



## Fire Management Specialist (McCook, NE)

### Position Information

**Working Title:** Fire Management Specialist (McCook, NE)

**Department:** Nebraska Forest Service-0889

**Requisition Number:** S\_221041

**Posting Open Date:** 09/14/2022

**Application Review Date:**  
**(To ensure consideration,**  
**please submit all**  
**application materials**  
**before review date)** 10/10/2022

**Posting Close Date:**

**Open Until Filled:** Yes

**Location:** McCook, NE

### Description of Work:

The Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) provides technical and financial assistance to clients across Nebraska emphasizing rural forestry, community forestry, forest fuels reduction, forest health, forest products utilization and fire protection. Our mission is to enrich the lives of Nebraskan's by protecting, restoring and utilizing Nebraska's tree and forest resources.

NFS is seeking enthusiastic, qualified applicants to join our team of dedicated staff working towards improving preparedness and response capabilities of Nebraska's wildland fire first responders. Providing direct training and incident support assistance, the Fire Management Specialist will play a key role in protecting life and property from wildfire in southwest Nebraska.

This position will lead NWCG wildland fire training within their region; serve as a priority Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) base manager for the McCook SEAT base, while also providing relief and assistance for other SEAT bases around the state. The employee will be available to assist with local, state, and national wildland fire response, based on qualifications and availability. Position requires attaining SEAT base manager NWCG qualifications within 2 years of hire, during which time the position and NFS will prioritize completing that qualification. Required to complete the NWCG work capacity test. Position located in McCook, NE



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**Minimum Required Qualifications**

Bachelor's degree in forest management, natural resources or related field, plus one year wildland firefighting experience required; equivalent education/experience considered. Must be qualified as a firefighter type 1 (NWCG) or higher. Ability to attain single resource boss certification within 3 years and SEAT base manager within 2 years. Knowledge of maintenance and operation of specialized tools and equipment used in wildland firefighting; and ability and experience in prescribed fire implementation and/or wildland fire suppression including knowledge of fire behavior, fire hazard and risk analysis, safety mitigation and fire line leadership essential. Must have a valid driver's license and meet University driver eligibility requirements.

**Preferred Qualifications**

Prefer Bachelor's in forest management, natural resources or related field plus two years' wildland firefighting experience; prescribed fire burn boss 2; any single resource boss certification; SEAT base manager certification; ability to develop and deliver wildland fire training courses; knowledge of computer software including, but not limited to, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, email, etc..

**Pre-Placement Driving Record Review Required:** Yes

**Physical Required:** Yes

**Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required. Subject to DOT approved pre-employment & random testing for alcohol and controlled substances** No

**Criminal History Background Check Required:** Yes

**Posted Salary:** \$53,194 minimum



**How to Apply:** <https://employment.unl.edu/postings/81709>. Click on "Apply for this Job". You will then either create an application or edit your current application that is on file. You will be required to attach your resume, cover letter and list of references as three (3) separate documents in MS Word or PDF format.

**For questions  
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related to this  
position contact:**

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**Job Category (old):**

Managerial/Professional

**Job Type:**

Full-Time

**Alternate Work  
Schedule (if other  
Than 8-5)**

Occasional evening & weekend hours required

**Position funded  
by grant or other  
form of temporary  
funding?**

Yes

**Planned Hire Date:**

To be arranged

**Supplemental Questions**

1. \* Please describe your current wildland firefighting qualifications. (Open Ended Question)
2. Can you provide a copy of your master training list and qualifications card (red card) at your interview? (Open Ended Question)

**Required Documents**

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter
3. List of References