Central Oregon Fire Management Service (COFMS) is recruiting for one (1) GS-0462-5/6/7 Forestry Technician (Lead Dispatcher). This is a permanent seasonal (PSE 18/8) position located in the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center (COIDC), Prineville, Oregon. The Center is expecting to relocate to Redmond, Oregon in April 2017.

The Central Oregon fire management agencies supported by COIDC protect 4.5 million acres of public and private land covering a geographic area of 9.5 million acres and averaging over 450 fires per year. The COIDC Aircraft/Shared Resource Desk provides dispatch coordination and support to: COFMS (Deschutes and Ochoco NFs, Crooked River National Grassland and BLM Prineville District); ODF Prineville-Sisters Units; the PNW Regional Air Group; Redmond Regional Mobilization Center; and other dispatch centers and units locally, regionally, and nationally. The workload can be quite high, especially during fire season, and close coordination with Initial Attack and Logistics is essential.

Primary responsibilities include coordination, logistical support, and mobilization of resources located in Central Oregon, primarily those identified as Shared Resources such as aircraft and the two local IHC Crews. This position will provide oversight and training to non-permanent staff and detailers, providing direction and local expertise necessary to operational
relationships and coordination. It will report to, support, and act for the COIDC Shared Resources Assistant Center Manager/Coordinator.

The position is in an office setting and has no special physical demands except the ability to remain at a workstation for extended shifts. The incumbent must be able to work overtime, various duty schedules, unscheduled days and hours, nights, weekends and holidays. Due to the nature of the service the dispatch center renders, the office setting is one that produces and maintains a high-stress environment. Being able to multi-task effectively in this type of environment is a highly desirable trait.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

A highly qualified candidate would be a currently qualified ACDP and EDSD under the National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (NWCG) incident qualification system.

This position is subject to selective placement factor requirements contained in the IFPM Standard and Guide when filling this vacancy. This is a secondary firefighter position.

NWCG Incident Management Qualifications:
- 90 days of prior wildland firefighting operations experience

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**CENTRAL OREGON**

**TRAVEL:** The Central Oregon area is serviced by the Redmond Municipal Airport, located 18 miles east of Prineville, which has daily flights by Horizon Air (Alaska Air), United Express Airlines, and Delta Airlines.

Highway 126 passes through Prineville, while nearby Highway 97 offers an easy connection to a north-south corridor. Prineville is approximately a 3-hour drive from Portland, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene.

**WEATHER:** Central Oregon is ‘High Desert’ which means the climate is semi-arid and has four distinct seasons. Summer brings warm, sunny days with temperatures in the high 80’s to 90’s. There can be a few days in August where the temperature will reach the low 100’s. Fall is pleasant and mild with average high temperatures of 75 degrees, and nighttime lows sometimes dipping into the 20’s. Winter is relatively mild with the snowfall in the neighborhood of 8-10 inches that usually melts quickly. Temperatures are normally in the low to mid 20-30’s. Spring is usually sunny, but cool. The growing season is relatively short as the elevation of Prineville is 3,033 feet, (Redmond is 3,077, Bend is 3,623). The average yearly precipitation in Central Oregon ranges from 8.64 to 12 inches.

More detailed information about Central Oregon may be obtained from the following websites: [http://visitprineville.org](http://visitprineville.org)  
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