



Ochoco & Deschutes National Forests and Prineville BLM

Central Oregon Fire Management Service
OUTREACH & VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Fire Dispatcher, GS-0462-04
14-TEMP110607-048352FC-DT

Central Oregon Fire Management Service (COFMS) is recruiting to fill two, GS-0462-04, Fire Dispatcher positions. These Temporary positions are located at Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center in Prineville, Oregon. *These are Forest Service positions, hosted by the Ochoco National Forest. Two 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 June 16th, 2014.

Based on the response from this outreach, a referral list will tentatively be requested on June 17th. It is recommended that all interested candidates have their applications completed no later than June 16th, 2014. Estimated starting date for this position is as early as July 20th, 2014.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

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

The primary purpose of this position is to serve as an Initial Attack or Logistics dispatcher in support of an interagency 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in further information and/or having questions regarding the position may contact: Jada Altman or Valerie Reed at 541-416-6800; Mailing address: 4550 SW Airport Road, Prineville, OR, 97754; or email: jadaaltman@fs.fed.us or vreed@fs.fed.us.

This position is advertised on the web in USAJOBS.

<http://www.usajobs.gov>

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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 **Valerie Reed** at vreed@fs.fed.us or fax to **ATTN: Jada Altman or Valerie Reed** at 541-416-6847. For more information, you may contact Jada or Valerie at 541-416-6800. Response due 6/16/2014.

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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 Recruitment Act ____ Former Peace Corps

Volunteer ____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability ____ Veterans Employment

Opportunities Act of 1998 ____ Other: Veteran with Reasonable Accommodation.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!!!