



## 2022 Temporary Fire Positions

### Outreach and Vacancy Announcement

USDA Forest Service - Northern Region  
Flathead National Forest, all Units

GS-0462-2 through GS-0462-5

#### Applications Open:

November 5 – November 12, 2021

#### Work Period is generally:

May 9 – September 30, 2022

### Flathead Fire Program

The Flathead NF is looking for employees that are hardworking, skilled, and committed to becoming an integral component to our program that manages wildfires both in the wildland urban interface, over 1 million acres of wilderness and multiple use lands in between.

We plan and implement both mechanical and prescribed fire fuels projects. We work extensively with our neighbors which include Glacier National Park, Montana Department of Natural Resources, British Columbia, county, and local government. We also have a new Land Management Plan that allows for the full spectrum of fire response across every acre of the Forest. Our program includes:

- 7 Engine Modules (4 permanent + 3 temporaries each)
- 1 Wildland Fire Module (4 permanent + 3 temporaries)
- 1 Type 1 Hotshot crew (8 permanent + 12 temporaries)
- 1 Type 2IA crew (Great Northern- 8 permanent + 12 temporaries)
- 1 Type 3 Helitack Module (6 permanent + 4 temporaries)
- Kalispell Interagency Dispatch (1 temporary)
- Lookouts (2 Hungry Horse, 2 Spotted Bear (duty station Hungry Horse))

Temporary position 2021 Salary:

- GS-2 \$12.33
- GS-3 \$13.45

- GS-4 \$15.10
- GS-5 \$16.90

Salary is based on increasing experience, education, and qualifications as outlined in the job announcement.

### Announcement Numbers

Below are all the announcements that could be used to fill any vacancies during Temp hire.

Specialty	FY20 Announcement Number	Duty Station	Grade	Open & Close Dates
Wildland Firefighter – all	22-TEMPF3-R1-4136-2DH	All	GS-2	November 5-12, 2021
Wildland Firefighter – all	22-TEMPF3-R1-3867-3DH	All	GS-3	November 5-12, 2021
Wildland Firefighter – all	22-TEMPF3-R1-0003-4DH	All	GS-4	November 5-12, 2021
Initial Attack Dispatcher	22-TEMPF3-R1-0935-4DH	Kalispell	GS-4	November 5-12, 2021
Wildland Firefighter – Hand Crew (Hotshot, Type 2IA, Wildfire Module)	22-TEMPF3-R1-2036-4DH	Hungry Horse, Condon	GS-4	November 5-12, 2021
Lookout	22-TEMPF3-R1-2856-4DH	Hungry Horse	GS-4	November 5-12, 2021
Fuels Technician	22-TEMPF3-R1-0911-4DH	Bigfork	GS-4	November 5-12, 2021
Senior Firefighter – Hand Crew (Hotshot, Type 2IA, Wildfire Module)	22-TEMPF3-R1-2037-5DH	Hungry Horse, Condon	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021
Engine Senior Fire Fighter	22-TEMPF3-R1-1477-5DH	Hungry Horse, Bigfork, Kalispell	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021
Helitack Senior Fire Fighter	22-TEMPF3-R1-0200-5DH	Hungry Horse	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021
Initial Attack Dispatcher	22-TEMPF3-R1-0936-5DH	Kalispell	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021
Lookout	22-TEMPF3-R1-3451-5DH	Hungry Horse,	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021
Wildland Senior Firefighter	22-TEMPF3-R1-3869-5DH	Bigfork, Condon	GS-5	November 5-12, 2021

### Duty Locations:

- Kalispell – Tally Lake Ranger District, Forest Supervisors Office, and Kalispell Interagency Dispatch – no housing available
- Bigfork – Swan Lake Ranger District – limited housing available
- Condon - Great Northern Hand Crew – housing available
- Hungry Horse - Hungry Horse/Glacier View and Spotted Bear Ranger Districts, Flathead Hotshot Crew and Flathead Helitack – limited housing in Hungry Horse, housing available at Spotted Bear RD.

### Application Process:

Apply at [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov). Conditions of employment include being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If selected, must submit proof of vaccination, or request a religious or reasonable accommodation. Read the full Conditions of Employment in the position information in USAJobs.

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## District Information and Contact Information

### Hungry Horse RD (Duty Station Hungry Horse, MT):

Hungry Horse-Glacier View (HHGV) Ranger Districts are two ranger districts covering approximately 756,000 acres. The districts border Glacier National Park and British Columbia, Canada. The Districts have fire protection on federal, state and private lands. HHGV staff 4 lookouts, 3 engines and the Flathead Hotshot Crew. The Fire Management Program covers the full range of fire management practices including mechanical and hand fuels reduction, prescribed fire, full suppression and managing fires for multiple objectives. We manage fires across the full spectrum from wilderness to WUI.

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### Spotted Bear RD (Duty Station Hungry Horse, MT):

The Spotted Bear Ranger District administers roughly 1,037,000 acres including approximately 830,000 acres of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex as well as 207,000 acres of multiple use forest land. The average fire load is about 20 fires per year on the district with about half of these starts being managed as long-term fires for multiple objectives. There are typically multiple opportunities for early and late season dispatches.

The Spotted Bear Ranger District is an "in/out" district. During the summer, the employee will be based out of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station. Travel time to Hungry Horse (the nearest commercial services) from the Spotted Bear Station is approximately two hours by vehicle. The duty station location is Hungry Horse MT, and winter office space is at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station. While at the Spotted Bear Ranger Station, the employee is in travel status with government provided housing and field rate per diem.

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### Swan Lake RD (Duty Station Big Fork, MT):

The Swan Lake Ranger District is broken into two geographic areas; the 50,000-acre Island Unit that includes Blacktail Mountain Ski Area west of Flathead Lake and the 500,000-acre Swan Corridor that extends along the Swan Mountain Range to the east and the Mission Mountains Wilderness and Flathead Lake to the west. Approximately 240,000 acres of the district are in wildland urban interface or directly adjacent to the wildland urban interface. The District Fire Management Program covers the full range of fire management practices including direct suppression, mechanical fuels reduction, prescribed fire and managing fires for multiple objectives. The Great Northern crew has been reassigned to

work for the Swan Lake District effective October 1, 2020.

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#### **Tally Lake RD (Duty Station, Kalispell, MT):**

The District is west and north of Kalispell and is primarily managed for timber and recreation and works with many cooperators including MT DNRC and volunteer fire departments. Neighbors include significant holds by commercial timber companies. Most of the District is in the WUI. We have an active fuels management program utilizing mechanical and prescribed fire treatments.

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#### **Helitack (Duty station, Hungry Horse, MT)**

A high-performance type 3 helicopter on shared contract arrives in mid-July and works into the first week of October. Crews work with exclusive use helicopter as well as supporting other operations.

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#### **Kalispell Interagency Dispatch Center (Duty Station Kalispell, MT):**

Our interagency partners include Glacier National Park and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The staff includes 1 GNP, 2 DNRC, and 4 USFS employees. The center averages 152 fire per year. Primary season is March through November including spring and fall prescribed burning.

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