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- » Maintain a high level of physical fitness
- » Learn about parachuting
- » Travel across the country
- » Protect our public lands

Prior wildland fire experience is required.



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WANT TO BE ON A HIGH-PERFORMING TEAM?

Smokejumpers are unique because of the way they reach the fireline: they parachute from an airplane 3,000 feet above the ground. When wildfires ignite in remote and isolated locations, smokejumpers are able to reach them fast – because they can parachute to wildfires when there are no roads or trails nearby – and get to work long before anyone could hike or drive to the fire.

Smokejumping is a physically and mentally demanding line of work that requires a broad knowledge of firefighting. Smokejumpers are also heavily involved in prescribed fire management and hazardous fuels reduction efforts.



AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB

Smokejumpers are experienced wildland firefighters with expertise in initial-attack firefighting and working with a variety of aircraft.

First-time “rookie” smokejumpers go through an intense training regimen that covers aircraft and parachuting. They also become experts in many other tasks, including tree climbing, aerially delivered cargo, tree cutting, parachute equipment manufacturing and prescribed burning.

Fitness and endurance are important for smokejumpers. They work long hours in extreme temperatures and steep terrain. On remote wildfires, firefighting tools, food and water are dropped by parachute to smokejumpers after they land near the fire, making them self-sufficient for the first 48 hours. After the fire is out, they must pack out all the cargo, tools and equipment, which can weigh up to 130 pounds.

Smokejumpers are a national resource that can travel to all 50 states - and internationally - to provide expertise in wildland fire suppression, leadership and emergency management.



SMOKEJUMPERS LEARN...

FIRE MANAGEMENT



PARACHUTING



TEAMWORK



PHYSICAL FITNESS



EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT



PRESCRIBED FIRE

