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 Washington DC 20240

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Dear Mr. Simms:

This is in response to your request for a determination of general coverage under 5 U.S.C. 8336(c) for the positions within the Bureau of Land Management listed in your letter dated January 30, 1991.

We have approved general coverage for the following positions in the Primary category.

<u>Position Title</u> (Org. Title)	<u>Series/ Grade</u>	<u>PD#</u>
1) Range/Forestry Technician (Engine Operator)	GS 455/462-05	F041
2) Range/Forestry Technician (Engine Crew Leader)	GS 455/462-06	F042
3) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Engine Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-06	F043
4) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Engine Foreman)	GS 455/462-07	F044
5) Engineering Equipment Operator (Fire Engineering Equipment Operator)	GS 5716-08	F045
6) Engineering Equipment Operator (Fire Engineering Equipment Operator)	^{WG} GS 5716-10	F046
7) Engineering Equipment Operator Leader (Lead Fire Engineering Equipment Operator)	^{WG} GS 5716-10	F047

8) Range/Forestry Aid (Trainee Fire Crewmember)	GS 455/462-02	F061
9) Range/Forestry Aid (Fire Crewmember)	GS 455/462-03	F062
10) Range/Forestry Technician (Fire Crewmember)	GS 455/462-04	F063
11) Range/Forestry Technician (Firefighter/Fire Prevention Technician)	GS 455/462-05	F064
12) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-06	F065
13) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-07	F066
14) Range Technician (Fire Operations Technician)	GS 455-05	F081
15) Range Technician (Fire Operations Technician)	GS 455-06	F082
16) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Supervisory Fire Station Manager, <u>Station Name</u>)	GS 455/462-06	F121
17) Lead Range/Forestry Technician (Lead Fire Station manager, <u>Station Name</u>)	GS 455/462-06	F122
18) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Fire Station Manager, <u>Station Name</u>)	GS 455/462-07	F123
19) Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression Specialist)	GS 462-05	F141
20) Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression Specialist)	GS 462-06	F142
21) Lead Forestry Technician (Lead Fire Suppression Specialist)	GS 462-07	F143

22) Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression Specialist)	GS 462-07	F144
23) Forestry Technician (Fuels Technician)	GS 462-05	F151
24) Range/Forestry Technician (Helitack Squad Leader)	GS 455/462-05	F161
25) Range/Forestry Technician (Helitack Crew Leader)	GS 455/462-06	F162
26) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Helitack Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-06	F163
27) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Helitack Foreman)	GS 455/462-07	F164
28) Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Crewmember)	GS 455/462-05	F181
29) Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Crewmember/Squad Leader)	GS 455/462-05	F182
30) Lead Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Squad Leader)	GS 455/462-06	F183
31) Range/Forestry Technician (Assistant Hotshot Crew Superintendent/Crew Leader)	GS 455/462-06	F184
32) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Superintendent)	GS 455/462-07	F185
33) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Superintendent)	GS 455/462-08	F186

34) Range/Forestry Technician (Assistant Hotshot Crew Superintendent)	GS 455/462-07	F188
35) Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)	GS 462-05	F241
36) Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)	GS 462-06	F242
37) Lead Forestry Technician (Smokejumper Squad Leader)	GS 462-07	F243
38) Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)	GS 462-07	F244

We have approved general coverage for the following position in the Secondary/Supervisory category.

<u>Position Title</u> (<u>Org. Title</u>)	<u>Series/</u> <u>Grade</u>	<u>PD#</u>
1) Supervisory Range/ Forestry Technician (Fire Station Manager, <u>Station Name</u> , Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-07	F124

We have approved general coverage for the following positions in the Secondary/Administrative category.

<u>Position Title</u> (<u>Org. Title</u>)	<u>Series/</u> <u>Grade</u>	<u>PD#</u>
1) Range/Forestry Technician (Aerial Fire Detection Specialist)	GS 455/462-05	F001
2) Range/Forestry Technician (Aerial Fire Detection Specialist)	GS 455/462-06	F002
3) Range/Forestry Technician (Aerial Fire Detection Specialist)	GS 455/462-07	F003

4) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Air Services Officer)	GS 455/462-07	F004
5) Range/Forestry Technician (Initial Attack Fire/Aviation Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-05	F021
6) Range/Forestry Technician (Initial Attack Fire/Aviation Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-06	F022
7) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Initial Attack Fire/Aviation Dispatch Supervisor)	GS 455/462-07	F023
8) Range/Forestry Technician (Initial Attack Fire/Aviation Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-07	F024
9) Range/Forestry Technician (EFF Crew Coordinator/ Crew Representative)	GS 455/462-08	F067
10) Range/Forestry Technician (Fire Prevention Officer)	GS 455/462-07	F101
11) Forestry Technician (Fuels Technician)	GS 462-07	F152
12) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Helicopter Specialist/Helitack Crew Supervisor)	GS 455/462-07	F165
13) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Hotshot Program Leader)	GS 455/462-09	F187
14) Range/Forestry Technician (Intelligence Officer)	GS 455/462-05	F201
15) Range/Forestry Technician (Intelligence Officer)	GS 455/462-06	F202

16) Range/Forestry Technician (Intelligence Officer)	GS 455/462-07	F203
17) Range/Forestry Technician (Maps and Records Officer)	GS 455/462-06	F204
18) Range/Forestry Technician (Logistics Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-05	F221
19) Range/Forestry Technician (Logistics Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-06	F222
20) Range/Forestry Technician (Logistics Coordinator)	GS 455/462-07	F223
21) Supervisory Range/Forestry Technician (Supervisory Logistics Dispatcher)	GS 455/462-07	F224
22) Range/Forestry Technician (Air Attack Boss)	GS 455/462-08	F005

Comments: This coverage applies only to employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and is effective as of November 21, 1990. Although a position is covered under CSRS, it is not necessarily covered under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). The agency head is authorized to make determinations regarding whether positions under FERS qualify as law enforcement officer or firefighter positions.

You had requested primary coverage for the position of Range/Forestry Technician (Air Attack Boss), GS 455/462-08, pd# F005, however we cannot concur with that determination. The duties of the position are similar to prior positions which have been granted general coverage in the secondary/administrative category. Therefore, we have granted general coverage in the secondary/administrative category for the position. If you do not agree with this determination you should notify the employees affected as outlined below.

Pursuant to Section 831.909, Code of Federal Regulations, effective January 19, 1988, you (the agency) are responsible for notifying each employee whose rights or interests are affected by the decision, that the decision may be individually reconsidered by OPM in accordance with Section 831.109. A request for reconsideration must follow the procedures in Section 831.908.

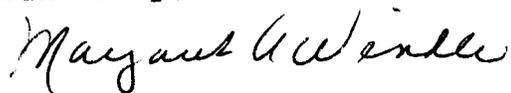
Notification to the employee should be accomplished within 30 days of your receipt of this decision, must be duly dated, and a copy must be entered as a permanent record in the employee's official personnel file. The time limit for requesting reconsideration is 30 days from the date of your notification to the affected employee. Please note that the request must be received in OPM within 30 calendar days of the date of your notification.

If the employee plans to submit additional evidence which is unavailable, he should not delay his request, just include a statement that additional evidence will be submitted under separate cover. The request for reconsideration should be addressed to:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Employee Service & Records Center
Attn: 6(c) Reconsideration
P.O. Box 45
Boyers, Pennsylvania 16020

We realize that position descriptions do not always reflect the actual duties and responsibilities of an individual. The request for reconsideration should include an explanation as to why the requirements of the position and duties performed were different than those reflected in the official position description. In an effort to fully document the claim for benefits under Section 8336(c), the employee bears the burden of proof with respect to credit. The employee must provide all necessary pertinent information including his claim and must submit the reconsideration request through the agency for its advisory opinion. Evidence can include old employment applications (SF-171'S), performance appraisals, supervisory statements, awards received, and any other evidence which you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,



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