Duty Location: Tonasket, WA
Salary Range: $47,448.00 - $61,678.00 /year
*Series and Grade: GS-0401/0462-08/09
Position Information: Full Time Permanent

Minimum NWCG Qualifications required by October 1, 2013:
Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (RXB2) AND
Engine Boss (ENGB) or Crew Boss (CRWB)

**Series determination will be made upon return of outreach process.**
**Program Overview**

This position is responsible for the management of a high complexity fuels program. The fuels management program includes an active prescribed fire program, integrated with an active vegetation management program, including opportunities for multiple objective fires across interagency boundaries. The fuels program utilizes both prescribed fire & mechanical treatments to implement the Dry Forest Restoration Strategy and hazardous fuel reduction goals consistent with the Okanogan CWPP.

The incumbent is responsible for completing vegetation analysis, NEPA, WFDSS, KV & BD programs of work. The AFMO Fuels provides supervision for two GS-7 employees and assists with Duty Officer responsibilities throughout the fire season. Annual initial attack fire load is estimated to be 25-30 fires a year. Our annual fuels target is 3500-5000 acres incorporating 2500 acres prescribed burning.

**Duties**

Program Management 50%

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 assigned program and makes recommendations for improvement.

Coordinates with the next higher organizational level, other agencies, cooperators, and stakeholders to develop interagency fuels strategies. Represents the organization in multi-agency fuels management activities.

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.

Coordinates multi-disciplinary field studies related to fuels management program issues to determine effectiveness of treatments. Coordinates and provides transfer of findings to the appropriate personnel.

Responsible for the smoke management program to ensure compliance with state air quality standards. Coordinates with federal, state, and local government air quality officials in their development of operational procedures and reporting requirements.

Performs fiscal analysis, assists in formulating the annual fuels management budget, and maintains a system of accounts to track program expenditures.

Planning 30%

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 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.

Participates in the development, review, and modification of the fire management plan. Develops, reviews and monitors
fuels management plans. Works closely with other resource specialists to integrate vegetation management project designs in fuels program direction.

Reviews environmental documents, prescribed fire plans, and wildland fire use plans of other agencies and stakeholders which will affect the unit.

Prepares wildland fire risk assessments incorporating wildland/urban interface considerations into all agreements, operating plans, and land and fire management plans, to ensure that all interface areas are covered and state and local responsibilities are apportioned appropriately.

Participates in the development of cooperative agreements to facilitate multi-agency projects.

Operations and Safety 20%

Implements and administers prescribed fire activities, wildland fire use, and fuels management activities to ensure targets are achieved, management objectives are met and mitigation measures are adequate. Monitors fire behavior, evaluates fire effects, identifies potential problems and takes appropriate action.

Designs and implements fuels management surveys to document presence, amount, and types of hazardous fuels.

Utilizes the results of the surveys to prioritize prescribed fire and fuels management projects.

Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of project implementation. Identifies training needs and participates in prescribed fire and fuels management, and wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression.

Participates in preparedness reviews, proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and after action reviews.

May serve as a Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) on fuel management contracts and may be responsible for the preparation of contract specifications and performance measures.

Supports wildland fire suppression activities & serves as a District Duty Officer.

Applicants must attain full Minimum Qualification Standards by October 1, 2013 to meet FS-FPM standards. Requirements for FS-FPM District Assistant Fire Management Officer are:

Primary NWCG Core Requirements: Prescribed Fire Burn Boss (RXB2) ~AND~  Secondary NWCG Core Requirement: Engine Boss (ENGB) or Crew Boss (CRWB)
Community Information

Tonasket is a small community located along the eastern bank of the Okanogan River in north central Okanogan County, Washington. State Highway 97, the main north-south highway through central Washington, bisects the city on its way to the Canadian border, approximately twenty miles north. The City has an elevation of approximately 900 feet above sea level.

The population of Tonasket is approximately 1000 people but its school district covers an area that makes it the largest in the state. Tonasket school district has an elementary school, middle school, and high school all located on one campus. It is also home to the Tonasket Alternative High School and the Home school Outreach Program.

The city of Tonasket offers a library, grocery stores, hardware stores, convenience stores, a few restaurants and taverns, a number of churches, doctors, a dentist and hospital service. The town of Omak is a full service community approximately 24 miles to the south.

Housing rental rates for a two bedroom unfurnished house averages about $450.00 per month. Real estate prices for a 3-bedroom home can range from approximately $60,000 to $125,000 depending on lot or acreage size.

Tonasket residents enjoy a climate with four distinct seasons. Summer temperatures average 89-92 degrees, with July and August having frequent days in the 100’s. Winter season brings 25 to 32 degree days with a few days each winter dipping below the zero-degree temperature mark; snowfall in the valley ranges between 6-8 inches.
Outreach Process

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity and to determine interest in the position. For more information about the position contact: Jen Croft, Fire Management Officer, at 509-486-5152 / jcroft@fs.fed.us. Please respond by March 1, 2013.

If you do not have access to IBM, please complete the OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM attached and mail to Tonasket Ranger District, 1 West Winesap, Tonasket Washington 98855,

ATTN: JEN CROFT (509) 486-1939 by March 1, 2013.
OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

POSITION TITLE/SERIES AND GRADE: ____________________________

LOCATION:  **TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME:  __________________________________________________________________________

IBM ADDRESS:  ______________________________________________________________________

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TELEPHONE NO:  ______________________________________________________________________

ARE YOU CURRENTLY A FEDERAL EMPLOYEE?  _______YES _____NO

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:  ______________________________________________________________________

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:  _________PERMANENT _______TEMPORARY

_______ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT:  ______________________________________________________________________

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE:  ______________________________________________________________________

CURRENT POSITION TITLE:  ______________________________________________________________________

CURRENT RED CARD QUALIFICATIONS:  ______________________________________________________________________

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES;

_____ Person with disabilities
_____ Veteran's Readjustment
_____ Disabled Veteran's w/30% compensable disability
_____ Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
_____ Other

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!