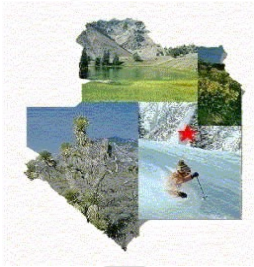


# Bridger-Teton NF Vacancy Outreach Notice



## USDA FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R-4 Bridger-Teton National Forest FOREST FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST

*Application period open December 5th through December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
through USAJOBS <https://www.usajobs.gov/>.*

***Announcement#24-FIRE-P2GVA-PREV-91011DH***

The Bridger-Teton National Forest Supervisors office is recruiting and filling a Forest Wildfire Prevention Specialist with a duty station located on the Bridger-Teton NF. Government housing may be available with telework options are considered. This position will be filled in the GS-0462 series at the GS-9/10/11 level dependent on candidate qualifications and we encourage agency employees to apply. The position will support Fire Prevention activities across the Bridger-Teton NF. **The following duty locations will be considered:**

Afton, Wyoming	Big Piney, Wyoming
Jackson, Wyoming	Kemmerer, Wyoming
Moran, Wyoming	Pinedale, Wyoming

You can apply for this position with the announcement number, **24-FIRE-P2GVA-PREV-91011DH**, at “USAJOBS” website by the application closing date. This position reports directly to the Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer, Joshua Erickson at 307-226-0807, [joshua.erickson@usda.gov](mailto:joshua.erickson@usda.gov), he can be contacted for questions, responses or more information. **Applications are due by midnight on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023** in [USA JOBS](https://www.usajobs.gov/).

**IFPM requirements:** This position is **NOT** subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide when filling this vacancy. FS-FPM selective placement factors are made up of a primary and secondary National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) core Incident Management Qualifications and Required Training.

**The Position Description Numbers are:** FS2027/FS3073/FS3074

### **About the Position**

The primary purpose of this position involves developing, planning and execution of fire prevention educational programs. This position creates programs for wildland fire prevention and mitigation and develops a coordinated approach to hazardous fuels reduction. This is a secondary firefighter position under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 8336 (c) and 5 U.S.C. 8412 (d) when it is filled by an incumbent who previously held a primary position and is transferred directly from a primary position or another secondary position, with no break in service or intervening service not as a firefighter, to this position. Approved by USDA on 6/2/2019, B2. Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fireline is a mandatory requirement of this position. In accordance with USDA Department Regulation 4430-792-2, this position is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the USDA Drug Free Workplace Program and subject to pre-employment drug testing. All applicants selected for this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. Incumbents of this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis on an ongoing random basis, after appointment as directed.

**WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters:** This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the LIGHT level for the GS-09 position and at the MODERATE level for the GS-10/11 position. This is a "condition of employment." The LIGHT fitness (Walk) test requires completing a one (1) mile hike within sixteen (16) minutes. The Moderate fitness (Field) test consists of a two (2) mile hike, within thirty (30) minutes, while carrying a twenty-five (25) pound pack.

### **Duties**

Wildland Fire Mitigation and Prevention Planning Serves as a sub-staff specialist in the Bridger-Teton Supervisor's Office with primary responsibility for fire prevention and fire prevention education programs. Plans and directs the fire prevention program for the Forest. This includes:

- Implementation of promotional campaigns designed to motivate identified target groups among employees and the public. Emphasis is placed on areas with wildland urban and agriculture interface areas identified as high public use and high risk/value areas.
- Plans, develops, and represents the Forest in interagency programs directed towards interagency fire prevention and education efforts and activities.
- Develops and maintains base level forest fire prevention and education program.
- Responsible for the development and implementation of the Forest strategic plan for fire prevention and fire prevention education consistent with Regional and National plans and programs. Plan must integrate various levels of federal, state, and local government agencies as well as affected local business and industry.
- Responsible for the oversight and leadership in assisting communities in the development and implementation of specific plans for fire prevention actions by the community. This involves facilitation of the assemblage of stakeholders; providing technical assistance and advice; and liaison with other government and local entities.
- Wildland Fire Prevention and Education Analyzes fire suppression and occurrence data in conjunction with Zone or district fire plans to identify human caused fire threat areas, trends, patterns, and future problem areas and establishes methodology in conjunction with cooperators to eliminate fire potential and risk factors. Develops fire prevention information for incorporation into the plans.
- Periodically monitors and evaluates the plans for conformance with preplanned objectives and program effectiveness, develops and plans new campaigns and opportunities for prevention activities. Provides technical assistance to Districts in fire prevention program planning that will

influence public attitudes, opinions and behavior associated with wildfire losses. These include but are not limited to fire prevention public relations programs such as Smokey Bear; programs required by law such as burning permits, chainsaw spark arresters, residential hazard inspections; maintenance programs to protect long term ignition management investments; and targeted programs, such as a Forest prevention signing program, developed for ignition problems identified through the planning process.

- Represents the Forest in the planning, implementation, and termination of interagency fire restrictions and closures. Coordinates the dissemination of information through Forest Public Affairs Office, and interagency partners. Ensures restrictions and closure notices are issued, areas are posted, and other federal, state, and local agency offices are briefed and able to respond to public inquiries. Ensures cancellation of restriction or closure notices are made as circumstances are alleviated.
- Assists Forest Public Affairs Officer with the planning and implementation of information and education programs to keep the public and media informed prior to and during wildfire and other incidents on the forest. Disseminates fire information related to preseason planning, fire information training and fire incidents.
- Plans, develops, and trains forest employees in working with communities during incidents to provide them with accurate timely information about the status of the incident, fire prevention activities to protect their homes and property. Fire Adapted Community Programs Responsible for development and delivery of community-based fire prevention education programs.
- Gathers information from a variety of sources including interviews, reading, study, research, and observation. Develops written materials such as press releases, backgrounders for feature stories that transmit information concerning the nature and purpose of fire management, fire prevention, and projects, policies, and activities.
- Works with Forest and District fire management and fire prevention personnel to assess personnel training needs and facilitates required and necessary forest level training in fire prevention and education.
- Establishes positive working relationships with other federal, state, and local fire agencies in fire prevention and incident information. Takes a leadership role and strives to promote cooperation with other agencies.
- Serves as a member of the Forest fire suppression force consistent with training and qualifications.

## **The Forest**

The Bridger-Teton National Forest (BTNF) is part of the largest intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states. The 3.4 million acres stretch from the southern border of Yellowstone National Park south to Kemmerer and includes the Wyoming, Salt and Wind River Ranges to the south. It covers the entire eastern flank of Grand Teton National Park, wrapping around Jackson Hole valley, to the sagebrush prairies of southwest-central Wyoming. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is a loosely defined area characterized by high elevation coniferous forests, sage/grass steppes, mountain ranges and deep valleys, large expanses of wild lands and three wilderness areas, abundant wildlife, and internationally recognized scenic and natural features.

The Forest includes headwaters of three nationally significant rivers (Yellowstone, Snake and Green). Tributaries to these rivers are considered exceptional in trout habitat and home to native strains of cutthroat trout. Some of the largest and most diverse populations of mammals in North America exist here. This ecosystem still includes all of the major carnivores, an indication of its ecological completeness. The BTNF includes undisturbed habitat for threatened and endangered species including grizzly bears.

Recreation opportunities and scenic quality are internationally renowned. The BTNF attracts millions of visitors each year. The three wilderness areas cover over 1.3 million acres; the Bridger, the Teton and the Gros Ventre totaling more than one-third of the BTNF, and contain major migration routes for wildlife. The Forest offers some of the nations best opportunities for winter sports, including three ski resorts (Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Snow King and White Pine), a multitude of cross-country skiing and snowmobile trails. Summer recreation contains a trail system of some 3000 miles and a network of scenic roads stretching more than 2500 miles. The Forest also offers unique features such

as the scenic and challenging Snake River Canyon; the Gros Ventre Slide, one of the largest natural landslides in the country; Periodic Springs near Afton, which is one of the few coldwater geysers in the world; Fremont Lake, the second largest lake in the State of Wyoming, and one of the deepest in the U.S.; Kendall Warm Springs known as the only home for the Kendall Warm Springs Dace; and Gannett Peak (elev. 13,804) the highest point in Wyoming.

The BTNF also has important resources that support local communities and a rural Wyoming way of life. Approximately 360,000 acres are open to oil and gas leasing. Pine, spruce and fir have long supported a small but important local logging industry. The Forest offers approximately 10 to 12 million board feet annually, of which about one third is non-commercial firewood, and post and poles for fences. The BTNF also contains some of the richest grazing lands in Wyoming, where more than 40,000 cattle, 2,000 horses and, and 80,000 sheep graze annually. It also has an active fuels program and a shared fire organization with Grand Teton National Park.

## **About the Duty Stations:**

### **Kemmerer**

The town of Kemmerer is a small community located high in the rolling hills of Western Wyoming in the Green River Basin along the Hams Fork River. The elevation is 6,927 feet with a population of approximately 3,126. The Kemmerer area offers an abundance of fishing, hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, and snowmobiling. Golfers also enjoy a challenging nine-hole golf course set near the Hams Fork River. Several benefit tournaments are conducted throughout the summer. Kemmerer offers four private quarries where you can dig your own fossils, and is the home of Fossil Butte National Monument, an 8,198 acre natural area that was established in 1972 and many historic cut-off trails of the Oregon, Mormon and California Trails. Housing may be available.

### **Greys River (Afton):**

Greys River Ranger District office is located in Afton, the largest town in Star Valley. Afton has a population of about 2,000. Star Valley is 60 miles long by 5 miles wide, located between the Idaho-Wyoming border to the west and the Salt River Range on the east; town elevation is 6,134 feet. The town boasts the largest Elkhorn Arch in the world spanning 75 feet and containing over 3000 antlers donated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Nearby Periodic Spring, which is an extremely rare cyclic stream or cold-water 'geyser', is a national forest visitor attraction, and forest access begins just east of town. Groceries and entertainment options are within walking or biking distance. Housing may be available, and a district bike makes getting around handy.

### **Big Piney:**

Big Piney/ Marbleton area is a small community of about 1200 people and is located on Highway 189, 45 miles southwest of Pinedale and 90 miles south of Jackson, Wyoming. Big Piney is a rural community with an economic focus on ranching and oil and gas production. Although small, the friendly community offers a multitude of benefits with a great library, fitness center, new bowling alley and movie theater. Located just 30 minutes east of the Wyoming Range (page 1 photo) and 10 minutes from the Green River the fishing, hiking, hunting and all other outdoor opportunities are abundant. Housing may be available.

### **Pinedale:**

The Town of Pinedale sits at an elevation of 7,200 feet at the base of the Wind River Range, providing amazing views of the Continental Divide. The Pinedale Ranger District, located in Pinedale WY, is 80 miles southeast of Jackson, WY and 100 miles North of Rock Springs WY. At 830,000 acres in size, the Pinedale Ranger District offers a wide range of recreation settings and opportunities for both locals and visitors, including the entire 428,169-acre Bridger Wilderness. With over 2,300 lakes, 48 peaks above 12,500 feet (including Gannett Peak, the highest peak in Wyoming), and 500 miles of trails, the Bridger Wilderness offers internationally-recognized backpacking, fishing, climbing, hunting, and horseback riding opportunities. Outside of the Wilderness you can find glacial-carved lakes providing excellent opportunities for developed and dispersed camping, fishing, boating, hunting, horseback riding, and motorized recreation. Housing may be available.

**Jackson:**

The Town of Jackson is the county seat of Teton County and the only incorporated municipality in the county. "Jackson Hole" as it's often called, refers to the whole area which is a 50 mile long valley surrounded by high mountains. Jackson is a popular tourist destination because of its proximity to Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks, its unmatched scenic beauty, its world-class skiing, and its western character. For tourism information, including listing of lodging, restaurants, and shopping, please contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce at 307-733-3316 or on the web at [www.jacksonholechamber.com](http://www.jacksonholechamber.com). This spectacular valley in the mountains offers residents and visitors alike an unparalleled array of outdoor activities for year-round enjoyment. From world-class skiing, snowmobiling, backcountry touring and dog sledding in the winter to hiking, rafting, fly fishing, paragliding, mountain biking and rock climbing in the summer. Housing may be available.

**Blackrock (Moran)**

The Blackrock Ranger Station is located 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. 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. Housing may be available.

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**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

GS-462 9/10/11 Forest Fire Prevention Specialist

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS \_\_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_\_ NPS \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ TERM  
\_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT RED CARD QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!*

Responses can be sent to Joshua Erickson, Forest Assistant Fire Management Officer at: [joshua.erickson@usda.gov](mailto:joshua.erickson@usda.gov)

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