

Outreach Notice

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CHARLES M. RUSSELL NWR



Supervisory Range Technician (Fire) GS-0455/462-06/07 Firefighter Location JORDAN, MONTANA

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Region 6 Charles M. Russell NWR Complex (CMR) is advertising a Supervisory Range Technician (Fire) GS-0455-6/7 position. We are looking for a highly motivated person currently qualified as an Engine Boss and Incident Commander Type 4 and interested in furthering their career in Fire Management. In addition to fire management activities the person selected can expect to get training and/or experience in a variety of other aspects of land management (GIS, watercraft, biological monitoring, maintenance, etc.). We expect the incumbent to actively pursue training and experience for higher red-card qualifications such as RXB2, TFLD, or others as appropriate. The selected individual can expect to be tasked with burn plan preparation, fire line preparation, providing fire training (classroom and field), and many other duties that will help build knowledge, skills, and abilities for the individual to further their career. Following are links to the job:

[R6-10-318252-M](#) (Merit - government-wide)

[R6-10-318251-D](#) (DEU - open qualified US Citizens)

The position is one of six permanent fire positions within the Eastern Montana Fire District which comprises all lands administered by the Charles M. Russell NWR Complex, Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge Complex, the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, and the Bozeman National Fish Hatchery. Information about each individual refuge and links to other sites of interest can be accessed at:

<http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/mt/>

The Eastern Montana Fire District is the leader in fire management within the Mountain-Prairie Region of the USFWS. The CMR encompasses 1.1 million acres of the Missouri Breaks landscape, which is especially prone for lightning ignited wildfires. During the current decade, CMR has had 112 wildfires which burned 118,945 acres of the refuge. The refuge has also hosted four Type II Incident Management Teams and one Type I Incident Management Team during that same time frame.



The district has a very active prescribed fire program, generally conducting 15 to 20 prescribed burns for approximately 5,000-10,000 acres annually. In addition to burns on FWS lands, the district provides assistance to other federal, state and NGO partners within the area, (BLM, USFS, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, American Prairie Foundation, and others). We also provide suppression assistance to neighboring cooperators. Fire district employees participate on interagency fire assignments across the nation and can be available for assignment as conditions warrant. Opportunities to assist with prescribed fire in other areas and regions are also often available to fire staff at certain times of the year.

Topography of the district ranges from the gently rolling hills of the prairie pothole of northeastern Montana to the extremely rugged Missouri Breaks within the CMR. Weather can vary across the District, but generally April brings rain showers and cool weather (40-60 degrees

F); summers can be quite windy with temperatures soaring to 100 degrees F in July and August. The first snows usually arrive in late October - often melting, and finally staying in November. December through March can bring deep snows and temperatures that dip to -40 degrees F.



Montana has a lot to offer for anyone interested in outdoor recreation. The area lakes, rivers and open prairies have much to offer including camping, hiking, backpacking, boating and fishing, hunting upland game, waterfowl, and big game. CMR is world renowned for its' big game hunting, with numerous elk, bighorn sheep, whitetail and mule deer qualifying for the Boone and Crockett and/or Pope and Young record books. Northern pike, sauger and walleye fishing on the Fort Peck reservoir have been described as "phenomenal".

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This position is covered as a primary firefighter under the provisions of 5 USC 8412(b) and 5 USC 8336(c). Applicants for this position must not have reached their 37th birthday upon appointment to this position. An exception is allowed if selectee has sufficient prior Federal service in a covered law enforcement officer or firefighter position or positions to qualify for retirement on or before the mandatory retirement age for these types of positions. Applicants must provide documentation on prior Federal service in their application, resume, etc., to include dates of service (month/year to month/year), hours worked per week, and description of duties. This position will be advertised through USAJobs at WWW.USAJOBS.GOV

For more information or technical questions about the position contact:

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