



Obtaining a Job in Wildland Fire

You can find information on employment with the National Park Service - Fire and Aviation at <http://www.nps.gov/fire>.

- Click on the **Employment** link at the top of the page
- From there you can search for jobs under **Current Job Listings** by State or Park.
- The Employment section of the website also provides information on how to apply, the application forms, a brief description of the fire positions and a link to frequently asked questions.

If you are interested in applying **for seasonal fire fighting positions in** several different locations at once within the National Park Service **in the Rocky Mountain Geographic Area (Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma)**, you can apply through Quickhire (FIRES). Under this hiring process you can select up to seven different locations within the Department of the Interior using one application. To apply using FIRES go to: <http://www.firejobs.doi.gov/index.php?action=home>

Other useful sources are:

- **USAJOBS** at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>: This website allows you to search for fire jobs across multiple agencies and geographic areas. Each job announcement will have specific information on how and where to apply.
- **National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)** at <http://www.nifc.gov/>: You can find the latest information on fire and safety. You can also access all the Federal agencies with fire programs by clicking on the links at the bottom of the page.

There are certain physical requirements that every wildland firefighter is required to meet at the start of each season. The “Work Capacity Test” is required by every agency before an Incident Qualification Card (Red Card) can be issued. You can find information on the Work Capacity Test at: http://www.nps.gov/fire/developmental/dev_workcapacity.html. Depending on the type of crew there may be additional physical requirements. I would recommend finding out if there are any additional standards and what they are so you can prepare in the off season.

If you are entering into the wildland fire arena without any previous experience there are some basic classes that you may be able to complete locally which will increase your chances of being hired. The basic fire courses are S-130 Firefighter Training and S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior. Contact your State Forestry agency or Community College to see if they offer any of these classes.