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BLM recruiting for seasonal fire positions in Eastern Arizona

SAFFORD, Ariz. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gila District is currently recruiting applicants for seasonal employment during the 2016 fire season. To serve on a fire crew, persons must be at least 18 years of age, have a strong work ethic, be able to pass a pack test and maintain good physical fitness. Applicants must also be available to travel out of state for extended periods of time, and be willing to contribute in a structured team environment.

Applications will be accepted through Mar 1, 2016. Applicants will be notified in April regarding their selection for one of the 20 available positions. Recruits will receive classroom and field training that will enable them to safely and effectively tackle wildfire suppression.

While most fire duties will be in southeastern Arizona, some assignments may be out of state and last 14 consecutive days plus travel time. Emergency firefighters are hired on as-needed basis and are only paid during fire and/or work assignments. The pay rate for seasonal positions is $17 per hour.

If you think you have what it takes to be a wildland firefighter, and if you seek meaningful employment for several months, please contact Clyde England or Kress Sanders at the Gila District fire office located at the BLM Safford Field Office, 711 S 14 Ave in Safford or by calling 928-348-4400.

The BLM manages more land - 245 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about $1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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