



## **WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION SPECIALIST ENTRY WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION SPECIALIST**

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### **SERIES CONCEPT**

Wildland Fire Suppression Specialists complete wildland firefighting activities; locates fires using maps, Global Positioning System (GPS), and compass. Construct fireline using hand tools or power equipment by cutting, scraping, digging and chopping or burning out to remove flammable materials. Spotting/guiding large vehicles (dozer) in establishing fire lines. Participate in mop-up duties by scraping, digging, chopping and applying water to remove heat. Operate and monitor firefighting vehicles in support of wildfire suppression. Determine fireline location for dozer. complete pre-suppression/readiness duties such as road brushing, live fire training, water hole location, and develop knowledge of fire fighting equipment, protection district; roads, topography, and land owners. Complete weather observations. Determine initial fire cause by protecting the origin, evidence collection, and witness identification, and determines need for wildland fire investigator. Responsible for Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) suppression activities.

Operate vehicles including cars, trucks, cache vans, ATV's, and fire engines. Operate fire engines, Type 6 (200 gallons) and larger (12,500-26,000 GVW). Complete safety inspections, submitting requests for maintenance, and maintain general up-keep to ensure all fire fighting equipment is fire ready to support fire suppression activities by.

Assist in public outreach activities such as home shows, civic groups, fair, and parades. Conducts fire patrol activities within assigned geographic area including contacts with recreationists and the public. Ensures proper posting of fire prevention signs and communicates general public education of fire prevention statutes and rules. Use portable and mobile radios.

Complete landscape activities such as mowing, weeding, pruning, spreading bark or rock using hand tools and power equipment. Complete building maintenance activities such as; minor repairs, roofing, painting, concrete work, and custodial duties. Responsible for vehicle maintenance activities such as fire readiness, daily safety inspections, fluid checks, wash and wax, fire engine inventories. Complete equipment maintenance by cleaning saws, pumps, and mowers; cleaning, inspecting, and sharpening hand tools such as Pulaski, shovel, and hazel hoe; cleaning and inspection of fire fighting equipment such as hose and appliances. Complete vehicle inspection checklist.

Participate in coaching of experience based ongoing fire training for engine/hand crew. Complete fire report forms from gathered info, preliminary investigation reports, vehicle logs, and shift tickets. Purchase needed materials for approved projects.

Maintain positive relationships with landowners, cooperators, and the public. Participate in State Forests and landowner cooperative projects as assigned.

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES**

Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist Entry – Position at this level assist with the completion of the tasks outlined within the series concept. The work at this level is planned and facilitates the training needs of an entry level Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist.

Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist – Positions at this level are completing tasks outlined within the series concept including directing, assigning, reviewing and responsibility to ensure tasks are completed within prescribed guidelines and standards.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS**

Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist Entry

Note: Successful applicants must take and pass the physical fitness Work Capacity Test at the arduous level.

**SKILLS**

- Perform physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials.
- Provide information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, radio, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
- Observe, receive, and otherwise obtain information from all relevant sources.
- Monitor and review information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.
- Use hands and arms in handling, installing, positioning, and moving materials, and manipulating things.
- Using either control mechanisms or direct physical activity to operate machines or processes. (not including computers or vehicles).

Wildland Fire Suppression Specialist – Two (2) years of Wildland firefighting experience.

Note: Successful applicants must take and pass the physical fitness Work Capacity Test at the arduous level.

Note: Some positions may require a valid driver's license at the time of hire.

**SKILLS**

- Perform physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials.
- Inspect equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
- Provide information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, radio, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
- Run, maneuver, navigate, or drive vehicles or mechanized equipment, such as forklifts, passenger vehicles.
- Analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
- Observe, receive, and otherwise obtain information from all relevant sources.
- Monitor and review information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.
- Use hands and arms in handling, installing, positioning, and moving materials, and manipulating things.
- Identify the developmental needs of others and coach, mentor, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills.
- Using either control mechanisms or direct physical activity to operate machines or processes. (not including computers or vehicles).
- Spotting/guiding vehicles (swamper, dozer operator) in establishing firelines.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURE FROM SIMILAR SERIES**

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