

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Certification of Position Approval for Retirement Under 5 USC § 8336(c) and § 8412(d)

[x] Approved under the Civil Service Retirement System, 5 USC § 8336(c)	
[x] Approved under the Federal Employees Retirement System, 5 USC § 8412(d)	
Category of Coverage: Primary/Rigorous (Firefighter)	
Bureau: Any DOI Bureau may use this Standard PD and must use the Standard PD Number	T
Classification Title: Range/Forestry Aid (Fire)	
Organization Title: Wildland Firefighter	
Standard Position Number: DOI102 Series and Grade: GS-0455/0462-02	
RECOMMENDATION FOR COVERAGE: Primary/Rigorous Firefighter coverage is recCSRS and FERS. This position is located on a fire crew as a crewmember within the fire management or of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control, as a firefighter on an or hand crew. Other wildland fire related duties might involve fire prevention, patrol,	ganization. The purpose engine, helitack module,
burning. The incumbent will also be involved with the maintenance and repair of firef equipment, and facilities, and will receive firefighting training. Primary duties are d	ighting tools, irectly connected with
the control and extinguishment of fires and/or maintaining and using firefighter a equipment. The duties of this position are so rigorous that employment is limited	ipparatus and to voung and
physically vigorous individuals who must meet established age and physical quali	fication requirements.
	06-01-2010 Date
ALAN SIZEMORE, Human Resources Specialist, DOI	Date
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TIMOTHY MURPHY, Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC)	Date
Da Thol	6/2/10
TOM NIGHOLS, Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation, NPS	Date
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LYLE CARLILE, Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, BIA	Date
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BRIAN MCMANUS, Chief, Branch of Fire Management, FWS	"Date
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MICHAEL GILLMORE, Supervisory Program Analyst, DOI	/ Date
APPROVAL: The position described above is approved for coverage under Firefighter or Law Enforce reproactive to classification date. Approval is by DOI Secretary's Designee:	rcement (FF/LEO) Retirement
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Introduction

This is a standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the Department of Interior (DOI). The position is located on a fire crew as a crewmember within the fire management organization. The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control, as a firefighter on an engine, helitack module, or hand crew. Other wildland fire related duties might involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning. The incumbent will also be involved with the maintenance and repair of firefighting tools equipment and facilities, and will receive firefighting training.

This is an arduous position and subject to medical screening and physical fitness testing.

Major Duties (70%)

Serves as a member of a fire crew assigned to suppress the full range of wildland fires. Performs assignments as a wildland firefighter in developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustments in the effective use of water and additives, working in and around aircraft such as helicopters, safety rules, and basic fire behavior.

Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump, etc.

Chops brush, fells small trees, and moves dirt to construct fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, McLeods, and may use power tools including chainsaws and portable pumps to control spreading of wildland fire and/or to prepare control lines prior to burning.

Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish embers, flareups, and hotspot fires that may threaten developed firelines.

Cleans, reconditions, and stores fire tools and equipment.

May assist trained personnel in more specialized assignments such as backfire and burnout, mobile and stationary engine attack, construction of helispots, helitack operations, and performing hover hookups.

Participates in fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment and vehicles used in fireline activities. Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills. Participates in safety sessions and fire critiques. Ensures own and others' welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignments.

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Additional Duties (30%)

May perform project work such as fuel inventory, preparing associated reports, and hazard fuel reduction projects.

May perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance.

May assist higher level workers in forestry/range research efforts; in the marketing of forest/range resources; or in the scientific management, protection, and development of forest/range resources.

Other Significant Facts

This is a testing designated position (TDP) under the Department of the Interior Drug-Free Workplace Program.

Factors

1. Knowledge Required by the Position

(Level 1-2, 200 points)

Working knowledge of standard wildland fire management program requirements, suppression tactics, methods and procedures and skill in the use of wildland firefighting handtools, pumps and hoses, and chainsaws sufficient to perform routinely assigned fire suppression and prescribed fire assignments and to maintain firefighting tools and equipment.

Working knowledge of fire behavior, hazards, and accepted fire safety practices and procedures to prevent injury and loss of life.

Ability to perform duties under stressful and adverse operating conditions, such as long work hours, heavy workloads, emergency situations, adverse working and environmental conditions.

Must posses the ability to verbally communicate sufficiently to work as a member of the team.

Knowledge of agency and interagency qualification, position task book requirements, and certification standards and procedures adopted by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

Knowledge of appropriate act requirements to include the Equal Opportunity Act, Civil Rights Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Rehabilitation Act, 29 CFR 1604.11(a) Sexual Harassment sufficient to function within a diverse workforce.

2. <u>Supervisory Controls</u>

(Level 2-1, 25 points)

The supervisor or higher graded employee makes continuing, specific assignments detailing procedures to be followed. The supervisor or higher graded employee provides instruction for resolving problems. The work is closely controlled and the incumbent seldom works without a higher graded employee present. The supervisor insures that finished work is completed according to instructions.

3. <u>Guidelines</u> (Level 3-1, 25 points)

Procedures for doing the work have been established and a number of specific guidelines exist such as oral instructions, standing operating procedures, maps, equipment manuals, health and safety codes, fire line handbooks, field operations guides, and training prior to actual fuels management and fire suppression activities. The employee works in strict adherence to the guidelines, referring needed deviations or questions to the supervisor or higher graded employee who is available while performing fire suppression activities.

4. <u>Complexity</u> (Level 4-1, 25 points)

Performs a variety of routine tasks in the suppression of wildland fires. Uses a variety of hand and power tools and equipment. Specific tasks, use of tools and methods, and the sequence in which tasks are to be done are determined by higher graded wildland firefighters. Actions taken vary dependent upon the fire terrain, intensity of fire, fuels availability, wind velocity, and values at risk.

5. Scope and Effect

(Level 5-1, 25 points)

The purpose of the work is to receive training and perform simple, repetitive tasks under the direction of a crew leader or supervisor. The work performed as a crewmember facilitates the goals of the crew.

6&7. Personal and Purpose of Contacts

(Level 1A, 30 points)

Contacts are primarily with other members of the crew, the crew leader/supervisor, and others in the wildland fire management organization. Contacts are made to exchange information about the immediate work situation in which crewmembers are to receive instructions and to clarify how the work is to be done.

Meets and deals on day-to-day matters with co-workers.

8. Physical Demands

(Level 8-3, 50 points)

Arduous: Duties involve rigorous fieldwork requiring above average physical performance, endurance and superior conditioning. Work requires prolonged standing, walking over uneven ground, and recurring bending, reaching, lifting and carrying of items weighing over 50 pounds

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and shared lifting and carrying of heavier items, and similar strenuous activities requiring at least average agility and dexterity.

Duties include demands for strenuous activities in emergencies under adverse environmental conditions and over extended periods of time. Operation of some specialized fire equipment can place extended physical stress on incumbent during fire activities.

Incumbent is subject to medical examination and must pass the work capacity test for arduous positions.

9. Work Environment

(Level 9-3, 50 points)

The work is primarily performed in forest and desert environments in steep terrain where surfaces may be extremely uneven, rocky, covered with thick tangled vegetation, smoky conditions, etc. Temperatures commonly exceed 100 degrees F and fall below freezing. Risks include smoke inhalation, fire entrapment, snake or insect bites and stings, exposure to excessive machinery noise, and falling and rolling material. Personnel must adjust and cope with exposure to weather elements, dust and smoke, poor bivouac and eating situations under an unpredictable set of circumstances. Incumbent may be required to live in backcountry camps for extended periods of time. The hazardous nature of the work requires that personal protective equipment be worn (boots, hardhat, gloves, flame resistant clothing, etc.). Work may require travel by light fixed-wing or rotor-wing aircraft.

430 points=GS-2 (225-450)