

WHAT WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

Interagency Hotshot crews are elite fire suppression crews that can be dispatched nationally and internationally to fires and other disasters. When not assigned to an incident Hotshot crews train and provide a workforce to accomplish Management objectives while maintaining availability for incident mobilization. Our Hotshot crew consist of 20 diverse, motivated, intelligent, and physically fit individuals. We travel as a crew from May through October to assist wildland fire suppression efforts. Because of this crewmembers work, eat, and sleep together and must work as a team to be able to adapt to an ever changing environment. The Crews season runs from the beginning of May through the first of October, but can be extended depending on the severity of the fire season. Individuals can expect to spend most of these months away from home, and sometimes out of communication with family and friends. We can be gone up to 21 days at a time with 2 days off. Shifts normally last up to 16 hours, but can be extended due to critical fire operations. All crew personnel carry packs weighing up to 45 pounds, and hike in rough steep terrain for several miles to reach our job site. The Vale Hotshots firmly believe physical conditioning is directly related to safety on the fire line, and our physical training program is demanding.



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www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale



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CREW VISION

THE VALE HOTSHOTS ARE PROVIDERS OF PROFESSIONAL, QUALITY SERVICE FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.



PHYSICAL FITNESS

Do to the arduous duties of the job a medical examination is required prior to employment. All Firefighter positions require an aerobic fitness test called the Work Capacity Fitness Test (a three-mile hike with 45 lb. in 45 minutes or less). In addition to the Pack Test, Vale Hotshot Crew personnel will strive to meet the following goals found in "Fit to Work" a publication from the Missoula Technology Development Center:

- 1.5 mile run in a time of 10:35 or less
- . 40 sit-ups in 60 seconds
- . 25 pushups in 60 seconds
- . Chin-ups, based on body weight:
 - More than 170 lbs. = 4 chin-ups
 - 135-170 lbs. = 5 chin-ups
 - 110- 135 lbs. = 6 chin-ups
 - Less than 110 lbs. = 7 chin-up

It is important for applicants to understand that a high level of physical fitness is required before reporting to work. Our PT program is intended to enhance and maintain crewmembers physical fitness, not get them into shape. All crew members are required to participate in a structured Physical Fitness training program on a daily basis that will include flexibility exercises, aerobic conditioning and weight training, when not involved in fire suppression activities. Crew members are expected to report to work in good physical condition.

MISSION

The primary mission of the Vale Hotshot Crew is to provide a safe, organized, mobile and skilled hand crew for all phases of wildfire suppression. The Crew can also be utilized to meet other management objectives. All IHC's will meet the minimum standards as described in the National IHC Operations Guide. Compliance with these standards and the resulting safe operation of the IHC ultimately lies with the Crew Superintendent.



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