



**U.S. Forest Service
Southwestern Region
Fire and Aviation Management**

OUTREACH NOTICE

Women in Wildland Fire Bootcamp

Response Deadline: February 17

Selected applicants will be notified by February 27

Have you ever wanted to work at a job where you are respected and appreciated? – Do you want to help your community and your country? – Do you want to be a leader and role model?

**If so, do you have what it takes to be a
Wildland Fire Fighter?**

We are seeking women to be part of a small group of on-call Wildland Fire Fighters. These short-term positions will provide support to Wildland fire operations over the summer when needed. If you are selected for this opportunity, we will provide you with a comprehensive wildland fire orientation, formal training, certification, physical training, and protective gear to ensure safe and effective support to emergency operations in the this Region and across the Nation.

About the Position

These positions are administratively determined (AD) emergency positions. If selected, you will be paid for training and your physical fitness test, also known as work capacity test, in order to meet National Wildfire Coordinating Group Red Card qualification as a Wildland Fire Fighter. To be selected for this work you will need to remain on call to provide temporary emergency support on wildland fires and other emergency operations throughout the Southwest and across the country. The main duty stations will be located in Phoenix, Arizona, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, you may be expected to travel within the Southwestern Region or other regions in the country, on short notice for work assignments lasting up to 21 days. Please note this is an intermittent position with a workload entirely dependent on fire conditions both in the Southwest and

across the Nation. This position does not guarantee any kind of permanent work but is a good starting point for those looking to learn more about a career with the Forest Service.

While on wildland fire assignments, you may be away from your home for an extended period of time. You may be exposed to primitive living conditions such as camping in wilderness areas away from electricity, showers, and with no cell phone reception for days on end. On the other hand you may be placed in hotel rooms with all the amenities in downtown areas of major US cities. Operating vehicles both on and off road, hiking, commercial flights, boat rides, and mission flights on helicopters are just some of the modes of transportation to be expected on the job

Wildland Fire Fighters can operate in close proximity to open flames, heat and smoke. The work can be physically demanding requiring up to 16 hour work days for up to 14 days in a row without a day off. The work consists of hiking, carrying heavy equipment, operating fire apparatus, working near heavy machinery, and using hand tools such as shovels, Pulaskis, and chainsaw, sometimes in high stress situations. Respect, flexibility, understanding, and teamwork are the foundation of any good fire fighter and fire fighting crew. Exhibiting these principles both on and off the clock is very important.

Major Duties

- Participate in training.
- Participate in physical fitness.
- Keep yourself and your equipment fit for duty, in response ready condition.
- Remain on call for response to wildland fires and other emergencies.
- Travel and work 14- and possibly 21-day assignments, possibly out of the state.
- Safely engage in wildland fire suppression and other emergency response operation activities.

Minimum Federal Qualification Requirements

1. Must be 18 years of age or older
2. Must be in good mental and physical condition
3. Must be able to pass basic wildland firefighter training (provided)
4. Must be able to pass the Agency work capacity test at the “Arduous” level. This involves a 3-mile walk that must be completed wearing a 45-pound weight vest, in less than 45 minutes. (provided)

Training

Training will be held March 16-18 and March 23-25 in both Albuquerque and Phoenix. **You must attend all 4 days of training.**

<p>New Mexico Session: Albuquerque Mobilization Center 3615 Los Picaros RD. SE Albuquerque, NM 87102</p>	<p>Arizona Session: Phoenix - Mesa Gateway Mobilization Center 6335S. Downwind, Suite 101 Mesa, AZ 85212</p>
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S-130/S-190: Firefighting Training and Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior. This introductory course is designed to train entry-level firefighters referred to as a Firefighter Type 2. You will be introduced to and gain knowledge of the basic incident management organization, firefighting techniques, suppression equipment, safety, strategy, and tactics along with fire behavior. Field exercises will be performed for valuable hands-on training. Includes L-180 and I-100.

I-100 pre-work	http://training.nwcg.gov/courses/i100.html
S190	Module 1: Basic Concepts of Wildland Fire Module 2: Fuel, Topography, and Weather Module 3: Fire Behavior
A version of L-180, Human Factors on the Fireline, is included in this course. Credit should be issued for both S-130 and L-180 upon completion.	Module 1: Preparedness, ICS, and Resources Module 2: Watch Out and LCES Module 3: Fire Shelter Module 4: Potential Hazards and Human Factors on the Fireline Module 5: Transportation Safety Module 6: Hand Tools Module 7: Firing Devices Module 8: Water Use Module 9: Suppression, Communication, and Mopup Module 10: Hazardous Materials Module 11: Wildland Urban Interface Module 12: Optional Knowledge Areas Module 13: Performance Day Requirements http://training.fema.gov/emiWeb/IS/is700cm/index.html

Fireshelter Training

About the Region

The Southwestern Region consists of approximately 2,800 fulltime employees on 11 national forests and 4 national grasslands in New Mexico, Arizona, and the panhandle area of Texas and Oklahoma. The southwestern U.S. is one of the most diverse and rapidly growing regions of the country. In 1997, New Mexico became the first state in the continental U.S. in which "minority groups" collectively represent over 50 percent of the state's population. This "minority-majority" demographic situation is an indication of the complexity, diversity, and opportunities that we face to carry out our mission: "caring for the land and serving the people." Our programs represent the full complexity of resource management in the Forest Service, with an emphasis on customer service and contributing to the southwestern quality of life.

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