

Bridger-Teton National Forest Grand Teton National Park



Outreach Notice Teton Fire Module Bridger-Teton National Forest/Grand Teton National Park Moran, Wyoming

The Bridger-Teton National Forest is planning to fill 3 temporary seasonal positions on the Teton Fire Module for the 2012 summer season. Positions are being advertised at the GS-04 (GS-0462-4) level with a duty station in Moran, Wyoming on the Buffalo Ranger District of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. ***For additional information please visit our website at <http://www.tetonfires.com> or contact James Ramirez by phone at 307-543-3907 or email at jamesramirez@fs.fed.us.***

Positions are advertised through the AVUE website (<http://www.avuedigitalservices.com>) and will be filled utilizing the following Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements:

Forestry Technician (Handcrew)
OCRT-462-4-HANDCREW-DT

Duty Station: Moran, WY

Referral lists to be pulled on approximately February 13, 2012.

THE POSITION:

The Teton Fire Module is interagency in its composition and mission working for the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park. It specializes in fuels reduction projects, hazard tree removal, wildland fire suppression, prescribed fire preparation and implementation, and managing fire for resource benefit. The Module consists of one GS-7 Crew Supervisor, two GS-6 13/13 Squad Leaders and 8-9 crew members. While working on Forest and Park projects, crewmembers routinely work long days that include hiking, heavy lifting, and extensive use of hand tools, chainsaws, and other equipment. Some projects are away from the duty station requiring the crew to camp at the project site. The Module is also available for wildfire assignments using a wide range of tools and skills to complete a variety of fire management objectives. Assignments may include ignition, suppression, monitoring, and data collection utilizing everything from chainsaws and drip torches to computers, weather stations, and motion-sensing cameras. Fire assignments last up to 18 days, prior to a day off, and are generally spent camping near the fire with few amenities. Whether on project work or wildfires crewmembers routinely are hiking on steep mountain terrain carrying approximately 45 lbs in gear. Due to the physical nature of this position it is imperative that crewmembers show up in excellent physical shape to prevent injuries.

Work Capacity Test (WCT)

Taking and passing the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a “condition of employment”. The Arduous fitness (Pack) test requires completing a 3 mile hike within 45 minutes while carrying a 45 pound pack.

DUTY STATION

Blackrock Ranger Station is located on the Buffalo Ranger District 40 miles North of Jackson and 8 miles east of Moran, Wyoming. The District manages approximately 750,000 acres of National Forest System lands, 585,486 acres of which are within the Teton Wilderness. The area is extremely beautiful with the Teton Range in full view from most of the District. There is an abundance of wildlife such as moose, elk, mule deer, grizzly bear, black bear, and trumpeter swan, which adds to the beauty and grandeur.

The Blackrock Ranger Station is comprised of the Ranger District office and the Forest Service Compound on which the District operations are centered. There are four permanent employee residences, seasonal bunkhouses for 20 individuals, and six trailer pads with full hookups. Permanent housing in the Buffalo Valley is sparse and is in the \$400,000 range for ½ acre 3 bedroom dwelling. There is government housing available with this position.

The closest towns to Blackrock are Jackson and Dubois, each approximately 40 miles away. With a population of approximately 8000, Jackson is a full service community with shopping, hospital, movie theaters and an airport. Dubois is much smaller, with a population of 2,000, and has basic services. The nearest major city is Idaho Falls, (2 hour drive) with a population of 150,000.

THE BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST

At 3.4 million acres the Bridger-Teton is the second largest National Forest in the United States outside Alaska. It lies in Western Wyoming adjoining Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the largest remaining area of undeveloped land in the 48 conterminous United States. The area is known for its spectacular scenery, rugged mountains, and abundant wildlife.

The Forest contains the headwaters of 4 major river basins: the Yellowstone (Missouri/Mississippi Basin); Snake (Columbia); Green (Colorado); and the Bear River (Great Basin). Seven major mountain ranges are found within the Forest Boundaries. These mountain ranges are part of the northern Rocky Mountains including parts of the striking Teton Range and Wind River Mountains.

The Forest borders Jackson Hole, famous in the history of early explorers and fur traders, and winter home of the well-known Jackson elk herd. The Forest, with its Supervisor's Office in Jackson, is composed of the Jackson, Blackrock, Pinedale, Big Piney, Greys River, and Kemmerer Ranger Districts.

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Teton NP encompasses the Teton mountain range and a portion of the valley of Jackson Hole protecting both the scenic beauty of the alpine environment and the historic setting of fur trappers and early western settlement.

Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest offer an abundance of recreational opportunities including: skiing, hiking, fishing, mountain biking, backpacking, rafting, and world-class mountaineering.