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Federal Firefighting Agencies Recruiting for Summer Firefighters

Reno, Nev.—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Forest Service are accepting applications for summer seasonal firefighting and dispatching positions for the 2009 fire season at locations nationwide, including the Elko area and other duty stations across Nevada. Applications must be submitted no later than January 20, 2009 to receive first consideration for most positions.

The Elko BLM District Office is recruiting for positions on engine crews at stations in Elko, Carlin, and Wells. In addition, Elko BLM is recruiting for positions on the Ruby Mountain Hotshot crew and the Elko Helitack crew. Government housing may be available at these stations depending on location. Salary for these positions ranges from \$9.18 to \$15.59 per hour depending on experience, with a normal term of employment from June 1 through mid-September. Selected applicants for BLM positions must complete a pre-employment drug screen and physical examination prior to appointment, and are subject to random drug screen testing during their period of employment.

Applications for BLM and Forest Service firefighting and dispatch positions nationwide must be submitted using the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS website (www.usajobs.opm.gov). To learn more about fire and aviation employment opportunities and access a link to the USAJOBS website, interested applicants should call the Elko BLM Fire Information Hotline at 775-753-0301, or visit the Elko BLM Fire and Aviation website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko/fire.

The U.S. Forest Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, is also recruiting for engine crew member positions for the upcoming fire season at various outstations. The Mountain City Ranger District, Elko Office is recruiting for positions on the Mountain City engine stationed at Gold Creek Guard Station near Mountain City. Interested applicants may apply for these positions beginning December 1, 2008. Vacancies are posted on the USAJobs website, with links to the AVUE website to submit an application for these Forest Service fire positions.

Selected applicants for primary firefighter positions with the BLM or Forest Service must also pass the "pack test" after entering on duty. This test consists of a 3-mile walk over flat terrain carrying a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes or less.

The Eastern Nevada Agency (ENA) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is also recruiting for on-call firefighters and camp crew help for the 2009 fire season. Applications are available at the front desk at the Elko BLM Office, 3900 E. Idaho St. in Elko, and are also available from the Elko BLM Fire and Aviation website at www.nv.blm.gov/elko/fire. Applications must be completed by both new applicants and returning ENA employees and returned to the Elko BLM Field Office no later than April 24, 2009. For more information about ENA on-call firefighting positions, call the hotline at 775-753-0301.

There will be a Job Fair at the Elko BLM office during the holiday season to assist interested applicants with the application processes (including computers available to apply online) on January 7, 2009 from 6-8 p.m.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age (16 years old for ENA camp crew positions). The federal government is an equal opportunity employer, and all applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, color, age, sex, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, handicap or other non-merit factors.

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