



OUTREACH NOTICE



Payette National Forest Multiple Wildland Fire Positions GW-0456-03 to 09 Multiple Duty Locations

The Payette National Forest will soon be filling numerous permanent wildland fire positions with duty locations in Weiser, Council, New Meadows, McCall, and Yellow Pine, Idaho.

This notification is being circulated to inform interested applicants of upcoming opportunities.

Application period for these positions will be August 24th – September 22nd 2026.

Apply to positions at: www.usajobs.gov.

All applicants must attach a current copy of their IQCS Master Record or equivalent to their USAJOBS application showing that they meet the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) qualification requirements, and their most recent performance evaluation. Recommended documentation file type is .pdf or .docx. For more information on IFPM and FSFPM qualifications refer to the IFPM web page at [Interagency Fire Program Management Standard \(IFPM\) | US Forest Service](#)

Currently vacant positions and positions that have the potential to become vacant and backfilled during the selection weeks are listed in this outreach and on the [R4 Fire Hire web page](#). Candidates are encouraged to apply to any position that they are interested in. All positions are being filled using Direct Hire Authority.

Selections and job offers for positions will be made during the Region 4 Centralized Fire Hire event; GW 08/09 selections November 16th -20th and GS 03-07 December 1st -11th 2026. During selection weeks, applicants will be given **4 hours** to respond to voicemails or emails from the recommending officials.

In order to qualify for most of these positions, you must meet qualifications requirements as defined by IFPM at the time of selection. An updated Master Record can be submitted at the time of selection if the IFPM/FS-FPM requirements are not met on the Master Record at the time of application.

Relocation/Recruitment incentives may be available.

CURRENTLY VACANT PAYETTE NF FIRE HIRE POSITIONS

08/2026

# Vacant	Grade/Series/Tour of Duty	Position, Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
TARGET GRADE GS-09 Positions					
1	GW-0456-08/09 26/0	T1 WFM Captain	Council	27-FIRE-P1VA-HCRWSUP-89DH	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
2	GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO Fuels	Council or Weiser, ID McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-89DH	Nicholas Schriener 208-739-3719 nicholas.r.schriener@usda.gov Laurel Ingram 208-634-0623 Laurel.ingram@usda.gov
TARGET GRADE GS-08 Positions					
1	GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
1	GW-0456 07/08 26/0	Smokejumper Spotter	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-78DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0383 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
Target Grade GS-07 Positions					
1	GW-0456-07 18/8	Smokejumper Squad Leader	McCall, ID	26-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-7DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0383 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
Target Grade GS-06 Positions					
1	GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Smokejumper	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-56DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0383 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
1	GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Assistant IA mod. Leader	McCall, ID	26-FIRE-P1R14610-HCREW-56DH	James Norvell 208-849-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov
Target Grade GS-05 Positions **					
3	GS-0462-03/04/05 18/8	Senior Firefighter Helitack	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Andy Guest 208-315-5224 andy.guest@usda.gov
***	GW-0456-03/04 18/8	Firefighter	McCall, ID New Meadows, ID Weiser, ID Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFTR-34DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov James Norvell 208-849-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov
3	GS-0462-03/04/05 18/8	Senior Firefighter Handcrew and Engine	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFTR-34DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov

** Positions listed as Senior Firefighter may also be filled either Helitack, Engine or Handcrew.

***27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFTR-34DH Management may use this announcement to fill Senior Firefighter position if needed.

ALL PAYETTE NF FIRE HIRE POSITIONS

Fire Hire positions at the Payette Interagency Dispatch Center:

Grade/Series/ Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	Asst. Center Manager	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R1-ADISPCM-89DH	Molly Booth 208-469-1088 molly.booth@usda.gov
GW-0456- 04/05/06/07 18/8	Initial Attack Dispatcher	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-IADISP-4567DH	Molly Booth 208-469-1088 molly.booth@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions at the Payette Airtanker Base:

Grade/Series/ Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	Airtanker Base Manager	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-AIRTNKB-89DH	Scott Sterett 208-634-6791 scott.sterett@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 18/8	Airtanker Base Assistant	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-AIRTNKB-78DH	Michael Bassett 208-634-0357 michael.bassett@usda.gov

Fire Hire Positions at the McCall Smokejumper Base:

Grade/Series/ Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	Smokejumper Asst. Manager	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SSMKJMP-89DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0801 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 18/8	Smokejumper Spotter	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-78DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0801 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
GW-0456-07 18/8	Smokejumper Squad Leader	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-7DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0801 christopher.haynes@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Smokejumper	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-SMKJMP-56DH	Todd Haynes 208-634-0801 christopher.haynes@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions on the Council Ranger District:

Grade/Series/ Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO	Council	27-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	T1 WFM Captain	Council	27-FIRE-P1VA-HCRWSUP-89DH	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO Fuels	Council or Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-89DH	Nicholas Schriener 208-739-3719 Nicholas.r.schriener@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	District/Zone Fuels Tech	Council or Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-67DH	Nicholas Schriener 208-739-3719 Nicholas.schriener@usda.gov

GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	Fire Prevention Tech	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-PREV2-67DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 26/0	Supervisory Fire Engine Operator	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SFEOH-78DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Engine Operator	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FEOH-67DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 18/8	Assistant Wildland Fire Module	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HCREWT1-78DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Engine Senior Firefighter	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Engine Squad Leader (AFEO)	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-AFEO-56DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Handcrew Squadleader	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-HCREW-56DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Handcrew SRFF	Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Ray Bilbao 208-789-4259 ray.bilbao@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions on the Weiser Ranger District:

Grade/Series/ Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO	Weiser	27-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Prevention Tech	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-PREV2-67DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 26/0	Supervisory Fire Engine Operator	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SFEOH-78DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Engine Operator	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FEOH-67DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Engine Squad Leader (AFEO)	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-AFEO-56DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Engine Senior Firefighter/	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Senior Fuels Tech	Weiser or Council, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFUELS-8DH	Christian Ramirez 208-549-4210 christian.ramirez@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	Weiser, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	Aaron Bell 208-866-6171 aaron.bell@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions on the New Meadows Ranger District:

Grade/Series/Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO Fuels	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-89DH	Will Woods 406-396-1057 will.woods@usda.gov
GW-0456-09 26/0	Helitack Manager	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HLTAKMGR-9DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Prevention Tech	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-PREV2-67DH	Brian Bates 530-355-7314 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 18/8	Assistant Helitack Manager	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HLTAKMGR-78DH	Andy Guest 208-315-5224 andy.guest@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 26/0	SFEO Engine Captain	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SFEOH-78DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Senior Fuels Tech	New Meadows or McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFUELS-8DH	Will Woods 406-396-1057 will.woods@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	District/Zone Fuels Tech	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-67DH	Will Woods 406-396-1057 will.woods@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	Helitack Squad Leader	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HTKSQRL-67DH	Andy Guest 208-315-5224 andy.guest@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Engine Operator	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FEOH-67DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Helitack SRFF	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Andy Guest 208-315-5224 andy.guest@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Engine Squad Leader (AFEO)	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-AFEO-56DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Engine SRFF	New Meadows, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions on the McCall Ranger District:

Grade/Series/Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	T1 WFM Captain	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HCRWSUP-89DH	Brian Bates 208-270-8402 brian.bates@usda.gov
GW-0456 07/08 26/0	SFEO Engine Captain	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SFEOH-78DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Fire Engine Operator	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FEOH-67DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
GW-0456-07/08 26/0	Assistant Wildland Fire	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HCREWT1-78DH	Nathan Robinson 208-315-2856

	Module			nathan.robinson@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Engine Squad Leader (AFEO)	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-AFEO-56DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Engine SRFF	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Monica Morrison 208-473-8455 monica.morrison@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Handcrew Squadleader	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-HCREW-56DH	Nathan Robinson 208-315-2856 nathan.robinson@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Handcrew SRFF	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Nathan Robinson 208-315-2856 nathan.robinson@usda.gov

Fire Hire positions on the Krassel Ranger District:

Grade/Series/Tour of Duty	Position, OCR Title	Duty Location	Announcement Number	Contact
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	AFMO	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-DZAFMOH-89DH	Forrest Behm 208-634-0610 forrest.behm@usda.gov
GW-0456-08/09 26/0	Fuels AFMO	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-89DH	Laurel Ingram 208-634-0623 laurel.ingram@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Senior Fuels Tech	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-FFUELS-8DH	Laurel Ingram 208-634-0623 laurel.ingram@usda.gov
GW-0456-09 26/0	Helitack Manager	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HLTAKMGR-9DH	Forrest Behm 208-634-0610 forrest.behm@usda.gov
GW-0456-07/08 26/0	Assistant Helitack Manager	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HLTAKMGR-78DH	Eric Taplin 208-634-0976 eric.taplin@usda.gov
GW-0456-08 26/0	Fire Operations Specialist	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-FOS-8DH	James Norvell 208-315-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	District/Zone Fuels Tech	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-DFUEL-67DH	Laurel Ingram 208-634-0623 laurel.ingram@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 18/8	Helitack Squad Leader	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-HTKSQRL-67DH	Eric Taplin 208-634-0976 eric.taplin@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Helitack SRFF	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	Eric Taplin 208-634-0976 eric.taplin@usda.gov
GW-0456-06/07 26/0	Handcrew Supervisor IA Module	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1VA-CREWSUP-67DH	James Norvell 208-315-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov
GW-0456-05/06 18/8	Handcrew Squadleader	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R146-HCREW-56DH	James Norvell 208-315-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov
GW-0456-03/04/05 18/8	Handcrew SRFF	McCall, ID	27-FIRE-P1R14610-SRFF-45DH	James Norvell 208-315-1414 James.norvell@usda.gov

ABOUT THE PAYETTE NATIONAL FOREST

The Payette National Forest contains some of Idaho's most beautiful and diverse country. Located north of Boise in west-central Idaho, the 2.3-million-acre forest extends 100 miles west to east, from Hells Canyon to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The forest stretches 70 miles between the Main Salmon River to the north and the Weiser River to the south. There are five Ranger Districts, approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. The current Forest priorities are:

- **Landscape Restoration** focusing on working with collaborative groups to accomplish landscape-scale restoration in the Weiser River and Little Salmon watersheds, which will improve watershed function, habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and reduce hazardous fuels, as well as provide local employment through stewardship contracting.
- **Recreation Management** supporting developed and dispersed recreation opportunities during both summer and winter seasons across the Forest, stewardship of the Payette's portion of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, and providing outstanding public service.
- **Range Management** addressing Bighorn Sheep viability and sustainable management of cattle and domestic sheep grazing allotments.
- **Minerals Management** of significant minerals projects and the numerous smaller minerals development projects.
- **Wildland Fire Preparedness** including training and preparedness to manage wildland fire incidents on the Forest and across the country.

We hope you will consider the Payette National Forest as your future home for career and recreation. More information about the Payette National Forest is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/payette>

More information about the communities:

<https://www.mccall.id.us/>

<https://www.newmeadowsidaho.us/>

<https://www.councilchamberofcommerce.com/>

<https://weiseridaho.org/>

CONTACT

For additional information please reach out to the contact associated with the vacancy in which you are interested.

For more information about Region 4 Fire Hire visit the [Region 4 Fire Hire website](#).