

NATURAL RESOURCES FOREST FIRE RESPONSE LEAD

KIND OF WORK

Semi-skilled fire response and preparation work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Under immediate supervision, an employee in this class performs routine fire response and preparation work and lead emergency fire fighters to control and extinguish wildfires for the Department of Natural Resources. Work requires both hand and power tools, requiring strenuous physical work outdoors under unfavorable conditions. Performs related work as required.

Frequent travel required for fire suppression purposes throughout Minnesota. The NR Forest Fire Response Lead differs from the Laborer General class in that some of the work requires knowledge of wildfire suppression tools and techniques. The work differs from the NR Technician (Fire Suppression) in that it does not require the technical knowledge and is not supporting statewide fire suppression efforts.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position will not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Prepare for wildfire suppression needs by organizing and maintaining fire suppression equipment, supplies and tools, by maintaining an inventory of supplies and requesting new supplies as needed; by winterizing fire suppression equipment before storage at the end of fire season; and by maintaining buildings, grounds, fire warden signs, and fire related facilities.

Respond to initial attack wildfires and work on prescribed burns as part of the area wildfire suppression team by leading emergency fire fighters; by operating fire suppression equipment; protecting the fire scene and gathering information for the arson investigator; and completing initial reports.

Assist Area Supervisor with fire prevention activities by directing emergency fire suppression personnel and assisting with their training.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

All aspects of wildfire suppression including initial attack, fire behavior, fire control, mop up, and fire line safety sufficient to effectively suppress fires.

Fire suppression equipment maintenance and operation used in fire response sufficient to prepare for and respond to wildfire suppression needs. Operation of some equipment may require certification/qualification.

State and local fire laws and regulations sufficient to report violations.

Forestry Administrative Area Fire Plan sufficient to prepare for and respond to wildfires.

Interagency communication operations sufficient to effectively exchange information.

DNR Forestry fire reporting system sufficient to complete reports.

Skill in:

Using maps and GPS equipment sufficient to quickly locate fires and access routes by section, township and range, and by latitude /longitude.

Fire equipment operation sufficient to carry out fire suppression activities in a safe and effective manner.

Coaching and directing emergency firefighters sufficient to provide leadership in fire activities so they are more effective and safe on fireline activities.

Ability to:

Maintain and organize fireline equipment so that equipment is functioning and available when needed to suppress fires.

Communicate by radio and telephone sufficient to insure accurate transmission of information.

SPECIAL WORK CONDITIONS

Endurance necessary to perform tasks under extreme environmental conditions, such as heat, cold, rain, wind, and smoke.

Ability to pass the DNR Forestry physical standards as required for this position on an annual basis (based on the Federal Moderate Standard).

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