



\*\*\*\*\* **OUTREACH NOTICE** \*\*\*\*\*

**\*OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST\***

**Fire Management Specialist – Prescribed Fire & Fuels**

**GS-401-9/11 PFT**

**\*Two Zoned Positions\***

**Locations:**

**North Zone:** Preferred: Wenatchee, Washington. Negotiable: Winthrop, Washington; Chelan, Washington; Entiat, Washington; or Leavenworth, Washington

**South Zone:** Preferred: Wenatchee, Washington. Negotiable: Cle Elum, Washington; or Naches, Washington

The Okanogan-Wenatchee NF is planning to fill two zoned Fire Management Specialist -Prescribed Fire & Fuels positions. We are seeking a highly motivated, detail-oriented, team player for a high complexity, busy fire Forest and region. This position(s) reports to the OWF Deputy Fire Staff-Fuels, and may negotiate duty station at the Supervisor’s Office or a Ranger District.

**\*\*\*APPLICATION PERIOD FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS\*\*\***

The announcement period to apply for these positions is tentatively **January 4 to January 18, 2022**. The table below provides more detailed information about each of these positions.

**Listing of Announcements, the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest will use a single vacancy announcement (SVA) to fill these GS-9/11 Fire Mgmt. Specialists positions during phase 6 of permanent fire hire. Please reach out to the contacts listed below if you are interested in one of these positions. Respondents to the outreach will be provided announcement numbers once they are generated:**

**North Zone Duty Location: Wenatchee, Washington; Winthrop, Washington; Chelan, Washington; Entiat, Washington; or Leavenworth, Washington**

Vacancies	Position	Announcement Number	Contact
1	Fire Mgmt Specialist GS 9/11	No announcement number currently	Matt Castle <a href="mailto:matthew.castle@usda.gov">matthew.castle@usda.gov</a> 509-630-8033

South Zone Duty Location: Wenatchee, Washington; Cle Elum, Washington; or Naches, Washington

Vacancies	Position	Announcement Number	Contact
1	Fire Mgmt Specialist GS 9/11	No announcement number currently	Matt Castle <a href="mailto:matthew.castle@usda.gov">matthew.castle@usda.gov</a> 509-630-8033

**ABOUT THE POSITION: Position Number: FS5424, FS0274**

The incumbent serves as a zoned Fuels Specialist supporting multiple ranger districts with fuels planning and program management. The position will work closely with Districts and participate on ID Teams Forest wide to support planning efforts as the forest increases the pace and scale of fuels work. The position will also support coordination of large-scale implementation projects, monitoring, and work with partners. The position will assist in the development of annual program of work related to fuels planning. The forest anticipates increased fuels funding for significant implementation workload, as well as an added emphasis in NEPA planning for future fuels projects. The position may provide additional FACTs and Spatial Data support to districts. The position will be expected to spend time in the field conducting surveys, monitoring, and supporting fuels implementation projects as needed. Depending on the incumbent's qualifications, the position will support wildland fire suppression which may include acting as Duty Officer at the district or forest level. The position is a member of the Supervisor's Office Fire Management Organization on a busy, high complexity fire Forest.

**MAJOR DUTIES:**

- Serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing land management plans, compliance documents, and agreements. Provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management.
- Provides professional expertise in the development and implementation of multiple resource objectives. Develops fuels treatment alternatives to support management decisions while adhering to applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines. Evaluates individual fuels treatments as well as the effectiveness of the overall program and make recommendations for improvement.
- Provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans. Provides information on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems.
- Maintains awareness of technological developments in wildland fire science and related disciplines. Collects information through a variety of methods, including field surveys, computer modeling, and specific literature searches. Stays abreast of state-of-the-art computer modeling software and scientific methods to support fire use, air quality, and fuel treatment planning and applications.
- Reviews environmental documents, prescribed fire plans, and wildland fire use plans of other agencies and stakeholders which will affect the unit.
- May serve as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) on fuels management contracts and may be responsible for the preparation of contract specifications and performance measures.

- Supports wildland fire suppression activities. Performs other duties as assigned.

This is a covered secondary position under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d). Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous firefighter or equivalent experience outside federal employment is a basic qualification requirement for this position. The position is subject to the qualifications and additional required training specified in the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standards.

Pathway One: RX Burn Boss Type2 (RXB2) and Task Force Leader (TFLD) or ICT4

Pathway Two: Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Type 2 (RXB2) and HEBM

This position has been approved for Secondary Firefighter Retirement Coverage under CSRS and FERS by USDA

In accordance with USDA Department Regulation 4430-792-2, this position is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the USDA Drug Free Workplace Program and subject to pre-employment drug testing. All applicants selected for this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis to screen for illegal drug use prior to appointment. Incumbents of this position will be required to submit to a urinalysis on an ongoing random basis, after appointment as directed.

**The Forest:** Headquartered in Wenatchee, Washington, the four-million-acre Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest has six ranger districts (Chelan, Cle Elum, Entiat, Methow Valley, Naches, and Wenatchee River). These varied and spectacular lands extend along the eastern flank of the Washington Cascade Mountains from the Canadian border to the Yakama Indian Reservation on the south. In addition, the Okanogan-Wenatchee has significant timber, fire, wildlife, fisheries, engineering and minerals programs. The Forest also includes multiple Wilderness areas including the Pasayten, Lake Chelan-Sawtooth, Glacier Peak, Henry M. Jackson, Alpine Lakes, William O. Douglas, Norse Peak and the Goat Rocks.

**Recreation:** Recreational opportunities abound in the area, whether it's scenic vistas, para-gliding, rock climbing, kyacking or camping activities you enjoy. If you are a skier, there are three major ski areas within 60 minutes of Wenatchee, various cross country ski trails and opportunities for heli-skiing. The forest's trail and road systems allow for snowmobiling, horse back riding, mountain biking, trailbike riding and snowshoeing. Wildlife habitat provides a wide array of hunting opportunities from elk, deer and bear to pheasant, chukkar and grouse. Streams, ponds, rivers and lakes harbor several varieties of trout and furnish water sport enthusiasts a fanfare of ventures.

**The Community:** The Wenatchee Valley is nestled on the shores of the mighty Columbia River. It is located in Central Washington just 100 miles southeast of Seattle and 165 miles west of Spokane. The Greater Wenatchee Area has approximately 48,000 residents who enjoy living in a region with four distinct seasons. Housing cost and other local information can be found at <http://www.city-data.com/city/Wenatchee-Washington.html>. The schools, services, museums, health and athletic clubs, hospitals and airports are only part of what makes Wenatchee one of the most desirable places to live, work and play. Please visit the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce: <http://wenatchee.org/>

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## Outreach Response Form

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**Location: Multiple (see outreach description)**

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

DUTY STATIONS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN (see outreach for options):

OTHER INFORMATION:

**Please email the completed response form to [matthew.castle@usda.gov](mailto:matthew.castle@usda.gov) by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**

**SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!**