

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of one season Firefighting (FFT2) is required to be considered for a position on the crew, however two seasons is preferred. Other desired experiences consist of chainsaw certification as an A, B or C faller (FALA/FALB/

FALC), Advanced Firefighter (FFT1), working towards or currently a Incident Commander Type 5 (ICT5), Emergency Medical Technician certification (EMT), and water handling experience. It is im-

portant to have experience in various fuel types and geographical regions. We like to select crewmembers with strong interpersonal and communication skills who have a love for challenging work, as well as a sincere commitment to the protection of the public and conservation of the environment and wildlife.



Aerial Firefighting



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www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale



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• Common mistakes when applying.

- 1. No resume' attached.**
- 2. More than 7 locations selected.**

INITIAL ATTACK

Equipment and resources assigned to Initial Attack in the Vale District include 17 fire engines (6 type 6 - light and 11 type 4 - heavy); a tactical water tender; a bulldozer; an exclusive use helicopter with nine person helitack crew; and an exclusive use Air Attack platform.

There are seven guard-stations positioned throughout the district: Baker, Burns Junction, Jordan Valley, Juntura, Snake River, Unity, and Vale.

On a 20 year average the Vale District averages 52 fires annually for 51,737 acres burned.



PHYSICAL FITNESS

Wildland Firefighting demands a high level of physical fitness to safely perform arduous, day-long work in difficult environmental conditions, including steep terrain, extreme temperatures, altitude, and smoke. Helitack adds the additional element of extended overnight periods and long-distance pack-outs. These conditions require firefighters be in above average physical condition. To safely perform the duties of the aerially-delivered firefighter, individuals must possess a level of fitness comparable to the following guidelines:

- 1.5 mile run in eleven minutes forty seconds
- Twenty-five push-ups in one minute
- Thirty sit-ups in one minute
- Seven full-extension pull-ups in one minute
- 80-pound pack-out over 1.5 miles of flat terrain in forty-five minutes

Physical Training is performed daily to maintain a high level of fitness during the fire season. The crew training program consists of one and one quarter hours of warm-up, cardiovascular training, muscular strength and endurance, stretching and cool down activities. The program outline is one day of group exercises, followed by one day of individual training, allowing the crewmember to develop a program specifically designed for his/her needs.

TRAINING

Training begins with physical fitness tests, Fire refresher training courses to include, Initial Attack, Procedures and Protocols, Chainsaw Refresher, Fire Refresher or Helitack Refresher, First Aid/CPR, S-271 and Interagency Helicopter Crewmember Training. Trainees are mentored and coached how to be a Helicopter Crewmember. Large fire support positions, such as Helispot Manager, Parking Tender, Cargo Loadmaster and other aviation positions are also available.



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