

# 2010 Seasonal Fire Jobs

The Bureau of Land Management is hiring seasonal wildland firefighters for the 2010 fire season. The Bishop California Field Office is searching for highly motivated, ambitious, creative, and physically fit individuals to play an integral part in our fire management program.

## JOB LOCATION

The Bishop Field Office is located in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. The fire program has two fire stations, both in rural areas. Mono Basin Interagency Fire Station is located seven miles north of Lee Vining, California. Lee Vining is twenty minutes from the east entrance to Yosemite National Park. Topaz Interagency Fire Station is located on the California/Nevada border, 30 miles south of Gardnerville, Nevada.

The Eastern Sierra is known for incredible scenery and legendary recreation opportunities. The stations are less than ten minutes away from wilderness hiking trails, creek and lake fishing, climbing spots, and mountain biking trails.

## THE PROGRAM

Our fire management program is characterized by a close-knit workforce with wildfire suppression, emergency response, fuels management, and natural resource management responsibilities.

Our program consists of two Type III heavy fire engines. Both engine modules are housed at multi-million dollar fire facilities built in 2005.

We are part of an interagency organization with the Inyo National Forest. This relationship allows for coordinated fire responses, crew association, fire classes, and training assignments.

The majority of our local fires are started by lightning. Initial attack can be heavy at times depending on weather and fuel loading. We also respond to

vehicle fires, traffic accidents, and medical emergencies. Our crews travel throughout California and the Western U.S. to assist in wildfire suppression efforts. These assignments last up to 14 days.

Our seasonal employees typically begin work around mid-May and work until layoff, typically in early October (dependent on fire season and budget availability).

Government housing is available at both Topaz and Mono Basin Stations. Individual rooms with furniture are available for a nominal monthly government rental rate.

## PAY

Pay level is determined by an individual's job experience and education (\$11/hr. starting). Overtime and hazard pay increase pay during the summer months.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Wildland firefighting is an arduous job. Firefighters are expected to be in good physical condition at the start of the season. Everyone assigned to fire suppression duties is required to pass a Field Pack Test with an arduous rating. The Field Pack Test is a 3-mile/45 min. walk carrying a 45-lb. pack. Our employees are typically able to exceed these requirements in their physical fitness standards. Once firefighters are assigned to their duty station, they will be expected to participate in daily physical training. Daily "PT's" consist of running, crew hikes in full gear, weightlifting, and additional cardiovascular training.

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

To be selected, applicants must be at least 18 years old, and

U.S. Citizens. If selected, applicants must pass a physical and drug test. Firefighters will be required to provide 8" high laced boots, with a vibram non-skid sole (no steel toes).

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online at [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). The announcement number is: DOI-FIRE-2010-006. Enter the announcement number into the search field, and look for the announcement location "Throughout California." When applying, be sure to select Bishop, CA as one location. You can apply for up to seven locations on the same announcement. **\*Caution\*** if you enter more than seven locations, your application will be discarded!

The 2010 vacancy announcement for our seasonal fire positions opens on November 30, 2009 and closes on January 5 (for early consideration). We typically hire all of our employees off the early consideration list! There is one announcement for GS-2, 3, 4, and 5 positions. GS level is determined by previous wildland experience, education, former employment, etc. Please call us at the fire station if you need any help with the application process or if you have any additional questions about our program.

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