

Justification for Exception Position 3 (level AD-D) hired under the DOI AD Hiring Authority

Exception Position 3 requires skills acquired through specific job training or experience. Work is performed independently. The incumbent of the position is expected to interpret instructions, plan work, and lead or supervise positions at the next lower level.

NPS hiring unit: CO-MVP

Title of Exception Position: LOOK – Park Point Tower Fire Lookout

Objective or purpose of position:

To serve as a fire lookout at the Park Point Tower Lookout, White's Mesa Lookout, or Chapin Mesa Lookout Tower.

Duties: The duties of a LOOK (Park Point Tower LOOKOUT) are as follows:

To scan surrounding terrain for the purpose of detecting smokes/fires both inside and outside the park boundaries in an area that covers 3 GACC's and more than a dozen fire department response areas. Position pinpoints locations of lightning strikes and/or fires, reports legal locations and smoke condition / fire behavior to dispatch or supervisor. Observes and reports buildup of thunderstorms and relays information on lightning activity to ground personal. Provide initial information on single/multiple fire starts such as: sizeup, fire behavior, fuel type, fire potential, rate of spread, wind direction and speed, slope, exposure, and position on slope. Make weather observations, understand fire weather, and make accurate inputs for the National Fire Danger Rating System, submit valid spot weather forecasts. Perform as a lookout for fire resources and relay any information regarding changing fire behavior and safety concerns. In addition this lookout tower typically sees over 100 visitors per day during the summer and is expected to answer visitor questions to the best of their ability if time allows.

Position will be supervised by (provide position title): FMO – Fire Management Officer and/or AFMO – Assistant Fire Management Officer

Qualifications/training of AD employee that justifies or supports hiring him/her into this position:

Knowledge of the geography, terrain features, and fuels types of the park and surrounding area to effectively detect/locate fires and pass information on to the responding unit duty officer. Ability to identify local weather factors that influence fire activity, guide firefighters into individual fires, use communication equipment effectively, give accurate and concise information, work with cooperating Dispatch Centers.

Keith Krause, AFMO
Name of person providing this description (please print)

May 27, 2018
Date

Christine Pollock
Signature approval of NPS National Incident Bus. Lead

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Date