



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

CHARLES M. RUSSELL NWR



OUTREACH NOTICE:

DETAIL/TEMPORARY PROMOTION

Supervisory Range Technician (Fire)

GS-0455-07 Firefighter

Location

JORDAN, MONTANA



The Montana Fire Management Zone of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking to fill a Detail/Temporary Promotion for one Supervisory Range Technician for the summer of 2015. This position is located at the Jordan field station of the Charles M. Russell NWR (CMR) in central Montana. The zone is currently comprised of a Zone FMO in Lewistown, MT, AFMO Operations in Malta, MT, AFMO Fuels in Great Falls, MT, Supervisory Range Technician at Sand Creek, MT and a Lead Range Technician at Fort Peck, MT. The zone plans on having 13 seasonal firefighters for summer suppression operations. Seasonal staffs are located at Sand Creek (5), Jordan (5), Fort Peck (2), and Lewistown (1). We are anticipating this position to be hired in the near future.

Temporary promotions/details are available to all DOI employees that meet the IFPM requirements for the position at the full performance level (GS-7). Travel, per diem, and salary for the duration of the detail will be covered by the Montana Fire Zone. Candidates may select from a 2 pay period detail (30 days) or 4 pay period detail (60 days) without promotion, or a full 6 pay periods detail (90 days) with a temporary promotion (GS-7). If a candidate is selected for the 6 pay period temporary promotion/detail he/she will be returned to their former position (pay plan, series, grade and step) at the end of 6 pay periods. The 6 pay period detail/promotion will begin June 15, 2015 and end September 5, 2015. The 2 and 4 pay period assignments will be negotiated and will occur anytime between pay periods 14 and 19. IFPM Requirements for the GS-7 Supervisory Range Tech position at Jordan, MT are ENGB and ICT4.

ABOUT THE USFWS MONTANA FIRE ZONE

The Montana Fire Zone is comprised of seven refuges, several satellite refuges, and many Waterfowl Production Area's (WPA) that are associated with each refuge. The Montana Fire Zone is responsible for all fire management activities on refuge lands for the entire state on Montana.

The Charles M. Russell NWR 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. Since 2003, CMR has had over 100 Wildfire's which have burned 107,615 acres of the refuge. The refuge has also hosted four National Type II Incident Management Teams and one National Type I Incident Management Team during that same time frame.



ABOUT THE POSITION

The Supervisory Range Technician position at Jordan will provide oversight of fire operations at the Jordan Field Station. The Jordan fire crew operates two wildland fire engines, a Type 6 (J-1) and a Type 4 (J-4) while being dispatched out of Miles City Interagency Dispatch Center (MT-MCC) in Miles City, MT.

Individuals interested in expanding their knowledge and qualifications pertaining to; engine operations (Type 4 and Type 6), crew supervision, along with serving as an Incident Commander are encouraged to apply. Training opportunities for individuals seeking ICT4 and higher may be available depending on seasonal activity.

This opportunity will allow individuals to gain experience and skills pertaining to overseeing a 5 person fire crew in day to day operations. Individuals will be expected to set daily work schedules for crews and lead them in daily activities, build upon working relationships with numerous entities including: Miles City Interagency Dispatch Center, Federal and County resources, and Refuge staff and Management; implement a wildland fire safety program for the station, ensure administrative duties are carried out in accordance with policy, and assist with training opportunities at the local level as available.

Historically, the Jordan fire crew has played an active role in assisting with and responding to a variety of local, county, State and BLM incidents. The incumbent will be expected to assist all agencies in fire operations within the local area as needs and availability warrants. In addition, during periods of low fire danger/activity the incumbent may be made available for within GAC or National incidents.

HOUSING

Government housing is available in the Jordan bunkhouse. If for some unforeseen reason housing isn't available, lodging will be covered under per diem. MI&E will also be provided for any incumbent.



Jordan Bunkhouse



THE CHARLES M. RUSSELL NWR

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Topography of the zone ranges from the gently rolling hills of the prairie pothole of northeastern Montana, extremely rugged Missouri Breaks within the CMR, to the Continental Divide at Red Rock Lakes NWR. Weather can vary across the Zone, 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.



COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREA



Montana has a lot to offer for anyone interested in outdoor recreation. The area lakes, rivers and open prairies provide many opportunities 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".

World renowned with bird watching enthusiasts, the Bowdoin and Medicine Lake NWR's are mentioned in practically every birding magazine as excellent locations to observe over 263 species of birds. Upland bird and waterfowl hunters from across the state make the pilgrimage to both Bowdoin and Medicine Lake refuges for some of the best hunting the state has to offer.



Jordan is a small ranching community that still retains its' Old West flavor. Visitors are just as likely to see a horse on Main Street as a new pickup. The Hell Creek Marina is located approximately 25 miles north of Jordan and is a popular destination for both locals and tourists who are seeking great hiking and fishing opportunities.

For more information about the CMR, and the Jordan area, check these websites:



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

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/charles_m_russell/

<http://www.travelmt.com/mt-cities-Jordan.html>

If you are interested in applying, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and send it by mail, email or fax to:

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

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Jordan, MT or Fort Peck, MT

Please check detail you are interested in:

- 2 Pay Periods (30 days), Jordan, MT**
- 4 Pay Periods (60 days), Jordan, MT**
- 6 Pay Periods with Promotion (GS-7) (90 days), Jordan, MT**

Please fill out this Outreach Response Form and return it to Mike Granger or Jim Forsythe, on or before COB on **May 15, 2015** if you are interested in this opportunity. For further information, please contact: **Mike Granger** at (406) 538-2800 ext. 15 or email: mike_granger@fws.gov or **Jim Forsythe** at (406) 366-0780 or email: james_forsythe@fws.gov

Your Name	
Email Address	
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Current Employment Information	
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Home Unit	
Series / Grade	
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Experience	
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How did you learn of this Vacancy/Outreach?	

*Submission of this form is voluntary
Thank you for your interest and response!*