



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

# Oregon Department of Forestry INTERN JOB DESCRIPTION

## Southwest Oregon District Medford Unit

### Fire Protection Internship

#### Job Duties:

- Work on a 200-gallon engine under the direction of a Forest Officer.
- Assist the Forest Officer with fire prevention efforts with the general public, landowners and operators.
- Routine equipment and station maintenance.

#### Location:

This position is located out of the Medford Unit office, part of the Southwest Oregon District. Medford is in southwestern Oregon, approximately 30 miles north of the Oregon/California border, and the office is located just east of the I-5 corridor.

#### Timing:

The intern in this position must be able to work through Labor Day. The work schedule may require evening and weekend work as well as overtime. Start dates are negotiable.

#### Qualifications:

You must be a college student currently enrolled in a forestry-related curriculum or program and be returning to college following the period of employment. A valid driver's license and the physical ability to perform strenuous work in a forest environment are required. Eligibility to work in the United States is required.

Additionally, as a condition of hire, you will be required to pass what is commonly referred to as the "Pack Test." The "Pack Test" is a valid, job-related test, which measures an individual's capacity for arduous work. The test consists of performing a 3-mile hike over level terrain in 45 minutes while carrying a 45-pound backpack. Prior to reporting for an interview, applicants are strongly encouraged to train for arduous level work capacity. You should begin training 4 to 6 weeks before you expect to take the test. Start training for the test by walking three miles without a pack. Once this distance can be covered in 45 minutes, gradually begin carrying some weight. Continue to increase the weight until you can meet the requirements of the test within the allotted time. **Prior to training for the "Pack Test," you should consult your physician if you have been inactive; have a history of heart problems; if you experience chest pain, loss of balance; or have a joint problem that could be made worse by a change in physical activity.**

#### Working Conditions:

Work is performed in the forest on steep, brushy, uneven ground in all types of weather. May work hours outside the normal business week including weekends, holidays and evenings.

#### To Apply:

Applications are accepted in January and February every year for the following summer. Any application received after that timeframe will be considered as vacancies allow. Application materials and instructions are available on the Oregon Department of Forestry website, [www.oregon.gov/ODF](http://www.oregon.gov/ODF), under the ODF Employment section. You may contact Human Resources at (503) 945-7290 for additional information.