



Forest Stewards Guild Job Opportunity: Prescribed Fire and Fuels Technician - Logistics



The Forest Stewards Guild is hiring a full-time position in Colorado! The Prescribed Fire and Fuels Technician - Logistics position will support the Forest Stewards Guild's Fire Management program and be a member of the Gravitas Peak Wildland Fire Module. The position has both field and office responsibilities, including but not limited to supporting logistical needs for both the organization and implementation projects, engaging in prescribed fire operations and wildfire suppression, and fulfilling roles on a prescribed fire management team. **Candidates should have a passion for increasing the pace and scale of prescribed fire, increasing diversity and inclusion in the fire practitioner community, and mentoring fire practitioners from underserved and underrepresented communities.**

Organization Description

The Gravitas Peak Wildland Fire Module is a 14-person, Type 1 capable, wildland fire resource. Focused primarily on prescribed fire and fuels management, the Module is a highly adaptable resource comprised of a Type 5 Wildland Engine, a fully self-sufficient 10-person hand crew, and appropriate overhead, fire monitoring, and technology assets. The Module partners with stakeholders to conceptualize forest management and prescribed fire projects as well as providing the administrative and technical services to make these projects a reality.

The Module has an equally important parallel mission: to serve as a training program for transitional aged young adults (18–25 year old) from underrepresented and underserved populations. We provide a fully supported 18-month training program that prepares young firefighters for competitive employment with the Nation's land management agencies and a path to success and independence.

The Forest Stewards Guild is a national organization of foresters and allied natural resource professionals dedicated to practicing and promoting values-based forestry. The Guild has over 700 members, professionals who manage over 42 million acres of forestland in the United States and Canada. The Fire Management Program is dedicated to supporting fire as a natural process in fire-adapted ecosystems on a landscape scale to improve ecosystem function and health and increase wildfire resilience.

The Guild is dedicated to providing an open, transparent, and just organization and workplace. We strive for clear, open, and kind communication and are committed to centering, recruiting, hiring, mentoring, and supporting fire practitioners from traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities. We are dedicated to building a better way to do fire management, that recognizes the inherent value of our employees, that supports work / life balance, and provides an environment that supports growth.

Position Description

The successful candidate will have strong prescribed fire and wildland fire experience, planning document generation experience, strong organization skills, the ability to embrace adversity and uncertainty, and a clear commitment to working with diverse populations. Extended suppression fire assignments will be supported. They will:

- Maintain Module apparatus, PPE, tools, and equipment.
- Serve as chainsaw manager and fuels treatment field manager
- Be responsible for 14-day self-sufficient assets and food program
- Ensure overall Module fire readiness

- Serve as Squad Boss on Module assignments
- Fulfill Logistics role in prescribed fire management team (IMT short squad).
- May oversee or be overseen by staff, volunteers, and individuals or crews from other agencies or organizations when serving in prescribed fire or wildfire operations.
- May work in variable weather conditions, in remote locations, and on difficult or hazardous terrain and / or in other physically demanding environments.
- Travel for extended periods of time from the home unit and work outside of normal business work hours.
- Manage work assignments with minimal direction from supervisors

Minimum Qualifications:

- Clear verbal and written communication skills.
- FAL1, FFT1
- High school diploma and at least three years of training in wildland fire operations.
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm and experience working with young adults from underserved and underrepresented communities.
- Experience using and maintaining firefighting tools, equipment, and engines.
- Experience in prescribed fire operations.
- Must achieve minimum physical fitness standards for Arduous positions for wildland fire.
- Effective knowledge of common software applications.

Preferred Qualifications:

- FAL2, RXB3, CRWB(t), UTVO
- Solid mechanical and carpentry skills
- FEMO or FOBS experience.
- GIS experience and/or radios and communications experience
- Wilderness First Responder or higher medical qualifications.

We encourage any individual that meets 75% or more of requirements to apply.

Compensation

\$18/hr. Paid leave and paid holiday benefits are provided. Employer-sponsored health and dental care coverage is available after 30 days of continuous employment. Participation in a retirement plan with employer match is available after 90 days. We will consider flexible work schedules to accommodate family or other commitments, as well as seasonal employment (18 weeks on / 8 weeks off, etc.). The Forest Stewards Guild is an equal opportunity employer.

Location

The Module is based in Loveland, CO. and works nationally on training assignments, suppression and prescribed fire, and fuels treatments projects. Up to 50 % of the job will require extended travel. The opportunity to work from a home office on administrative projects will be evaluated on a case by case basis for individuals with a proven record of successful independent remote work.

Contact Us

Interested applicants should submit a one-page cover letter, three professional references, fire record and resume to Daniel Godwin (daniel@forestguild.org) by **March 16, 2019**. Daniel can also be reached at (352) 561-8226. Please specify your earliest available start date.