Temporary NTE 1039 hours Positions

The Yuba River Ranger District on the Tahoe National Forest is outreaching for Temporary Forestry Aid for our 2016 Pendola Fire Restoration Workforce, with the duty location of Camptonville, California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity. This position will be advertised at the GS-0462-03 level, located in Camptonville, CA. The position will be posted in the USAJobs Website (www.usajobs.gov). More than one position will be filled at this level.

Announcement #: Please contact us for more information. (See Reverse Side)
Title: Forestry Aid
Series: GS-0462
Grade: GS-03
Forest: Tahoe National Forest
Duty Station: Camptonville, CA  95922
Open: 5/16/2016
Closes: 5/22/2016

This position is established on a Forest Service Unit. The position serves as a crewmember of a fuels management crew.

Major Duties:
Serves as a member of a fuels management crew assigned to perform fuels management work and suppress wildland fires. This includes cutting and hand piling brush and trees, prescribed burning, fireline construction, preparing control lines prior to burning, assisting with hoselays, working in and around aircraft, and mop-up. Uses a variety of hand and power tools, including chainsaws, firing equipment, and portable pumps. Gathers data and records information on fuel and weather conditions. Cleans, maintains, reconditions, and stores tools and equipment. May perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance. Performs other duties as assigned.

Position prefers applicant to be “fireline” qualified.

Working Conditions:
The work requires regular and protracted periods of considerable and strenuous physical exertion such as carrying or lifting heavy objects (over 50 pounds); hacking passages through dense vegetation. Work may require some agility and dexterity sufficient to walk over wet, rough, or uneven surfaces. Work may involve bending, crouching, stooping, lifting, stretching, reaching, or similar activities. Work is performed outdoors where terrain may be steep, uneven, rocky, and covered with dense vegetation. The duration of the activity contributes to the arduous nature of the job.

The work environment involves high risks with regular and recurring exposure to potentially dangerous situations or unusual environmental stress where high risk factors exist which cannot be reasonably controlled. For example, working at great heights under extreme weather conditions, or working closely with toxins or dangerous pests or animals such as poisonous snakes, where safety precautions cannot completely eliminate the danger. Climate ranges from extremely dry to extremely wet and from hot to cold. Rain, snow, wind, or dust may be encountered.

The work will require the use of protective clothing and footwear.

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About the Forest:
The Tahoe NF is 850,000 acres located in the north central Sierra Nevada Range between Lake Tahoe and the Sacramento Valley. The land rises from an elevation of 1,500 feet in the Sierra foothills on the west to 9,400 feet along the rugged ridges of the Sierra Crest. Interstate 80 and Highways 20 and 49 crisscross the Forest and offer year-round access. The forest has served as the gateway to the Pacific since the first pioneers crossed the plains in search of the riches of the California gold fields in the 1840s. This history is still much in evidence, as local communities have retained the flavor and character of their Gold Rush origins. The Forest is truly one of multiple uses. Timber and biomass harvest continues to be viable in the Gold Country. It is also a very important recreation forest. Wilderness and Wild River uses, Western States Trail, off-highway vehicle use, hiking, camping, fishing, rafting and kayaking are popular local activities. Mining is still popular today with about 1500 active claims on the Forest. Water issues are also becoming increasingly important as rivers that originate in the Forest provide water to local communities as well as the Reno, Sacramento and Southern California areas.

Considered one of the most desirable places to live in California, Grass Valley and its companion city of Nevada City, offers the amenities of a much larger community, as well as a rural setting. Numerous medical services including a full service Hospital, a community college and several live theaters are also available. Western Nevada County has a population of about 50,000 although the incorporated area of Nevada City is 3,000 and Grass Valley is 10,000+. Housing prices range from $250,000 to $650,000. Apartment / House rentals range from $800.00 and up. Pines, oaks, and maples as well as numerous reservoirs and streams surround these attractive foothill towns. The average rainfall is about 55 inches. An occasional snow occurs during the winter, but does not remain long. Summers range from 85 - 100 degrees. Within less than 30 minutes commuting distance are the communities of Colfax, Cedar Ridge, Penn Valley, Lake of the Pines and Alta Sierra. Within approximately 45 minutes commuting distance are the communities Auburn and Downieville. Truckee is approximately a 1 hour drive (in good weather) over the Sierra Crest from Nevada City.

The District office is located in Camptonville, California, a small town on scenic Highway 49 in the Gold Country. The town of Camptonville (population 400) has a volunteer fire department, a K-8 grade school, a post office, one church, and one small mini market. With an elevation of about 2,500 feet winters are mild and summers are pleasant. Barrack space is limited and may not be available.

Many employees live in the Nevada City/Grass Valley area (population 40,000) located 25 miles south, while a few others live in Downieville, a small community 25 miles to the east. Nevada City/Grass Valley is a full service semi-urban area, offering many elementary schools, high schools, restaurants, shopping centers, churches, grocery stores, movie theaters, etc. From Grass Valley it is approximately 90 miles to Reno, Nevada- 60 miles to Sacramento; and 150 miles to San Francisco. Lake Tahoe and abundant skiing opportunities are about 70 miles to the east.

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