U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Certification of Position Approval for Retirement
Under 5 USC § 8336(c) and § 8412(d)

[x] Approved under the Civil Service Retirement System, 5 USC § 8336(c)

[x] Approved under the Federal Employees Retirement System, 5 USC § 8412(d)

Category of Coverage: Secondary/Administrative (Firefighter)

Bureau: Any DOI Bureau may use this Standard PD and must use the Standard PD Number

Classification Title: Fire Management Officer

Organization Title:

Standard Position Number: DOI126 Series and Grade: GS-0401-11/12

RECOMMENDATION FOR COVERAGE: Secondary/Administrative Firefighter coverage is recommended under both CSRS and FERS.

The incumbent serves in a key fire management position as a Fire Management Officer (FMO). The FMO directs all phases of a fire management program with a high complexity level and is responsible for its panning, program direction, coordination, and evaluation. Where aviation assets are utilized, the FMO may also be responsible for the aviation management program. **This is an administrative position in an organization having a firefighting mission, and is clearly in an established career path. Prior firefighting experience, as gained by substantial service in a primary firefighter position or equivalent experience outside the Federal government is a MANDATORY PREREQUISITE for incumbents of this position.**

ALAN SIZEMORE, Human Resources Specialist, DOI — Date: 05-28-2010

TIMOTHY MURPHY, Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC) — Date: 6-3-10

TOM NICHOLS, Chief, Division of Fire and Aviation, NPS — Date: 6/2/10

LYLE CARLILE, Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, BIA — Date: 6/4/10

BRIAN MCMANUS, Chief, Branch of Fire Management, FWS — Date: 6/3/2010

MICHAEL GILLMORE, Supervisory Program Analyst, DOI — Date: 6/7/10

APPROVAL: The position described above is approved for coverage under Firefighter or Law Enforcement (FF/LEO) Retirement **retroactive to classification date**. Approval is by DOI Secretary's Designee:

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Capital and Diversity — Date: 6/9/10

POSITION DESCRIPTION *(Please Read Instructions on the Back)*

1. Agency Position No.: DOI126

2. Reason for Submission: [x] Redescription [ ] New [ ] Reestablishment [ ] Other

Explanation *(Show any positions replaced)*: Replaces DOI026

3. Service: [ ] Hdqtrs [x] Field

4. Employing Office Location:

5. Duty Station:

6. OPM Certification No.:

7. Fair Labor Standards Act: [x] Exempt [ ] Nonexempt

8. Financial Statements Required: [ ] Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure [ ] Employment and Financial Interest

9. Subject to IA Action: [x] Yes [ ] No

10. Position Status: [x] Competitive [ ] Excepted *(Specify in Remarks)* [ ] SES (Gen.) [ ] SES (CR)

11. Position Is: [x] Supervisory [ ] Managerial [ ] Neither

12. Sensitivity: [x] 1–Non-Sensitive [ ] 3–Critical [ ] 2–Noncritical Sensitive [ ] 4–Special Sensitive

13. Competitive Level Code:

14. Agency Use:

15. Classified/Graded by	Official Title of Position	Pay Plan	Occupational Code	Grade	Initials	Date
a. Office of Personnel Management						
b. Department, Agency or Establishment	Fire Management Officer	GS	0401	12	TLS	5/18/10
c. Second Level Review						
d. First Level Review						
e. Recommended by Supervisor or Initiating Office						

16. Organizational Title of Position *(if different from offiical title)*:

17. Name of Employee *(if vacant, specify)*:

18. Department, Agency, or Establishment: Department of the Interior

a. First Subdivision: BIA BLM FWS NPS

b. Second Subdivision:

c. Third Subdivision:

d. Fourth Subdivision:

e. Fifth Subdivision:

19. Employee Review-This is an accurate description of the major duties and responsibilities of my position.

Signature of Employee *(optional)*:

20. **Supervisory Certification.** *I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that this information is to be used for statutory purposes relating to appointment and payment of public funds, and that false or misleading statements may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.*

a. Typed Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor:

Signature: Date:

b. Typed Name and Title of Higher-Level Supervisor or Manager *(optional)*:

Signature: Date:

21. **Classification/Job Grading Certification.** *I certify that this position has been classified/graded as required by Title 5, U.S. Code, in conformance with standards published by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or, if no published standards apply directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.*

Typed Name and Title of Official Taking Action: LINDA F. ERWIN, DOI HR Human Resources Specialist

Signature: Date: 5/18/10

22. Position Classification Standards Used in Classifying/Grading Position: Professional Work in the Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences Group, 0400 September 2005

Information for Employees. The standards, and information on their application, are available in the personnel office. The classification of the position may be reviewed and corrected by the agency or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Information on classification/job grading appeals, and complaints on exemption from FLSA, is available from the personnel office or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

23. Position Review	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date
a. Employee *(optional)*										
b. Supervisor										
c. Classifier										

Department of the Interior, FLERT Specialist
This PD has been approved as follows under 5 USC 8336(c) and 8412(d)
X Firefighter ___ Law Enforcement
___ Primary X Secondary/Administrative ___ Sec/Supvy
Approval Date June 9, 2010

24. Remarks

25. Description of Major Duties and Responsibilities *(See Attached)*

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POSITION CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS	2. NAME OF INCUMBENT

3. ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION ☒ AS SHOWN ON CURRENT DESCRIPTION ☐ AS HEREBY AMENDED

IIa. _____ d. _____

b. _____ e. _____

c. _____

4. CSC TITLE AND BUREAU POSITION NO. DOI126	SCHEDULE	SERIES	GRADE
Fire Management Officer	GS	0401	11

☒ SAME AS PRESENT: AMENDED FOR ☐ CSC TITLE ☐ POS. NO. ☐ SCHEDULE ☐ SERIES ☒ GRADE

CERTIFICATIONS

5. I CERTIFY THAT THE POSITION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS CHANGED AS REFLECTED.

_____ _____
(Signature of Supervisor) (Date)

TITLE _____

6. I CERTIFY THAT THE CHANGES REFLECTED ARE PROPER AND THE POSITION AS HEREBY AMENDED IS PROPERLY CLASSIFIED.

Linda F. Erwin, DOI HR 5/18/10
(Official Exercising Classification Authority) (Date)

TITLE HR Specialist

7. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY, BUT IN FULL, THE REASONS FOR CHANGES CHECKED ABOVE AND THE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR REVISIONS WHICH ARE TO BE MADE IN THE DESCRIPTION PROPER.

This supervisory position is being filled at the next lower grade level due to its critical nature and the extreme shortage of fully qualified personnel. The supervisor of the incumbent will be fully responsible to ensure that the incumbent has not only the necessary administrative qualifications and certification at the next lower level to perform all duties that are assigned, but also has the necessary aptitude to fully apply those knowledge, skills, abilities, and other characteristics necessary to ensure the effective performance of duties and also the safety and security of personnel.

The supervisor is responsible to provide the necessary guidance, preparation, and coverage for those duties that cannot yet be assigned to the incumbent to assure not only effective work accomplishment, safety, and security, but also the preparation of the incumbent for promotion to this position's full performance level of GS-12. Successful completion of training assignments and regulatory requirements will lead to promotion to that full performance level under job number DOI126.

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_____ _____
Name Signature and Title of Supervisor Date

INTRODUCTION:

This is a standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the Department of the Interior (DOI). The incumbent serves in a key fire management position in a field fire management organization as a Fire Management Officer (FMO). This position is located in a unit with a high fire management program complexity level as defined by an OPM classification standard, not the IFPM Standard.

The FMO plans, develops, implements, coordinates, and evaluates an integrated fire management program to achieve resource management objectives. Where aviation assets are utilized, the FMO may also be responsible for the aviation management program. Maintains safety first as the foundation for all aspects of fire and aviation management.

Beginning October 1, 2010, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) incident management qualifications and additional required training specified in the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Qualifications Standards and Guide apply to all grade levels of this position description.

Prior wildland firefighting experience on the fireline is a mandatory requirement.

This position requires a valid state driver's license.

This is a Testing Designated Position (TDP) under the Department of the Interior Drug-Free Workplace Program.

MAJOR DUTIES:

Program Management (35%)

The FMO directs all phases of a fire management program with a high complexity level and is responsible for its planning, program direction, coordination and evaluation. Analyzes current fire management plans and initiates changes within guidelines or makes recommendations to meet changing conditions within the limits of current or anticipated funding.

Ensures that the fire management program is in compliance with environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Provides leadership, coordination and direction in the application of standards, methods, and guidelines for all fire and aviation management program elements. Provides advice and guidance in the implementation of policies and standards received from higher authorities.

Ensures that the fire prevention program is effective and meets short-term objectives and long-term goals. Develops and reviews fire prevention plans. Works with other agencies in the development and delivery of cooperative fire prevention programs and training.

Develops and implements a communication plan. Briefs decision makers. Coordinates plans of action with affected cooperators. Ensures information related to wildland fire, prescribed fire, and fire program components for internal and external audiences is accurate and timely.

Coordinates program activities with federal, state, tribal, and local government entities/agencies. Develops, implements and administers grants and agreements (e.g., Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements, mutual assistance, and Rural Fire Assistance).

Serves on various interagency committees, teams and work groups dealing with specific local, geographic, or national fire management issues.

Identifies research needs and applies new technology.

Manages unit aviation programs or operations.

Directs and supervises all phases of the budget formulation process to assure balance in the fire organization at varying levels of funding, and initiates changes as appropriate. Monitors the expenditure of funds to assure fiscal integrity and correct application of financial standards.

Planning (15%)

Ensures that all phases of fire and aviation management planning are completed. Planning involves interacting with all disciplines as well as officials from other federal, state, tribal, and local agencies and the public. Plans include short-range issues as well as long-range strategies.

Reviews preparedness actions and operating plans used in the management of wildland fires. Negotiates cooperative agreements and resolves difficult and controversial public relations problems. Develops alternative wildland fire strategies by taking into consideration values to be protected and selects the appropriate alternative.

Ensures that the fuels management program is consistent with ecosystem management principles and land use plans and is applied on a landscape basis. Establishes priorities for fire hazard reduction and fuels management based upon minimizing potential damage and maximizing multiple resource benefit and enhancement. Reviews and evaluates fuels management and fire use plans and prescriptions to achieve specific ecosystem and resource management objectives. Identifies and evaluates the implications of the fuels management program on air quality standards, and provides operational guidance to mitigate potential impacts from smoke to sensitive areas.

Participates as a member of an interdisciplinary team in the development of land use plans.

Operations (20%)

Coordinates and initiates all fire management activities based on firefighter and public safety, cost effectiveness, and values to be protected consistent with resource objectives, by using the

full range of strategic and tactical options otherwise known as Appropriate Management Response (AMR) as described in an approved Fire Management Plan (FMP).

Coordinates AMR on wildland fires. Initiates a Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP) for all wildland fires and ensures a Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA) is completed and retained for all fires that escape initial attack.

Coordinates operations with cooperating agencies on multi-jurisdictional wildland fires addressing risk to human safety and potential for damage to resources and improvements.

Monitors fire season severity predictions, fire behavior, and fire activity levels and takes appropriate actions to ensure safe, efficient and effective operations.

Responsible for aviation activities at the local level and may serve as the unit aviation officer or subject matter expert.

Organizes, trains, equips, and directs a qualified work force to meet local, geographic area, or national level fire program management needs.

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

May manage national wildland fire support resources (e.g., Interagency Hotshot Crews, aviation assets, or other types of specialized modules).

Supervision and Safety (30%)

Provides technical and administrative supervision to the unit(s). Plans and directs overall work to be accomplished by subordinate supervisor(s), sets and adjusts priorities, and prepares schedules for completion of work. Assigns work to subordinate supervisor(s) based on priorities, selective consideration of the difficulty and requirements of assignments, and the capabilities of the employees. Finds ways to improve production or increase the quality of work directed. Negotiates and coordinates work projects with other unit managers and supervisors.

Develops performance standards and evaluates work performance of subordinates. Advises, counsels, or instructs employees on both work and administrative matters.

Hears and resolves minor complaints from employees. Refers group grievances and more serious unresolved complaints to higher level supervisor or manager.

Effects minor disciplinary measures such as warnings and reprimands and recommends other action in more serious cases.

Selects subordinate supervisor(s) and other unit employees. Effects appointments, promotions, and reassignments.

Identifies and provides for routine training needs and makes decisions on special, controversial, or costly training for subordinate employees.

Manages the environmental and workplace hazards of the wildland fire environment and provides leadership and direction to subordinates in the recognition and mitigation of these hazards following applicable laws, policies, and guidelines. Personal accountability and zero tolerance for unsafe acts are paramount.

Responsible for the on-the-job safety and health of all employees supervised. Ensures that a comprehensive job hazard analysis is conducted and a risk management process is implemented. Responsibilities include identifying and correcting safety and health hazards, instructing employees on safety requirements, reviewing and reporting loss incidents, implementing corrective measures for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act standards, directing the periodic inspection of all workplaces, managing work/rest ratio and length of assignment guidelines, developing and executing a comprehensive physical fitness training program, debriefing with incident management team personnel, and coordinating safe travel plans.

FACTORS:

1. Knowledge Required by the Position (Level 1-7, 1250 points)

Professional knowledge of natural resource management, fire ecology, fire behavior, and fire management theories, concepts, principles, and standards in a wildland fire environment.

Knowledge of the policies, techniques and practices of wildland firefighting obtained through substantial service as a primary firefighter of the Federal government or in a similar firefighting position outside the Federal government. This is a mandatory requirement of this position.

Fundamental knowledge of related fields of science (e.g., wildlife management, botany, hydrology, geology, archeology).

Comprehensive knowledge of the principles, practices, and concepts of wildland fire management (e.g., fire effects, fire hazard and risk analysis, fuel and flammability assessment, smoke management, incident management, prescribed fire, and fire use) sufficient to perform program development and oversight for the fire and aviation management programs.

Comprehensive knowledge of laws, regulations, and agency policies and procedures applicable to the use and protection of natural and cultural resources.

Knowledge of accepted wildland fire safety practices and procedures.

Comprehensive knowledge of the latest technological advances in fire management sufficient to evaluate their applicability to specific situations.

Knowledge of budgeting policy, procedures and techniques sufficient to develop program budgets and annual work plans.

Knowledge of capabilities, limitations, approved safety standards, and operating procedures of commonly used fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Knowledge of supervisory policies, procedures, and methods in order to manage a diverse workforce.

Knowledge of contracting procedures and ability to serve as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

Ability to interact with individuals and special interest groups with diverse and potentially conflicting viewpoints regarding natural and cultural resource management priorities.

Skill in oral and written communication sufficient to prepare reports, present training, and coordinate work efforts.

2. Supervisory Controls (Level 2-4, 450 points)

The incumbent receives assignments in terms of broad functional responsibilities, goals, and overall objectives. The supervisor and employee confer on priorities and deadlines.

The incumbent independently plans, obtains resources, creates objectives, interprets policies and regulations, and resolves technical or administrative conflicts with internal and external stakeholders. Coordinates fire management activities and plans with other resource management personnel independently or in collaboration with interdisciplinary resource teams.

Significant developments are discussed with the supervisor, and the work is reviewed for compatibility with overall program objectives.

3. Guidelines (Level 3-4, 450 points)

Guidelines include Department, Bureau, and multi-agency policies and procedures, regulations, plans, specialized fire information, and professional practices. Due to the high complexity level of the fire management program and the number of interdependent and cascading variables in fire programs, the guidelines can only be provided as models. This requires that the incumbent use considerable ingenuity and seasoned judgment to extend the guidelines or to develop new methods, techniques, or strategies specific to their zone of responsibility.

Fire planning is conducted in an interagency environment, with multiple stakeholders and cooperators. Since guidelines are issued at multiple levels by multiple organizations, conflicts must be resolved by the incumbent and the resolution incorporated into the appropriate plan.

4. Complexity (Level 4-4, 225 points)

Primary responsibilities encompass multiple, intensely managed fire and aviation programs with varied and diverse objectives affecting the ecological relationships of landscapes in a unit with a high fire management program complexity level rating.

Contributors to the complexity include multiple, and sometimes conflicting, resource program objectives; checkered land ownership/management patterns; urban intermix; multiple agreements and cooperators; fluctuating weather patterns and conditions; varied types of landscapes; national, state, and local social and political factors; and budget, equipment, and personnel availability restraints.

Many contributing factors have multiple elements that change, some frequently, that require the incumbent to continually perform analysis of the effects of those changes on the managed programs, and extend, modify, or adapt current procedures to obtain the appropriate results. New and previously unknown aspects (e.g., social or political) require the incumbent to perform intensive analysis, recognize possible new directions or approaches, and develop original approaches and innovative techniques.

5. Scope and Effect (Level 5-4, 225 points)

The purpose of the work is to plan, develop, implement, coordinate, and evaluate an integrated fire management program to achieve resource management objectives.l

The fire management program is extremely important to the ecosystem and the incumbent's actions have an effect on the local economy, recreational pursuits, and public safety.

The results of the work influences the effectiveness in meeting the agency land management objectives and goals.

6. Personal Contacts

Personal contacts are made with personnel at all levels of cooperating land management and fire protection agencies at the federal, state, tribal, and local level. Primary contacts are with fire management personnel, resource specialists and other unit coordinators. Other personal contacts are with environmental and conservation groups, news media, contractors, private landowners, political officials, and the general public.

7. Purpose of Contacts (Level 6-3/7-C, 180 points)

Most contacts are to exchange information, provide fire management advice, coordinate work efforts, negotiate solutions to common problems, and to plan and develop cooperative endeavors with federal, state, tribal, or local officials.

Sometimes the contacts are made to influence or persuade other subject matter experts to adopt a course of action or change program direction, resolve disputes, or to obtain compliance with objectives.

8. Physical Demands (Level 8-2, 20 points)

Normally the work is sedentary but often requires physical exertion while overseeing fire suppression activities including walking over rough, steep, uneven terrain in all types of weather. The incumbent is faced with emergency situations at all hours and must respond quickly. The position may require long shifts or multi-day assignments under primitive living conditions during emergencies. During the fire season, extended fire assignments away from the unit may be required under very stressful conditions.

9. Work Environment (Level 9-2, 20 points)

Most work is performed in an office setting. Field work is sometimes performed in steep terrain where surfaces may be uneven, rocky, or covered with thick vegetation. Temperatures are frequently extreme, both from weather and fire conditions where the presence of smoke and/or dust conditions are frequently severe. The hazardous nature of fire suppression work requires that protective clothing (boots, hard hats, etc.) be worn during emergencies. The incumbent must exercise a variety of safety practices and precautions for their own and others' well being.

2820 points, GS-12 (2755-3150)