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**JUNE 2011**

**Two (2) WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM POSITIONS**

***Apply by AUGUST 1, 2011***

**Wildland Firefighter Apprentice, GS 462-3/4/5**

**2 positions (location—Clovis)**

**Vacancy announcement (VA) #: 11-R5-WFAP-345DP will be open June 17 through August 1, 2011. Mark “CLOVIS” as the location.**

**Duties:** Serves on a crew performing duties in fire suppression and/or fire prevention. Performs prescribed burning crew duties in order to reduce fuel hazards and disease, while protecting wildlife. Assists fire dispatch by operating radios, telephones, and other equipment that is used to exchange information for fire weather information or other suppression related activities. Lays fire hose in the use of water to control fire. Moves dirt, chops brush, and fells small trees to build fire line using various hand tools such as an axe, shovel, Pulaski, and McLeod to control spreading wildland fire and/or to prepare lines prior to controlled burning. Chops, carries, and piles logging slash. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump. Patrols fire line to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that may threaten loss of control of the fire. Cleans, reconditions, and stores simple fire tools and equipment. When not engaged in fire suppression or training activities, Forestry Technicians perform basic duties in support of fire, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research programs, projects, or activities. These duties may include road, trail, station, recreational facilities maintenance, visitor contacts and other duties as assigned.

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**Contact Information**: If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete the attached interest form and send to Pedro Martinez by email to pmartinez01@fs.fed.us, by FAX **559-294-4809** or US Mail:

**Hard Copy:** Sierra National Forest

 1600 Tollhouse Road

 Clovis, CA 93611

**FAX:** 559-294-4809

**Phone:** 559-297-0706 ext 4975

**How to Apply: This position is currently being advertised. Please complete application process by AUGUST 1, 2011. Following is information to access the vacancy announcements.**

**TO DIRECTLY ACCESS AVUE: https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html**

**Apply to Vacancy announcement:** **11-R5-WFAP-345DP**

**Community and surrounding areas**: The Sierra National Forest lies in Central California, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. This 1.3 million acre National Forest is bounded on the south by the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park and on the north by Yosemite National Park. The Supervisor's Office (SO) is located in Clovis, California.

The surrounding area offers endless opportunities for recreation, including camping, fishing, sailing, waterskiing, whitewater rafting and kayaking, off highway vehicle routes, skiing, hiking, backpacking, hunting and horseback riding.

The SO is located in Clovis, with a population of approximately 95,000. It is midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles tucked inside the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley. It is easy to find located adjacent to Fresno. There are about 40 churches in Clovis of various denominations. The Clovis Unified School District, one of the highest rated school districts in the State, offers 34 elementary schools, six intermediate schools, and eight high schools. The average cost of a home is $250,000. Apartments can be rented from $575 to $1800 per month. We have 195 sunshine days, 71 partly cloudy, and 99 cloudy. Temperatures in the winter usually range from 36 low to 54 high, though few nights can get down below freezing. In the summer temperatures range from 64 to 97, with several days over 100 degrees.

Fresno is adjacent to Clovis. Its population is approximately 500,000 with a variety of amenities. The average cost of a home is $230,000. Rental rates range from $500 to $1800 a month for 3-bedroom homes and from $475 to $1700 for 2-bedroom apartments. Its symphony, local theatre companies, music and dance productions distinguish Fresno as a city with access to a wide variety of cultural events. Fresno Unified School District is the fifth largest district in California which includes Fresno City College, 61 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, and eight high schools. California State University Fresno is located on Shaw and Cedar, approximately 5 miles from Clovis.

For more information about the Sierra National Forest, and the Clovis and Fresno areas, check these websites:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra>

<http://www.visitclovis.com/index.html>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Clovis-California.html>

<http://www.villageprofile.com/california/fresno/main.html>

Employment outreach notifications for the Sierra National Forest and other California forests can be found at: http://outreach.fsr5.com/.

**OUTREACH NOTICE FORM - SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST**

**Respond by July 31, 2011**

**Date You Received This Notice\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Position of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Locations of Interest: \_\_\_Supervisor’s Office, \_\_\_All SNF locations**

**Level of Interest: \_\_\_\_Just inquiring, \_\_\_\_Considering, \_\_\_Planning to Apply**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Telephone Number(s): Work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and/or Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Agency Employed With: \_\_\_\_\_\_USFS, \_\_\_\_\_BLM, \_\_\_\_Other? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Type of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_\_Permanent \_\_\_\_\_\_Temporary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_TERM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_VRA\_\_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other**

**Current Organization/Region/Forest/District\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current Position Title/Series/Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Current Working Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you qualify for the series/grades which are indicated above?**

**YES\_\_\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_\_\_\_UNKNOWN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?**

**\_\_\_\_\_Person With Disabilities**

**\_\_\_\_\_Student Career Experience Program**

**\_\_\_\_\_Disabled Veterans W/30% Compensable Disability**

**\_\_\_\_\_Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998**

**\_\_\_\_\_Veteran Readjustment eligible**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corps**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Other**

**SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!**

U.S. FOREST SERVICE – Region 5 (California)

Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program

**(WFAP)**

**Application Period: June 17- August 1, 2011**

This premier basic Wildland entry-level firefighting program is a 3,000 hour on-the-job learning program including two month-long residential firefighting academies at the Wildland Fire Training Center in McClellan, California. Applicants will be eligible for noncompetitive promotions to the GS-462-5 Forestry Technician “Firefighter Type 1” without further competition, upon completion of program requirements. Some positions may require a Commercial Driver’s license. Apprentices may be subject to random drug testing. Initial appointments are permanent seasonal: guaranteed 13 pay periods (6 months) plus 2 pay periods as needed. Upon completion of all program requirements, participants will be reassigned to a Permanent Full Time (PFT) position on a specific Module/Crew. Pay scales and availability of government provided housing will vary by geographic locations. Selectees must be able to meet the arduous fitness level and complete a Work Capacity Test consisting of a 3 mile hike within 45 minutes carrying a 45 pound pack. Applicants must be at least 18 and under 37 years of age. US Citizenship and a High School graduate or GED are required. Selectees are required to maintain a valid State Driver’s License. For more information on the Apprenticeship program requirements go to [www.wfap.net](http://www.wfap.net)

**Veterans** are encouraged to apply on the Avue web site under the Demo Authority (DP) where Veterans Preference is applied to eligible applicants. You must submit a DD-214 if you are claiming Veteran’s Preference. An age waiver may be granted to eligible Veterans who can meet the arduous physical standards of the position. Veteran applicants *may* qualify for funding under the GI Bill.

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To apply for the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program (WFAP) GS-462-3/4/5 you must submit the on line application **no later than August 1, 2011**, to be considered for these positions.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Apply through the AVUE Digital Services on-line application system – <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com//usfa/applicant.html> You may also access the vacancy announcements through USAJOBS – <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/> - and note, you will be redirected to apply through the AVUE website. Specific information about the position can be found under the listing “Position Description” at both the AVUE and USAJOBS websites**.** PLEASE READ VACANCY ANNOUNMENT COMPLETELY AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.  **Check out the “Talent Community” link and the “Wildland Firefighting” discussion for helpful hints from the Avue Home page.** Applicants may select up to 9 specific Forests/locations where you would be willing to accept a job offer. There may not be a second offer at a more desirable location. All applicants are encouraged to attach a list of up to 9 preferred Avue cities in **priority order** – in addition to selecting from the Avue drop down menu. Specific duty locations have been consolidated under the National Forest Headquarter location. The nature of the WFAP may require a selectee to move to different duty locations to gain expertise and complete program requirements across the Forest.

**Due to budget uncertainties, specific numbers and locations of positions are not available at this time. Apply to locations that you would accept a job offer.**

**Selections for Apprentice positions will be made the week of September 19, 2011**

**To receive additional assistance in understanding the hiring process, contact the California Region 5, Fire Recruiter, Rita Yates at (530) 621-5288, Cell (707) 334-1394, or Email** **ryates@fs.fed.us**

**FOREST Consolidated Duty Locations and Local Contact Information:**

**Angeles National Forest** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **ARCADIA** in Avue: Arcadia, Glendora, La Canada-Flintridge, Lancaster, San Fernando, Saugus, Valyermo.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer –Theresa DeLaTorre 626-574-5245. Fire Point of Contact – Tracy McGuff 818-899-4516

**Cleveland National Forest** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cleveland/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **San Diego** in Avue: Alpine, Corona, El Cajon, Ramona.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Ronald Cortez 858-673-6180 Ext 3106. Fire Point of Contact –Lisa Bilz 619-557-5262

**Eldorado National Forest** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **PLACERVILLE** in Avue: Georgetown, Grizzly Flats, Kyburz, Pioneer, Placerville, Pollock Pines.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Thomas Nichols 530-621-5203. Fire Point of Contact – Michelle Tanzi 530-621-5209

**Inyo National Forest** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **BISHOP** in Avue: Bishop, Independence, June Lake, Lee Vining, Lone Pine, Mammoth Lakes, Tom’s Place.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer (Vacant), Forest Administrative Officer – Julie Hall 760-873-2470. Fire Point of Contact – Dan O’Keefe 760-873-2574

**Klamath National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/klamath> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **YREKA** in Avue: Callahan, Fort Jones, Happy Camp, Klamath River, Mount Hebron, Macdoel, Scott Bar, Seiad Valley, Yreka.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Barbara Stagg 530-841-4489. Fire Point of Contact – Jamie Tarne 530-841-4443

**Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/ltbmu/> To be considered for the following Duty Location , select **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE** in Avue: South Lake Tahoe.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Adrian Escobedo 530-543-2758. Fire Point of Contact – Mike Simmons 775-749-1802

**Lassen National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/lassen> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **SUSANVILLE** in Avue: Chester, Fall River Mills, Forest Ranch, Hat Creek, Manzanita Lake, Mineral, Old Station, Susanville.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Michael A Green 530-525-6603. Fire Point of Contact – Walter Malena 530-257-5575

**Los Padres National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/lpnf> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **Goleta** in Avue: Arroyo Grande, Big Sur, Carpinteria, Fillmore, Frazier Park, Goleta, Greenfield, Jolon, King City, Los Olivos, New Cuyama, Ojai, Piru, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Santa Margarita, Santa Ynez.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Sarah Majdiak 805-961-5748. Fire Point of Contact – Sheryl Woods 805--455-5917 or 805-605-4995

**Mendocino National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/mendocino> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **WILLOWS** in Avue: Covelo, Elk Creek, Paskenta, Stonyford, Upper Lake, Willows.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Barbara Leach 530-934-1103. Fire Point of Contact – Jesse Roach 530-934-1142

**Modoc National Forest** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/modoc/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **ALTURAS** in Avue: Adin, Alturas, Canby, Cedarville, Tulelake.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Mario Longoria 530-233-8716. Fire Point of Contact – Tyler Otterson 530-640-0442

**Plumas National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/plumas> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **QUINCY** in Avue: Beckworth, Belden, Berry Creek, Blairsden, Challenge, Chilcoot, Greenville, Doyle, Milford, Quincy, Strawberry Valley.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Sonya M Jones 530-283-7891. Fire Point of Contacts – Pete Duncan 530-283-7831 or Kris Levitoff 530-283-7845

**San Bernardino National Forest** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **SAN BERNARDINO** in Avue: Big Bear City, Fawnskin, Idyllwild, Lytle Creek, Mentone, Skyforest.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Ronald Cortez 858 673-6180 Ext 3106. Fire Point of Contact – Eric Sweetman 909-382-2894

**Sequoia National Forest** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **PORTERVILLE** in Avue: Bakersfield, Blackrock, California Hot Springs, Dunlap, Glenville, Havilah, Hume, Johnsondale, Kernville, Pinehurst, Porterville, Springville, Wofford Heights, Lake Isabella.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Paulla Stephens 559-784-1500. Fire Point of Contact – Maribel Moreno (559) 782-3120 Ext 716

**Shasta-Trinity National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/stnf> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **REDDING** in Avue: Burnt Ranch, Big Bar, Hayfork, Hyampom, Junction City, Lewiston, McCloud, Mount Shasta, Platina, Redding, Trinity Center, Weaverville.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Marilyn Loughrey 530-226-2367. Fire Point of Contact – Walter Bunt 530-226-2383

**Sierra National Forest** <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **CLOVIS** in Avue: Big Creek, Dinky Creek, Fish Camp, Fresno, Mariposa, North Fork, Oakhurst, Prather, Tollhouse, Trimmer, Clovis.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Mary McDonough 559- 297-0706 Ext 4880. Fire Point of Contact – Theresa Rendon 559-297-0706 Ext 4905

**Six Rivers National Forest** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sixrivers/> <http://fs.usda.gov/snrf> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **EUREKA** in Avue: Eureka, Fortuna, Gasquet, Mad River, Orleans, Ruth, Salyer, Willow Creek, Zenia.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Kathy Allen 707441-3557. Fire Point of Contact – Jesse Knox 707-441-35514

**Stanislaus National Forest** <http://fs.usda.gov/stanislaus> To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **SONORA** in Avue: Groveland, Hathaway Pines, Mi-Wuk Village, Pinecrest, Sonora.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Michael Perez 209-532-3671 Ext 425. Fire Point of Contact – Tracy Stelman 209-532-3671 Ext 272

**Tahoe National Forest** [http://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/) To be considered for the following Duty Locations, select **NEVADA CITY** in Avue: Camptonville, Downieville, Forest Hill, Loyalton, Nevada City, Sierraville, Soda Springs, Truckee.

Contacts for Specific information regarding current vacancies: Forest Civil Rights Officer – Mike Cruz 530-414-1644. Fire Point of Contact – Donn Thane 530-478-6270

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