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RECRUITMENT BULLETIN: **DENA-24-020**

ISSUE DATE: November 29, 2023

CLOSING DATE: Eligible applications will be forward to the hiring official beginning December 20, 2023, and every three weeks until after the closing date of April 3, 2024, 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 as many as two full-time, temporary (not-to-exceed 1039 hours) Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-05 and GS-0404-06 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-0404-05
\$20.36 - \$26.47per hour, plus a 3.53% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

DUTY LOCATION

Denali Park, AK

Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404-06
\$22.70 - \$29.50 per hour, plus a 3.53% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Denali Park, AK

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION: Temporary, full-time, approximately late-April to October. The appointment may be extended for an additional period (not to exceed 1039 hours total employment). Persons selected may be eligible for rehire in future years. Schedule may involve weekend work or performance of duties before or after "normal" working hours. Government housing may be available. More than one position may be filled from this posting.

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 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: You will work as a Biological Science Technician (Fire Effects Monitor), GS-0404, duty stationed at Denali National Park & Preserve.

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

- Establishes monitoring plots in a variety of vegetation/fuels 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 plants vouchers in the field, cataloging, labelling, 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.

Both positions will perform these duties:

- Performs other incidental duties as assigned.

For more information about the duties of this position, 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:

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

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.

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WORK CONDITIONS:

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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. 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. Applicants' 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 duty station 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/or in the interview and selection process. All position requirements must be met by the closing date of this job posting. 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 performance of the duties. In determining eligibility, applicants' resume must indicate periods of time of having lived and/or worked in or near the above listed areas of consideration. Failure to do so may result in non-referral of your application.

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 information 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.
- You may be required to work on-call, evenings, weekends, holidays, overtime and shift work.
- You will be required to wear a uniform and comply with the National Park Service uniform standards. A uniform allowance will be provided.
- You will be required to operate a government motor vehicle as part of your official duties; a valid driver's license is required. After selection, you may be required to submit a GSA Form 3607 and driving record at your own expense.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.

- Males must meet Selective Service Registration Act requirement. Verify registration at sss.gov.
- Government housing may be available for this position.
- You may be required to travel up to 14 nights per month. You must obtain a government charge card for travel purposes.
- Selectee will work in remote locations.
- This position is subject to drug testing based on the collateral duty requiring firearms in the back-country or other locations for non-law enforcement reasons such as protection from animals.
- You will be required to carry a firearm in performance of your 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.

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.

Assistance may be obtained by e-mailing DENA_HR_Requests@nps.gov.

All applications must be postmarked or received via email by the closing date of the announcement.

If mailed via USPS, your application must be addressed to: Park Headquarters, ATTN: HR, Denali National Park and Preserve, P. O. Box 126, Denali Park, AK 99755.

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. Emailed applications must be received by 11:59 AKST on the closing date of the job posting.

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

You may email your application to: Denali_Applications@nps.gov. Email all applications only to the designated email address provided. Do not include (CC) any staff members in emailed applications.

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

Be sure to 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.

Hand-delivered applications cannot be accepted. DO NOT SEND your application via UPS or FedEx. We do not accept faxed applications or applications mailed in postage-paid government envelopes or through an internal government mail system.

REQUIRED FORMS to send via USPS or email:

- **Resume** that provides detailed information about your work experience. Also include: *the recruitment bulletin number of the position for which you are applying*; and for each period of

employment: the dates worked (for example, June 2009 through August 2010), the position title, employer's name, phone number and address.

- Emailed resumes and cover letters need to be sent as **attachments**.
- Please include in your resume the grade level you wish to be considered for. If a grade level is not included in your resume, you will be considered for all.
- **DD-214** if claiming points of Veterans' Preference; 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.

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.

This is an open continuous announcement. Initial application packages will be reviewed for eligibility beginning **December 20, 2023**, the initial cut-off date. Additional application packages will be reviewed and issued to management on an as needed basis. This announcement will remain open for up to 3 months or until the vacancy is filled. Applications received after the initial cut-off date of **December 20, 2023**, will be considered, if needed, by cut-off dates. Cut-off dates will occur as follows:

- December 20, 2023 (initial cut-off date);
- January 10, 2024;
- January 31, 2024;
- February 21, 2024;
- March 13, 2024;
- April 3, 2024

VETERANS' PREFERENCE (for qualifying veterans): To receive Veterans' Preference, your application package must include a legible copy of the DD-214, "Military Discharge," 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.