Veterans in Wildland Fire

It's a short march from here...









About the job (GS-0462-03/04/05)

OPM job description: http://go.usa.gov/xD7HF

This temporary or seasonal, direct hire job, in wildland firefighting is an arduous job performed in hot, dusty and smoky conditions. We operate in a team environment, within a chain of command, to accomplish objectives. Our core values are duty, respect and integrity.





Major Duties:

Serves as crew member of a fuels management or fire suppression crew assigned to help manage prescribed and wildfires in the wildlands. These skills will help qualify seasonal workers learn skills for permanent government employment positions.



Duties may include:

- Participating in field reconnaissance, layout, and preparation of prescribed fire/fuels treatment units.
- Field data collection and management including information on fuel types, loading/arrangement, weather conditions and fire behavior.

- Use ignition tools including drip torch, fuses and other incendiary devices to ignite areas (on precribed and wildfires).
- Administers routine aspects of the prescribed fire and fuels plan, ensuring preparation, ignition and holding, mop-up, and rehabilitation are completed to the standards specified.
- Chopping brush, removing small trees and ground litter, constructing fire line, using various hand-tools, chainsaws and portable pumps.



- Patrol fire line by foot, ATV, UTV or vehicle to locate and extinguish embers, flare-ups and hotspot fires threatening established fire lines.
- Working in and around aircraft, such as helicopters or air tankers.
- Prescribed and wildland fire work is very complex and may involve many other duties assigned to meet the objectives of any given operation.





Amanda, U.S. Air Force Veteran

"We did a burn out operation during the night in order to confine a fire. It was beautiful! The work proved to be just as rewarding as it was challenging! We hiked several hours and many miles with heavy gear. It was exciting, sometimes exhausting, but very rewarding!

Kelsey, U.S. Army Veteran

"I'm proud of the work I do each day in furtherance of the Forest Service mission and vision. I pride myself on hard work and caring for the land and serving people."





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How to apply:

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