

NDSU-North Dakota Forest Service

Engine Boss - Seasonal Fire Crew

Position: Engine Boss

Job Type: Full Time – Seasonal

Location: Bismarck, North Dakota

Job Description:

The purpose of the position is to provide supervision and mentoring for engine personnel. The Engine Boss will be responsible for all aspects of an engine while on fire assignment, including but not limited to engine maintenance, personnel/equipment time, and engine crew supervision. Person may be asked to perform as squad boss on Type 2IA hand crew also. While on assignment with hand crew, squad boss will receive assignments and direction from crew supervisor. While not on a fire suppression assignment, personnel will complete hazardous fuels mitigation projects. During fuels projects, the engine boss will work alongside crewmembers while providing direction to crew members on the proper and safe use of tools to complete tasks, including chopping brush, felling small trees, and assisting sawyers using various hand tools, such as axes and shovels, along with power tools, including chainsaws. The crew members will also be trained how to correctly clean, recondition and store tools and maintain equipment and facilities. This position requires completion of an Engine Boss task book as defined by the NWCG. Work sites may be away from the home base and may require travel for extended periods.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

This is an arduous duty position requiring regular, protracted periods of considerable exertion. Incumbent may be required to work under hazardous conditions encountered in prescribed burning and fire suppression operations (excessive heat, smoke, dust, rough terrain, sharp hand tools, motorized equipment, and poisonous snakes and insects), including prolonged standing, walking over uneven, rocky or swampy ground, recurrent bending, reaching, lifting and carrying items weighing up to 50 pounds, and other strenuous activities requiring good agility and dexterity. Many of these same conditions will prevail during other regular field activities. Incumbent must wear protective clothing and other safety equipment. The employee must meet and maintain the arduous physical requirements established for this position, as evidenced by passing the standardized fitness test for arduous positions approved by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group for wildland fire agencies.

Starting Wage: \$17.50/hour DOE

How to Apply:

Applications can be found on the ND Forest Service Fire Management page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndfs/programs-and-services/fire-management or by calling 701-328-9946. Mail completed applications, postmarked no later than April 2, to the following address:

NDSU-ND Forest Service
Seasonal Fire Crew Applications
916 E. Interstate Ave. Suite #4
Bismarck, ND 58503

or email to carson.kerr@ndsu.edu