

## FF Special Retirement Coverage

Standard Position Description (SPD)# F 241

Certification of CSRS Primary (FF) coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed OPM general coverage certification letter dated 07/29/91.

Certification of FERS Primary-Rigorous (FF) coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed DOI general coverage certification sheet dated 10/02/91.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION** (Please Read Instructions on the Back)

1. Agency Position No.  
F241

2. Reason for Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Redescription <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reestablishment		3. Service <input type="checkbox"/> Hdqtrs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field		4. Employing Office Location		5. Duty Station		6. OPM Certification No.	
Explanation (Show any positions replaced)				7. Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonexempt		8. Financial Statements Required <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Financial Interests		9. Subject to IA Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
10. Position Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted (Specify in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> SES (Gen.) <input type="checkbox"/> SES (CR)				11. Position is: <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisory <input type="checkbox"/> Managerial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither		12. Sensitivity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Non-Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Critical Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Noncritical Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Special Sensitive		13. Competitive Level Code	
								14. Agency Use	

15. Classified/Graded by	Official Title of Position	Pay Plan	Occupational Code	Grade	Initials	Date
a. U.S. Office of Personnel Management						
b. Department, Agency or Establishment						
c. Second Level Review	Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)	GS	462	05		11/21/90
d. First Level Review						
e. Recommended by Supervisor or Initiating Office	Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)	GS	462	05	mlh	05-25-90

16. Organizational Title of Position (if different from official title)  
Smokejumper

17. Name of Employee (if vacant, specify)

18. Department, Agency, or Establishment DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		c. Third Subdivision	
a. First Subdivision Bureau of Land Management		d. Fourth Subdivision	
b. Second Subdivision		e. Fifth Subdivision	

19. Employee Review—This is an accurate description of the major duties and responsibilities of my position.

Signature of Employee (optional)

b. Supervisory Certification. I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that this information is to be used for statutory purposes relating to appointment and payment of public funds, and that false or misleading statements may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.

a. Typed Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor		b. Typed Name and Title of Higher-Level Supervisor or Manager (optional) L. BARKOW Ch Fire & Aviation	
Signature	Date	Signature (signed) L. BARKOW	Date JAN 18 1991

21. Classification/Job Grading Certification. I certify that this position has been classified/graded as required by Title 5, U.S. Code, in conformance with standards published by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or, if no published standards apply directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.

22. Position Classification Standards Used in Classifying/Grading Position  
GS-455/462

21. Typed Name and Title of Official Taking Action  
JULIET D. POWELL  
Personnel Management Specialist

Signature: Juliet D Powell Date: 11/21/90

Information for Employees. The standards, and information on their application are available in the personnel office. The classification of the position may be reviewed and corrected by the agency or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Information on classification/job grading appeals, and complaints on exemption from FLSA, is available from the personnel office or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

23. Position Review	Initials	Date								
a. Employee (optional)										
b. Supervisor										
c. Classifier										

24. Remarks  
SUBJECT TO DRUG TESTING

Special Retirement Coverage:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Firefighter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSRS: date approved 7/29/91
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FERS: date approved 10/27/91
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary/Ingruous	<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary/Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary/Supervisory

Forestry Technician (Smokejumper), GS-462-5  
Smokejumper  
Position No. F241

### INTRODUCTION

This position is located in a BLM fire suppression organization. The primary purpose of this position is to receive extensive training and parachute into inaccessible areas for the purpose of suppressing wildfires.

### DUTIES

Receives extensive training in the use of parachutes in jumping over forest and mountainous terrain landing in timber, open, or on rough ground. Learns the use of smokejumper parachute equipment, parachute deployment, emergency procedures, and techniques of parachuting into rugged timber terrain. Also receives additional training in methods used in initial attack and mop-up of wildland fires which includes experience in the use of chain saws, portable pumps, and hand tools as well as training in helicopter use and the proper use of retardant delivered by bombers.

Parachutes over forest and mountainous terrain or other areas landing in timber, open, or on rough ground. Upon landing, acts as "smokechaser" in the suppression of forest fires. Uses a variety of hand tools, chain saws, portable pumps and other equipment in suppressing fires. Participates in extinguishing hot spots, building fire line, and other actions to suppress fires.

May be assigned as a firefighting crewmember on large fires in positions re-  
carded for.

Performs other duties as assigned (Not to exceed 20% of the time during normal fire years).

### FACTORS

#### Factor 1, Knowledge Required by the Position

Knowledge of firefighting methods, tactics and procedures to be used in various types of fuels and under a variety of weather and terrain conditions. Prior line firefighting experience is required.

The employee must have the ability to learn and carry out regularly recurring parachuting procedures including safety checks, exiting aircraft, guiding parachute for identified land targets considering wind and drift conditions, emergency actions in case of parachute malfunction, let down procedures from tall trees, and cargo retrieval techniques.

Skill in use, maintenance, and routine repair of hand and power tools such as Pulaski, shovel, crosscut saw, chain saw, and portable pumps is required to build fireline and control wildfire.

Knowledge of accepted safety practices and procedures.

Knowledge of first aid procedures to assist in providing emergency care and transport of injured crewmembers.

Ability to communicate with others in emergency situations.

Factor 2, Supervisory Controls

Works under the close supervision of skilled smokejumpers and squad leaders. Work guidance and direction is provided requiring the use of standard procedures and practices.

Factor 3, Guidelines

As a member of a firefighting crew, guidelines are provided on what is to be done by the work leader/supervisor. The employee may be assigned to carry out routine firefighting duties independently at locations separate from the work leader/supervisor which require some analyzing of facts and determination of which of several alternatives to use.

Factor 4, Complexity

The employee must be able to carry out a variety of parachuting and firefighting operations following established procedures and precedents. Some adaptation of the methods and procedures for routine firefighting assignments may be necessary.

Factor 5, Scope and Effect

The primary purpose of this position is to receive training and carry out parachuting to and suppressing wildfires. The work performed by this employee will contribute to the effectiveness of the crew in suppressing wildfires in a safe and economical manner.

Factor 6, Personal Contacts

The primary contacts of this position are with coworkers in the fire organization.

Factor 7, Purpose of Contacts

The purpose of the personal contacts are primarily to receive and provide information on the assignments.

Factor 8, Physical Demands

The work involves extreme physical exertion in parachuting to fires, carrying 110 pound packs for up to 10 miles through rugged terrain, and for working up to 20 hour shifts on fire lines. This employee is subject to the established step test and arduous physical requirements for smokejumpers.

Factor 9, Work Environment

The majority of the work is performed out of doors in a wide variety of weather and terrain conditions or in a crowded smokejumper airplane without seats or seat belts. Employee is often assigned to field sites in isolated locations under primitive conditions. Employee risks death or serious injury during parachute jumps, low flying cargo dropping, or firefighting. The work requires a variety of safety gear and precautions.