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 **OUTREACH NOTICE**

 **GS-462-5/6 TEMPORARY FORESTRY TECHNICIAN SMOKEJUMPER**

Region 1 Forest Service is outreaching to fill GS-0462-5/6 temporary smokejumper positions at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula, Montana.

Forestry Technician Smokejumpers perform a variety of duties in the areas of parachute jumping and fire suppression. Upon completion of training, are subject to work assignments throughout the Region, in any other Forest Service Region, or for other agencies concerned with managing forest or range lands.

These are primary/rigorous firefighter positions under the provisions of 5 USC 83369(c) CSRS and 8412(d) FERS.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applicants apply to Forest Service positions through www.USAJobs.gov. Individuals interested in these positions are encouraged to create an applicant profile NOW and build their resume in USAJobs as soon as practical in advance of the vacancy announcjement opening date.

**CONTACT INFO**: For more information about these positions, please contact Mitch Kearns, (406) 329-4894, mkearns@fs.fed.us or Steve Reed at (406) 329-4902, smreed@fs.fed.us

**DUTY STATION SPECIFICS:** Northern Region, Forest Service, Fire & Aviation Management located at the Aerial Fire Depot, **Missoula, MT**. The Aerial Fire Depot (AFD) is responsible for interagency wildfire suppression, emergency and disaster coordination to several states and Federal agencies in the Northern Rocky Mountains.

**THE COMMUNITY:**  Missoula, Montana draws people from diverse backgrounds. Missoula is nestled in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana. This scenic city is bustling with activity, as western Montana's regional source for business, culture, medical services, retail, and entertainment. There are endless opportunities for fishing, thousands of miles of trails, and plenty of guides and shops to clue you in on the hot spots. With an area population of more than 70,000, Missoula has what you'd expect to find in a big city--a wide range of hotels, restaurants, shops and galleries, several museums, a ballet company, live theater and a symphony. It's also home to The University of Montana, laid-back coffee houses, historic bars and cozy bookstores. As a natural outdoor playground it's unparalleled, and yet Missoula is one of the most dynamic cultural centers in the Northwest. Missoula is a major retail and medical hub in Western Montana and claims one of the nation's highest doctor to patient ratios. A wide variety of specialty, discount, and budget shopping centers make Missoula the retail hub for an estimated 200-mile radius. The Missoula school system is considered excellent with three public and two private high schools, numerous elementary schools, a College of Technology and the University of Montana.

Missoula serves a trade area in excess of 300,000 and therefore, has more amenities and services than most cities of its size. The foundations of Missoula's economic base are wood and paper products, Federal Government, motor carriers and the University. There is a great diversity of neighborhoods and residential settings within the community and surrounding area ranging from urban to very rural.

There are an abundance of recreation facilities and opportunities located in and around the Missoula area. These include: public golf courses, parks, tennis courts, swimming pools, health clubs, racquetball courts, YMCA, softball diamonds, hiking trails, ice skating rink. There are many rivers in the area for rafting, fishing and swimming. Snowbowl ski area is less than an hour's drive from town and within a two-hour drive are Discovery, Lost Trail and Lookout Pass. Also close to Missoula are numerous cross country ski trails, and snowmobile trails.

Missoula has two large hospitals, which provide a full array of inpatient and outpatient services. Missoula has many other health care practitioners to offer.

Missoula residents enjoy all four seasons of the year. The elevation is 3,205, with an average annual temperature of 45 F, with a January daily minimum of 15.5 F. and July daily maximum of 83.4 F. The growing season averages 137 days, an average mean rainfall of 13.5 inches, and an average mean snowfall of 42.5 inches.

Montana has personal income tax and property tax, but NO sales tax.

Additional Information: If you would like additional information about the city of Missoula, you can contact the Missoula Chamber of Commerce at (406) 543-6623. Extensive additional information on the Missoula area can be found on the internet at http://www.missoula.com

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