



Connecting Veterans to Natural Resources

The Umatilla Veteran Crew is a great opportunity for veterans to learn about a potential career with the Forest Service. Through a partnership with the Mt. Adams Institute's Vets Work program, we are currently looking for applicants for the Umatilla Veteran Crew on the Umatilla National Forest, North Fork John Day Ranger District, Ukiah Oregon.

Employees will receive the following training in this program:



- I-100 – Introduction to Incident Command System
- L-180 – Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- S-130 – Firefighter Training
- S-190 – Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- S-212 – Wildland Fire Chain Saws

Background

The Umatilla National Forest has teamed up with Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) in a career development opportunity for veterans interested in working in Natural Resources. In 2014 the crew consisted of 3 permanent Forest Service employees and 17 AmeriCorps/MAI to make a 20-person Type 2 Crew. The crew's primary job was fuels reduction, which included a 26-acre thinning unit and prescribed fire (both broadcast burning and pile burning). The crew was mobilized for two off district assignments fighting wildland fire. Additionally, the crew worked on wilderness trails for a week, along with other miscellaneous work on the district. The 2015 season was much like the previous season except the change in crew staffing, which consisted of 13 Forest Service and 10 MAI

Pay Rates and Benefits

AmeriCorps/MAI Employees

For 2015, MAI personnel will be housed at Frazier bunk house free of charge. The pay is a living stipend of \$268.89 weekly, paid out monthly. We will pick up the MAI employees as AD's to fight wildland fires. AD's will be paid at the AD-C level, which is \$17.60 an hour.

Forest Service Temporary Employees

F.S. employees will pay rent \$5 per day to live in the bunk house. F.S. employee's prior experience will determine their pay-grade level. F.S. employees will be hired under 1039 appointments. Employees under these appointments are given 1039 base hours that they cannot exceed, which ends up being about 5-6 months.

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