



Bureau of Land Management
Vale District



Women in Wildland Fire Boot Camp

OUTREACH NOTICE

Women in Wildland Fire Boot Camp 2019

Application Deadline: September 6, 2019

Selection/Notification: September 13, 2019

*Do you want a career where your leadership
is respected and valued?*

Do you want to help your community and your country?

Do you want to be a role model?

**You have what it takes to become a
Wildland Firefighter!**

The Vale Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking a group of career-focused women and other individuals to become temporary seasonal employees and/or on-call wildland firefighters for the 2020 fire season. Seasonal and on-call positions will provide support to wildland fire operations over the summer. This experience can help open avenues to future employment and career advancement in the Fire Service. If you are selected for this development program, your first assignment will be to participate and complete the Women in Fire Boot Camp. The Boot Camp will provide you comprehensive Wildland Fire Training and orientation. Upon successfully completing this training, each participant will be certified for wildland firefighting.



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Wildland Fire Boot Camp Overview

The intent of the Boot Camp is to deliver basic firefighting training and an introduction to fire culture.

Individuals completing this training will be provided opportunities to apply for seasonal employment. You will be positioned to apply for seasonal and Casual Hires with the Fire Service immediately following this training.

The plan for this year's Boot Camp is to spend two weekends in October at a remote duty station on the Vale District. At this duty station you will learn basics about physical fitness, dietary needs, basic outdoor camping and field skills, along with firefighter training. All you need is a pillow, sleeping bag, all terrain shoes and willingness to learn.



Job Description

Participants on wildland fire assignments will be away from home for short periods of time, enjoying primitive camping in wilderness areas without electricity, showers, cell phone reception, while at the same time experiencing some of the most beautiful county in the United States. Other assignments may land you in urban areas with all the amenities. Operating vehicles both on and off road, hiking, commercial flights, boat rides, and helicopters flights are just some of the modes of transportation to be experienced on the job.

Wildland firefighters can operate in close proximity to open flame, heat, and smoke. The work can be physically demanding and very rewarding, sometimes requiring up to 16-hour work days. The work consists of hiking, carrying heavy equipment, working near heavy machinery, and using hand tools such as shovels, Pulaski's, and chainsaws. Respect, flexibility, understanding, crew cohesion, leadership, and teamwork are the foundation of any good firefighter.



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Major Firefighter Duties

- Participate in training (classroom and field).
- Participate in physical fitness.
- Keep self and equipment fit for duty.
- Be available for fire assignments.
- Travel and work 14-day assignments, possibly out of state.

Minimum Federal Qualification Requirements

1. Must be 18 years of age at the time you are hired. (June 2020).
2. Must be able to pass basic wildland firefighter training (provided Boot Camp).
3. Must be able to pass the Work Capacity Test at the "Arduous" level. This involves a 3-mile walk that must be completed in less than 45 minutes wearing a 45-pound weighted vest (provided, spring of 2020).

Training and How to Apply

Please fill out the attached Application, and return via mail, fax or email, following the directions on the Application.

Training will be held October 11-13 and October 18-20, 2019, in Eastern Oregon; with October 10th and 17th and October 18th and 20th as possible travel days to/from Vale, Oregon. To receive a certificate, you must attend both weekend sessions and complete all required training.





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Location of Training: Vale BLM District

S-130/S-190: Firefighting Training and Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior. This introductory course is designed to train entry-level firefighters (referred to as *Firefighter Type 2*). They will be introduced to and gain knowledge of the basic incident management organization, firefighting techniques, suppression equipment, safety, strategy, and tactics along with fire behavior. Field exercises will be performed for valuable hands-on training. Includes L-180, I-100, and fire shelter deployment.

I-100 pre-work

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=I-S-100.b>

S-190

Module 1: Basic Concepts of Wildland Fire
Module 2: Fuel, Topography, and Weather
Module 3: Fire Behavior

A version of *L-180, Human Factors on the Fireline*, is included in this course. Credit should be issued for both S-130 and L-180 upon completion.

Module 1: Preparedness, ICS, and Resources
Module 2: Watch Out and LCES
Module 3: Fire Shelter
Module 4: Potential Hazards and Human Factors on the Fireline
Module 5: Transportation Safety
Module 6: Hand Tools
Module 7: Firing Devices
Module 8: Water Use
Module 9: Suppression, Communication, and Mop-up
Module 10: Hazardous Materials
Module 11: Wildland-Urban Interface
Module 12: Optional Knowledge Areas
Module 13: Performance Day Requirements

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=I-S-700.a>

Fire Shelter Training



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Questions and Information contacts:

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Application

**Must be 18 years of age when applying
for jobs**

Name: (Last, First): _____ **Date:** _____

Gender: Male Female

Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Statement of disability:

Do you have a physical or other disability requiring accommodations? Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____

Do you have any allergies or special dietary considerations? Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____

Preferred method of contact:

Phone #: () - _____ **e-mail:** _____

The BLM will offer basic wildland firefighter training in southeastern Oregon over two consecutive weekends in late October. Students selected will be notified by September 13, 2019.

Complete the following two questions, by circling your response.

Travel distance to Vale, Oregon?

- <50 miles
- 50-100 miles
- >100 miles

Are you available for both weekends including travel?

Yes No



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Your response will be considered when rating your application. Please provide a short narrative response to the questions below.

Specifically describe your interest in wildland firefighting.

Briefly describe your interest in natural resource conservation (forestry, wildlife biology, hydrology, soil science, etc.)

Is there anything else you would like to share about your backgrounds, skills, experiences?

By September 7, 2019, return completed Nomination Form, via mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Mail: Vale District BLM
ATTN: Cassandra Fleckenstein
100 Oregon St.
Vale, OR 97918

Fax: (541)473-3678

E-mail: candrews@blm.gov



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**ALL FORMS MUST BE SENT OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE
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FAX COVER SHEET

**DOI-Bureau of Land
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**Nomination Form for
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From: