

# Lassen National Forest



## Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program

**Wanted:** Wildland Firefighters

**Who:** U.S. Citizens, 18 years or older, residing in the state of California.

**What:** The Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program is designed to prepare applicants for firefighter positions by integrating formal training with paid work experience. Wildland firefighters can be members of an engine crew, hotshot crew, smokejumper crew, helicopter crew, or an organized hand crew. Firefighting positions demand a high level of fitness to safely perform physically demanding work in difficult environments. Firefighters often work long shifts in steep terrain and in extreme temperatures, altitude, and smoke. Crews often travel to other states and regions in support of fire management throughout the United States.

**Where:** The Lassen National Forest will be filling 12 apprentice positions.

**Duration of Job:** These are permanent positions with varying tours of duty and may include weekend work. Positions are scheduled for a minimum of 13 pay periods within a year period. Benefits include vacation and sick leave, health insurance, and a retirement plan.

**Pay Rates:** \$8.94 to \$10.04 per hour (GS-3 through GS-4). The final hourly rates may be higher depending on the locality pay adjustments.

**Housing:** Housing is available at some locations.

**For More Information:** Contact the fire management staff at the Forest Service office nearest you. (Eagle Lake 530-257-4188; Almanor 530-258-2141; Hat Creek 530-336-5521)

**How To Apply:** See recruitment bulletin number R5-Apprenticeship-SCEP-2003 for instructions and the application form. Bulletin is available at local Forest Services offices as well as: [www.wfap.net](http://www.wfap.net) Applications must be postmarked on or before October 24, 2003.



Applicants may be subject to drug testing and will need to pass a physical fitness test.

