forest Web Site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood.

The Columbia River Gorge is a spectacular river canyon, 80 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep, cutting the only sea level route through the Cascade Mountain Range. It is more than a natural wonder; the Gorge is a critical transportation corridor and is home to 75,000 people, resource dependent communities, farms, and schools. The Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area was established in 1986 and encompasses 292,500 acres. For additional information about the Columbia River Gorge visit their website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/nsa.

ABOUT LIFE AFTER WORK

The economy of the area, commonly referred to as the Mid-Columbia or Columbia River Gorge, is driven by agriculture (wheat, fruit, forest products), tourism (windsurfing, hunting/fishing, other recreation), service industries and industrial (hydro power generation, wind power generation).

Dufur is a small, friendly community of about 600 people located off Highway 197, approximately 13 miles south of The Dalles, Oregon. Businesses include a grocery store, antique store, post office, a city park with swimming pool, The Balch Hotel, an RV park, an elementary and high school, four churches and one restaurant.

Maupin area offers a refreshing retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city. A small town pace in an area filled with unspoiled desert beauty will set your visit in the right frame of mind. Recognized for superb white water excitement and world-class wild trout and steelhead fishing, Maupin is your headquarters for outdoor recreation

<http://www.maupinoregon.com/rectour.htm>

The Dalles is a full service community of approximately 14,000 people. Along with all the typical services of a moderate sized city there is also numerous churches, a Veteran's Hospital, The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center (museum and interpretive facility), Local services also include a hospital, motels/hotels, banks, local shops, grocery stores, pharmacy/department stores, wineries and tasting rooms, restaurants, fresh fruit stands, movie theaters, sports/health clubs, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks, bowling alley, gardening outlets, and a small municipal airport within 10 min. Ample medical care facilities as well as dental, and optical services are available. The Dalles is also home to Google. The Dalles Chamber of Commerce www.thedalleschamber.com.

Wasco County includes the communities of Boyd, Pine Hollow, Wamic and Pine Grove and the cities of The Dalles, Mosier, Dufur and Maupin. Housing is available throughout the area with the average 3 bedroom home cost of \$250,000.00. Rental units vary from \$350.00/month to \$800.00.

Mt. Hood/Parkdale is a small community located 17 miles south of Hood River, and approximately 75 miles southeast of Portland, the largest city in Oregon. Mt. Hood/Parkdale has a grocery store, post

office, 2 convenience stores, an elementary school, several churches, 2 community centers, a gas station, brewpub, and several gift/artisan shops. The community is a mix of tourism and orchard based industry. Housing is limited.

Hood River is a full service community. Local services include 33 churches, public library, hospital, motels/hotels, banks, local shops, 2 grocery stores, 3 pharmacy/department stores, brewpubs, restaurants, fresh fruit stands, movie theaters, sports/health clubs, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks, bowling alley, gardening outlets, and a small municipal airport. Ample medical care facilities as well as dental, and optical services are available. The City of Hood River remains the Gorge capital for the sport of windsurfing.

Hood River County encompasses the Hood River Valley and includes the communities of Mt. Hood, Parkdale, Dee, Odell, Pine Grove and the cities of Hood River, and Cascade Locks. Mt. Hood, with an elevation of 11,235 ft., marks the southern end of the valley. The Columbia River and a view of Mt. Adams mark the northern end. The views and vistas are incredible and outdoor recreational opportunities abound. The fertile farmland of the Hood River Valley includes more than 14,000 acres of commercial apple, cherry, pear and peach orchards. Orchard crops provide much of the county's economic base. Tourism is also an important part the county's economy.

Additional information: www.gorge.net; www.hoodriver.org; www.econ.state.or.us/HoodRiver.pdf

For more information about the job, contact.....

Scott MacDonald, AFMO, Barlow RD: Phone (541) 467-5110: email – wmacdonald@fs.fed.us
Andy Beam, SFEO, E321, Hood River RD: Phone (541)-352-6236: email – abeam@fs.fed.us
Kim Valentine, FMO, Eastside Firezone: Phone (541) 467-5157: email – kvalentine@fs.fed.us

The Mt. Hood National Forest is an equal opportunity employer.
Thank you for your interest in our vacancy and outreach!

Outreach

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Announcement Number: OCR14-462-ENGSRFF-4/5G (merit) & OCR14-462-ENGSRFF-4/5DP (demo).

Outreach form must reach Barlow RD by May 9th, 2014

If you are interested in this position, complete this form & send to **Scott MacDonald** using one of the following methods:

- E-mail to wmacdonald@fs.fed.us
- Fax number: 541-467-2271, Attention Scott MacDonald

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes No

If Yes:

Name of your Agency & Location: _____
Current title/series/grade: _____
Type of Appointment Permanent Term Temporary

If No:

Current Employer: _____
Current Position Title & Salary: _____
Type of Appointment Permanent Term Temporary
Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- Former Peace Corps
- Person with Disabilities
- Student Employment Program
- Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Readjustment
- Reinstatement Eligibility
- Other