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RECRUITMENT BULLETIN: **DENA-25-029**

ISSUE DATE: January 15, 2025

CLOSING DATE: Eligible applications will be forwarded to the hiring official beginning seven days following February 4, 2025, and every three weeks until after the closing date of May 14, 2025, or until the positions are filled.

JOBS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ALASKA LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM – PUBLIC LAW 96-487

Denali National Park and Preserve is accepting applications for up to two temporary, not-to-exceed 1,039 hours, full-time, Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-04/05/06 positions. This announcement is also online at www.nps.gov/dena/parkmgmt/jobs-local-hire.htm. More than one position may be filled via this bulletin.

****Please indicate what grade level you would like to be considered for, in your resume. If no election is made, you will be considered for each position****

POSITION

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-04

\$19.53- \$25.39 per hour, plus a 3% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), which is subject to annual review and adjustment.

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-05

\$21.85 to \$28.40 per hour plus 3% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), which is subject to annual review and adjustment.

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-06

\$24.36 to \$31.66 per hour plus 3% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA), which is subject to annual review and adjustment.

DUTY LOCATION

Denali Park, AK

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION: Temporary, full-time, approximately late-April to mid-October. The appointment may be extended for an additional period (not to exceed 1,039 hours total employment). Persons selected may be eligible for rehire in future years.

BENEFITS: Temporary, seasonal, and intermittent employees on appointments expected to last at least 90 days and expected to work a schedule of 130 hours or more a calendar month, will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) health plan and Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Plan (FEDVIP) upon notification from their employing office. Eligible employees will be responsible for the employee share of the premium while on the official agency roles, which will be deducted from bi-weekly earnings.

DUTIES: If selected, you will work as a Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-04 or 05 or 06 at Denali National Park and Preserve. Duties include but are not limited to the following:

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-04

- Make field observations of natural resource conditions.
- Assists with the establishment of monitoring plots in a variety of vegetation/fuel types in accordance with established guidelines.
- Installs, operates, maintains, inventories, and calibrates resource management equipment.
- Assists with the collection, organization, and management of field data using standardized data collection procedures.
- Enters natural resource field data into a personal computer using customized software.
- Assists with error checking and data entry quality-control.

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-05

In addition to the duties listed above, this position at the GS-05 grade will:

- Establishes monitoring plots in a variety of vegetation/fuel types.
- Collects and reports live and dead fuel loading, fuel moistures in accordance with established guidelines and directions from the Lead Fire Effects Monitor or Fire Ecologist.
- Performs fire effects monitoring duties on active planned and unplanned wildland fires, and records fire behavior monitoring documentation.
- Utilizing a basic knowledge of biology, selects locations and establishes fire behavior observation cycles/intervals according to established protocols and instructions from the Lead or Burn Boss.
- Enters natural resource field data into a personal computer using customized software.
- Collects plant vouchers in the field; cataloging, labeling, and storing for identification during the season.

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-06

In addition to the duties listed above, this position at the GS-06 grade will:

- Possesses knowledge of flora and plant community types and can identify flowering plants quickly and correctly to species and to distinguish lower plant orders.
- Makes site-specific decisions relating to plot location and vegetation composition.
- Evaluates observed conditions and problems and makes preliminary determinations on the cause of the problems noted. Provides results to higher-level specialists for analysis along with suggestions for protection, mitigation, etc.
- Collates and reports live and dead fuel loadings, fuel moistures, and fire behavior and weather data relating to spread rate, flame length, and other prescription elements.
- Recognizes and reports atmospheric characteristics that influence fire behavior, Monitors, obtains, and records weather data. Maps ongoing ignition operations and records fire behavior characteristics such as rates of spread, flame length, and general fire behavior. Plots fire progression on a map.
- Monitors and records smoke dispersion and air quality information.
- Prepares field maps and photographs of natural features from the ground. Accurately navigates with map and compass to locate predetermined points anywhere in the park. Locates field plots using GPS.
- Enters and runs statistical analyses on natural resource field data. Performs error checking and data entry quality control, identifying any problems to Fire Ecologist.

All positions will perform these duties:

- Operates four-wheel drive vehicles.
- Performs other incidental duties as assigned.

For more information about the duties of these positions, please contact Sarah Stehn, Fire Ecologist, at 907-683-6230 or sarah_stehn@nps.gov, or Keith Mitchell, Acting Fire Management Officer, at 907-683-9549 or keith_mitchell@nps.gov.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: In addition to working in an office/laboratory setting, the work involves walking, running, climbing, and backpacking with a load over rough terrain, sometimes for extended periods; lifting moderately heavy items; bending and stooping for long periods; and working under occasionally inclement (i.e., cold, hot, snow, wind) weather conditions.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work is performed in an office, laboratory, and in the field. Fieldwork includes exposure to extreme weather conditions and terrain, biting insects, wild animals, and high pollen levels, dermatitis-causing plants, and poisonous snakes. Incumbent may be required to fly in helicopters and fixed wing aircraft and may be required to work in actual fire situations, which can be hazardous.

WHO MAY APPLY: Any U.S. citizen who has acquired special knowledge or expertise regarding the natural or cultural resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, by reason of having either lived or worked in or near the park may apply. To be eligible, applicants must have lived or worked in or near the area long enough to encounter and become familiar with a full range of typical conditions that affect the work to be accomplished. Applicant resumes should reflect periods of time having lived or worked in or near the area of consideration.

Areas considered “near” Denali National Park and Preserve, Toklat, and Wonder Lake duty stations include only: Anderson, Cantwell, Chulitna, Clear, Curry, Denali Park, Ferry, Healy, Kantishna, Lake Minchumina, McKinley Village, Nenana, Nikolai, Petersville, Talkeetna, Tanana, Telida, and Trapper Creek.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements will be determined by evaluating experience in your resume and the interview and selection process. All position requirements must be met by the closing date of this recruitment bulletin. Knowledge or expertise concerning the park’s or preserve’s natural and/or cultural resources and the management thereof is required. Local knowledge of the resources and the typical conditions that affect the work to be accomplished will be applied in the performance of the duties. Applicant resumes should reflect periods of time having lived or worked in or near the area of consideration.

Following are five competencies identified for this position. Applicants are not required to address these competencies in a separate document, but are encouraged to include in their resumes experience related to these competencies.

- 1) Knowledge of the principles and practices of vegetation monitoring.
- 2) Ability to carry out biological/scientific work in remote locations.
- 3) Ability to communicate effectively (interpersonal skills).
- 4) Skill with computer use and with computer software programs.
- 5) Knowledge of standard Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) procedures and other data management systems relating to natural resource management activities.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- U.S. Citizenship required.
- Appointment subject to background investigation with favorable adjudication before starting work.
- Selectee will be required to participate in the Direct Deposit Electronic Funds Transfer Program.
- Selectee must be 18 years of age or older by enter on duty date.
- Males ages 18-25 must meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement. Verify registration at sss.gov
- Selectee will be required to submit to a drug test and must receive negative drug test results prior to appointment. In addition, this position is subject to random testing for illegal drug use. This position is subject to drug testing based on the collateral duty

requiring firearms in the backcountry or other locations for non-law enforcement reasons such as protection from animals.

- Selectee will be required to carry a firearm in performance of their duties. Per the Lautenberg Amendment to 18 U.S.C.922(g)(9), effective September 30, 1996, applicants are ineligible for this position if at ANY time they have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime of domestic violence, unless such conviction was expunged, set aside or the applicant received a pardon.
- This position may work a variety of schedules, which may include evening, weekend, and holiday work.
- This position may be required to work overtime.
- Selectee may be required to travel up to 14 nights per month.
- Government housing may be available.
- Selectee will be required to operate a government motor vehicle as part of their official duties; a valid driver's license is required. Prior to selectee's first official motor vehicle operation they will be required to show their supervisor that they possess a valid State issued driver's license.
- Selectee will be required to wear a uniform and comply with the National Park Service uniform standards. A uniform allowance will be provided.

HOW TO APPLY:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY! Incomplete submissions may result in non-referral of your application. ***Please note:*** An application consists of your resume and any other required forms or documents outlined below. There is no application form to complete.

All applications must be received via email or postmarked by the closing date of the announcement. Hand-delivered or faxed applications will not be accepted.

You may email your application to: Denali_Applications@nps.gov. Do not carbon copy (cc) anyone when you email your application. You should submit your application using a personal email, not a work email. Emailed applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Alaska Daylight Savings or Standard Time depending on the cut-off dates of this recruitment bulletin.

It is the applicant's responsibility to verify their application has been received via email by the deadline specified above.

If you email your application, include the recruitment bulletin number in the subject line. If you apply for more than one position, send a separate email with an application for each position.

Note: Information provided in the body of the email will not be considered part of your application. Include all information you want to share in your resume or include a cover letter.

If mailed via United States Postal Service (USPS), your application must be addressed to: Park Headquarters, ATTN: HR, Denali National Park and Preserve, PO Box 126, Denali Park, AK 99755. DO NOT SEND your application via United Parcel Service (UPS) or FedEx. We do not accept applications mailed in postage-paid government envelopes or through an internal government mail system.

If your application is postmarked on the closing date, it must be received in a sealed envelope at Denali National Park and Preserve no later than seven calendar days after the closing date.

Do not include any photographs of yourself or any PII (Personally Identifiable Information), such as your Social Security Number, driver's license number, or passport number in your application.

REQUIRED FORMS to include in your application:

- **Resume** that includes your current address, email, and phone number as well as detailed information about your work experience. Include the following: *the recruitment bulletin number of the position for which you are applying*; and for each period of employment state the specific date range worked (for example, June 15, 2022 - August 31, 2023), the position title, employer's name, phone number, and address.
 - Emailed resumes and cover letters need to be sent as **attachments**. Any text written in the email you send will not be forwarded to the selecting official.
 - Please include in your resume the grade level for which you wish to be considered. If a preference is not included in your resume, you will be considered for all.
- **DD-214 – Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty** – if claiming points of Veterans' Preference, include a legible copy of the DD-214 form that shows the type of discharge from service (usually the Member 4 copy), or Report of Separation from Active Duty if separation was prior to July 1, 1979. If claiming 10 points of Veterans' Preference, also include the SF-15 and verification documents described on the back of the SF-15. The SF-15 may be obtained through the Internet at www.opm.gov/forms. See additional details below about Veterans' Preference.

It is the applicant's responsibility to provide documentation/proof of claimed status for veterans' preference, qualifications, and education. Applicants will not be solicited for further data if that provided is found to be inadequate, illegible, or incomplete.

Application materials will not be returned; therefore, do not submit original documents that you may need in the future, or extra materials such as letters of recommendation, photographs, or award certificates.

If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired or you may be fired after you begin work, or you may be subject to fines, imprisonment, or other disciplinary action.

RECRUITMENT BULLETIN DATES:

This is an open continuous recruitment bulletin. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility beginning seven days after February 4, 2025, the initial cut-off date. Additional applications will be reviewed and issued to the selecting official on an as needed basis. This announcement will remain open for up to 4 months (120 days) or until the position(s) is filled, whichever comes first. Once selections are made, this announcement will be closed without notice. Applications received after the initial cut-off date of February 4, 2025, will be considered, if needed, by the cut-off dates below and the application waiting period:

- February 4, 2025 (initial cut-off date)
- February 25, 2025
- March 18, 2015
- April 8, 2025
- April 29, 2025
- May 14, 2025

How to Get Assistance

Assistance may be obtained by e-mailing DENA_HR_Requests@nps.gov. Do not email applications to this email address.

Veterans' Preference (for qualifying veterans): To receive Veterans' Preference, your application package must include a copy of your DD-214 form – *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* – that shows the type of discharge from service (usually the Member 4 copy), or Report of Separation from Active Duty if separation was prior to July 1, 1979. If claiming 10-point Veterans' Preference, you also must provide a completed SF-15 (www.opm.gov/forms) and verification documents listed on the SF-15. If you are separated and as yet do not have a DD-214, you may use an official statement of service from your command indicating that you have completed active service and are being discharged under honorable conditions, or provide other official documentation (e.g. documentation of receipt of a campaign badge or expeditionary medal) that proves your military service was performed under honorable conditions. You will not receive Veterans' Preference if you do not provide this documentation.

Reasonable Accommodations: The agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the park office listed on this announcement. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Privacy Act Information: The application you submit for this position contains information subject to the privacy act of 1974 (PL-93-579, 4 USC 552a). We are required to provide you with information regarding our authority and purpose for collecting this data, the routine

uses which will be made of it and the effects, if any, of non-disclosure. You are entitled to the same information as it pertains to disclosure of your social security number. Any questions you may have regarding the Privacy Act regulations and the rights it extends can be answered by contacting the park office.

Equal Employment Opportunity: Appointments are made without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, national origin, marital status, non-disqualifying handicap condition or any non-merit factor.