

BLM FIRE AND AVIATION

The Bureau of Land Management carries out a broad range of actions to protect the public, natural landscapes, wildlife habitat and recreational areas. The BLM's national Fire and Aviation Program focuses on the safety of firefighters and the public as its top priority. Additional goals of the program include fire suppression, preparedness, predictive services, vegetative fuels management, prescribed fire, community assistance and protection, and fire prevention through education.

The program's headquarters is at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho. Several other federal agencies are located at NIFC to help manage wildland fire. The Fire and Aviation program is a diverse, professional organization dedicated to providing national direction, leadership, policy, standards, and operational oversight.



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HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in becoming a firefighter, you can apply online and submit an application during open periods.

- » Go to www.usajobs.gov
- » Sign in or create an account
- » Build your resume
- » Search for vacancy announcements
- » Submit all required documentation

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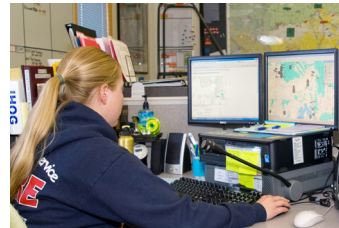
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The majority of people in wildland fire management start their careers as firefighters. Firefighting can include positions on an engine crew, hand crew, hotshot crew, fuels management crew, helitack crew, or becoming a smokejumper. However, not everyone involved in wildland fire is a firefighter. There are several opportunities within wildland fire that do not include working directly on the fireline.



Dispatch:

Dispatchers receive fire reports, calculate the fire location, and send resources to incidents. They coordinate communication between the incident and the incident managers and handle requests from the fire for additional personnel and equipment. They also relay important weather information, keep detailed records of incident response and track resource locations.



Prevention: These technicians work with partners and other interested groups to prevent human-caused wildfires. They develop specific programs designed to educate and inform the public and may also be involved with fire investigation and fire mitigation.

Training: Training Specialists organize and manage training for fire suppression and support positions.



They develop, update, evaluate and implement standards and curriculum.

Safety: These individuals ensure appropriate training and wildland fire safety directives are in place. They are considered experts in risk management, hazard mitigation and analysis, safety operations and accident investigations.



Fire Support: This includes a wide range of positions including administrative personnel, contracting, electronics, weather specialists, information technology, program analysts and supply technicians.

Public Affairs: A public information officer facilitates media interviews, maintains a working relationship with reporters, reaches out to community leaders and interest groups, communicates with partners, and informs employees and the public about important issues.

