This notice is to inform interested individuals of our intention to recruit and fill one permanent full time Lead Forestry Technician GS-06 – 13/13 (13 pay periods pay status, 13 pay periods non-pay status) on the Bighorn National Forest. The position is located on the Medicine Wheel Ranger District in Greybull, Wyoming. **THERE IS NO PROMOTION POTENTIAL BEYOND THE GS-06 LEVEL.**

Once we confirm Vacancy Announcement number(s) that will be used to fill the position, we will let individuals that respond to our outreach response form and to those who we have distributed the Outreach Notice to know what those announcement numbers are to apply to. The referral list for this position will be requested after we have outreached the position for a minimum of 21-days. Applicants will need to apply through USAJobs. You can access the announcement on the USAJobs webpage at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

**Requirements to be qualified for the position are:** Firefigter Type-1 and S-290.

When applying for the position you MUST choose Greybull, Wyoming, as a location choice before submitting your application. If you do not choose Greybull, Wyoming, as a location choice, your name will not appear on the list of applicants that we receive.

Applicants are required to attach a copy of their **Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) Master Record** (or equivalent training record) which contains documented proof of the certification or attainment of the above IFPM Selective Placement Factors in order to be considered eligible.

If applying to the Merit Vacancy Announcement, you MUST attach your most recent SF-50. DO NOT use an SF-50 issued for an award as it does not contain the required information, you MUST also attach your latest Individual Performance Appraisal or you will not be considered for the position.

**THE POSITION:**

The position is an Assistant Engine Module Leaders on a Type 6 Wildland Fire Engine. The successful applicant will assist the Engine Module Leader in supervising and leading the engine crew and will supervise the crew in the absence of the Engine Module Leader. In addition to initial attack on the Forest, the selected individual will also be made available for off Forest assignments. These assignments include; engine assignments, support to the Bighorn Basin Type 2 IA crew that is dispatched off-Forest on a regular basis throughout the summer, support to the Black Tooth Fire Module, and helicopter assignments.

When not involved in fire suppression duties, the engine crew performs a variety of tasks such as, prescribed fire preparation and implementation, hazardous fuels reduction work, ongoing training, prevention patrol, and other duties as assigned.
Expectations are high, and will be clearly conveyed upon hire. Professionalism, safety, job training, a high fitness level, and project production are emphasized. The crew operates with a considerable degree of independence in meeting these expectations.

Off-season duties will be tailored to the individual’s qualifications and developmental needs, to include single resource assignments, prescribed burn details, and other opportunities as they arise and as budget allows.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT): This position participates in wildland firefighting activities. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a condition of employment.

BARGAINING UNIT STATUS: Not eligible.

Transfer of Station (TOS) will be authorized for current government employees.

THE DISTRICT

The Medicine Wheel District administrative office is located in the town of Greybull, Wyoming which has a population of 1,853 with a staff of 24 permanent employees. The Greybull work center, formally the Paintrock District office, is home to the Wyoming Hotshots and the Greybull I.A.Module. The ranger district encompass just under 400,000 acres which includes 33 grazing allotments and a portion of Cloud Peak Wilderness. The closest larger community is Powell, located 24 miles west of Lovell, and has a population of approximately 6,300.

THE FOREST

The Bighorn National Forest, created on February 22, 1897, is located in north-central Wyoming. The Forest is 80 miles long and 30 miles wide, and covers 1,115,073 acres. The Bighorn Mountains are a sister range of the Rocky Mountains. It is located halfway between Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone National Park. The area has year-round recreation opportunities. There is one small ski area, several Nordic Ski trail systems, and over 300 miles of groomed snowmobile trails. No region in Wyoming is provided with a more diverse landscape – from lush grasslands to alpine meadows, from crystal clear lakes to glacially-carved valleys, from rolling hills to sheer mountain walls.

The Forest has multiple reservoirs, 30 campgrounds, four group campgrounds, three scenic byways, 10 picnic areas, eight lodges, miles and miles of streams, 189,000 acres of wilderness, 1,500 miles of trails, and much more that provides a special recreation experience.

In addition, we permit the grazing of approximately 28,000 cattle and 21,000 sheep. We cut approximately 7.0 MBF of sawlogs and fuelwood. Wildlife is abundant with an estimated summer elk population of 11,000. Deer number over 35,000. Other larger species include moose, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain lion.

For a complete description of the Forest, including photos, see our WEB PAGE at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/bighorn/.
**THE COMMUNITY**

Greybull, Wyoming is home to 1,853 residents. The town sits adjacent to the Big Horn River and has a three mile developed river walk. Midway Golf Club is located just south of town. The nearest hospital is five miles south of town at the South Big Horn County Hospital. Greybull has elementary, middle, and high schools. Health care, dental care, motels, banks, hardware store, lumber yard, grocery store, service stations, and dining are all locally available. Nearby towns include Basin (8 miles), Cody (53 miles), Lovell (32 miles), Powell (48 miles), Shell (15 miles), and Worland (38 miles). Year-round access to the Bighorn National Forest and east to Sheridan via Highway 14 allows for many recreational opportunities including fishing, hiking, hunting, sightseeing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Yellowstone National Park is two hours to the west. Sleeping Giant Ski Hill or Meadowlark Ski Hill are both about 90 minutes away from Greybull.

The weather in Greybull is somewhat typical for the northern Rockies region, with fairly cold winters and warm summers. Wintertime highs average in the mid-30’s, with occasional cold snaps dropping the mercury below zero. Summertime highs generally range from the mid-80's to mid-90's, cooling off considerably at night. Greybull is at 3,789 feet in elevation (relatively low for Wyoming), and generally does not receive the winds that other parts of the State experience. Precipitation averages about 7 inches per year with most falling in the form of rain, annual snow accumulation is usually less than 12 inches.

Rentals in Greybull range from $300 to $500 per month for a two bedroom and three bedroom rentals average $400 to $600 per month. Two bedroom houses currently sell for between $50,000 and $70,000 with three bedroom houses are selling for $70,000 to $100,000. Housing outside of town on a couple of acres can be purchased from $150,000 – $230,000. No government housing is available. The main industries in the Greybull area are bentonite mining, farming, oil field production, railroad transportation, and ranching. State sales tax in Big Horn County is 5%, with NO State or local income tax.

If you have any questions about the job or the location, please contact:

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We encourage you to express interest through the utilization of the attached form.
OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
Lead Forestry Technician/Senior Firefighter
GS-0462-06, Medicine Wheel RD
BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST

NAME:_____________________________________________

E-Mail ADDRESS:_____________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS:____________________________________

TELEPHONE NUMBER:__________________________________

GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:_____USFS _____BLM _____OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:_____PERMANENT _____TEMPORARY _____TERM
                      _____VRA  _____PWD  _____OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT:________________________

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE:_______________________________

CURRENT POSITION TITLE:________________________________

WORK EXPERIENCE APPLICABLE TO THIS POSITION:
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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE
REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

_____PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
_____VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
_____DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
_____VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
_____FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
_____LAND MANAGEMENT WORKFORCE FLEXIBILITY ACT
_____OTHER______________________________________________

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!
E-mail the notice to: mmatthiesen@fs.fed.us or bkidd@fs.fed.us