



FOREST OFFICER ENTRY FOREST OFFICER

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SERIES CONCEPT

FOREST OFFICERS complete Wildland firefighting activities, locate fires using maps, Global Position System (GPS), and compasses. Serves as the Initial Attack Incident Commander. Determines size-up of fire potential, fire fighting resources needs, and directs suppression firefighting resources (engines, helicopters, air tankers, dozer, etc.) Provides fireline and incident oversight and leadership. Employees are responsible for Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) suppression activities. Completes initial fire cause determination, evidence collection, and witness identification. Complete pre-suppression/readiness duties such as: road brushing, live fire training, water hole location, knowledge of fighting equipment, protection district; roads, topography, and land owners. Implement the fire program (prevention, detection, pre-suppression, and suppression) at the unit and district level.

Employees operate department vehicles including cars, trucks, cache vans, All Terrain Vehicle's (ATV's), and fire engines. Forest Officers complete safety inspections, submit request for maintenance, and maintain general up-keep all fire fighting equipment.

Employees administer and enforce Oregon's fire prevention statutes and rules in Oregon Revised Statute chapter 477 and Oregon Administrative Rule 629 including; responding to public complaints, issuing citations, record of fire, issuing burning permits, court appearances, interpreting guidance, and case reviews.

Forest Officers lead public outreach activities such as: home shows, civic groups, fairs, and parades. Employees conduct fire patrol activities with in assigned geographic area including; contacts with recreationist and the public, posting fire prevention signs and communicates general public education.

Employees identify and plan landscape activities such as mowing, weeding, pruning, spreading bark or rock using hand tools and power equipment and identifies and plans building maintenance activities such as; minor repairs, roofing, painting, concrete work, and custodial duties. Forest Protection Officers are responsible for vehicle maintenance activities such as: fire readiness, daily safety inspections, fluid checks, washing and waxing, fire engine inventories and oversees maintenance of firefighting and other equipment.

Employees participate in safety meetings, develop and participate in fire training for cooperators, landowners and fire crews. Employees review and complete fire report forms from gathered information, investigation reports, vehicle logs, and shift tickets. Employees determine materials and purchase needed materials for projects. Employees maintain fire cache inventories in coordination with Salem, Redmond, FEPP, and local agencies caches.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Forest Officer 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 officer.

Forest Officer – Positions at this level are completing tasks outlined within the series concept including assisting in the development and implementation of unit operational procedures.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

Forest Officer Entry - Two (2) years of natural resource experience in wildland fire suppression.

Note: Successful applicants must take and pass the physical fitness Work Capacity Test at the arduous level. Must obtain the Class B Warden certification within the trial service period.

- 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.
- Complete 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.
- Inspecting equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
- Estimate sizes, distances, and quantities; or determine time, costs, resources, or materials needed to perform a work activity.
- Identify information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events.
- Communicate with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone, radio or e-mail.
- Provide information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, radio, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
- Enter, transcribe, record, store, or maintain information in written or electronic form.
- Provide factual information or decisions in contentious settings.

Forest Officer – Four (4) years in wildland fire suppression OR Bachelor's degree in forestry or closely related natural resources field and one (1) year of wildland fire suppression.

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Note: A valid driver's license is required at the time of hire.

Note: Some positions may require a valid class A or B Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

SKILLS

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- Assess the value, importance, or quality of things or people.
- Enter, transcribe, record, store, or maintain information in written or electronic form.
- Analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
- Develop specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.
- Monitor and review information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.
- Provide information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.

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