

# **CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Closes: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The Lassen National Forest is advertising a Fire and Aviation Development Opportunity on the Chester Fly Crew. We will be looking to fill up to 12 apprentice/crewmember positions for the 2012 fire season. The purpose of this opportunity is to offer leadership, fire and aviation experience as part of a 21 person helicopter module.

**Location:**

Chester Fly Crew  
900 Hwy 36 E.  
Chester, CA 96020

**Dates:**

Tentative start date of May 21, 2012 through the end of the 2012 Fire Season (Usually Mid October – November). The end date may vary due to fire activity and/or helicopter contract extension.

**Target Audience:**

Employees in the Wildland Fire Apprenticeship Program interested in being part of a helicopter module and embarking on a challenging season of personal and professional development.

**Position:**

Crewmember/Helicopter Crewmember Trainee on a Fly Crew (21 Person Helicopter Module).

**Duties:**

Will serve as crewmember on the Chester Fly Crew.

Individuals will take part in a daily physical fitness program consisting of stretching, hiking, running, strength conditioning and other fitness activities.

During the first 5-6 weeks, individuals will participate in concentrated classroom and field training. During this training the emphasis will shift from whole group training to small group and individual challenges and leadership opportunities. Participation in training is mandatory and crew cohesion is a focus during this initial training. The crew is unavailable during this time until the arrival of Helicopter 510 and specific hands-on/live training with the helicopter is completed. Additionally, training will continue throughout the season to reinforce the initial training and build additional skills.

When the crew is available for and during fire assignments, crewmembers may be provided the opportunity to work on Position Task Books. Although we will strive to provide opportunities for crewmembers, completion of any/all task books is not guaranteed. The goal of the Chester Fly Crew is to provide selected apprentices with a quality experience on an aviation module and further diversify their apprenticeship experience and build work process hours.

**Cost:**

The Lassen National Forest/Chester Fly Crew will pay selected candidates salary upon arrival until return to home unit. Lodging and per diem for meals, if eligible, will be paid for by sending unit. This includes travel to and from home unit to Chester, Quarters for barracks (if needed) and MI&E for the duration of the employees' time on the Chester Fly Crew.

**Tour of Duty:**

Typically 6 months depending on length of fire season and required training. Selected applicants will have Saturday and Sunday off during initial training until national availability is acquired. Thereafter a staggered staffing pattern is used to maintain 7 day a week coverage throughout the entire helicopter contract period. Individual days off will be assigned to maintain required staffing, qualifications, capabilities etc. Requests for specific days off will be taken, but not guaranteed based on module staffing needs.

**Physical Requirements:**

Work Capacity Test (3 mile hike with a 45 pound pack/vest over level terrain in 45 minutes or less.)

Candidates must be able to perform fireline duties at the arduous level. Individuals may be periodically tested during fire season to ensure they are retaining the required level of fitness. Each crew member is encouraged and supported to seek their personal best both physically and professionally.

### **Area/Level of Consideration:**

Employees currently part of the Wildland Firefighting Apprenticeship Program USFS wide. Candidates must meet all prerequisites.

### **Prerequisites:**

To qualify, applicants must have the following:

1. Forestry Technician (Student Apprentice) status with the US Forest Service.
2. A minimum qualification of Fire Fighter Type 2(FFT2) on the applicants Incident Qualification Card.
3. Valid agency sawyer card preferred, but not required.
4. Successful completion of the Work Capacity Test(Documentation Required)
5. Have the ability to obtain a valid First Aid and CPR card if not currently qualified.
6. Valid state and government drivers licenses. No commercial endorsement needed.
7. Completion of the following courses is beneficial to the applicant: I-200 Basic Incident Command System, S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use, S-212 Wildland Powersaws and S-270 Basic Air Operations.

### **How to Apply:**

1. Submit the attached "Training and Certification" Form (Attachment A)
2. Submit current copy of IQCS Master Record.
3. Submit a current resume. Include references/supervisors with current contact information. Letters of Recommendation are encouraged.
4. Submit a typed, one page narrative addressing the following questions.
  - a. Why you are interested in coming to a helicopter module?
  - b. Why you are specifically interested in coming to the Chester Fly Crew?
  - c. What are your goals for the season and what do you want to take away if selected to the Chester Fly Crew?
  - d. What qualities can you bring to the Chester Fly Crew that will benefit the program?
5. Submit a photocopy of current medical qualifications, chainsaw operator card, and state and government driver's license.

Potential candidates will be contacted after all applications have been received and reviewed, with additional instructions or notifications.

**Send Complete Application To:**

US Forest Service

ATTN: Chester Fly Crew

900 Hwy 36 E

Chester, CA 96020

**Applications must be received by the closing date to be considered.**

Questions regarding the Chester Fly Crew Career Development Opportunity should be directed to Brian Rogers (Captain 510A) O: 530-258-5135/C: 530-310-5421 or Bjorn Burgeson (Captain 510B) O: 530-258-5135/C: 530-310-3549.

## Attachment "A"

### Training Certification Form

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

IQCS Employee Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify, to the best of my knowledge that all of my statements are correct.

May we ask your current and past supervisors/employers about your character, qualifications and work record?      YES \_\_\_\_\_      NO \_\_\_\_\_

A "NO" will not affect our review of your application. If you answer "NO" and we need to contact your present supervisor/employer before we can offer you a job, we will contact you first.

Please list additional courses/qualifications that the applicant will complete after applying for the Chester Fly Crew Career Development Opportunity.

By signing below, I certify that the training information regarding classes, qualifications and task books, is true and correct and in accordance with the requirements of the most current FSH 5109.17. I also certify that the applicant, if selected, is available for the opportunity with the Chester Fly Crew.

Forest Training Officer \_\_\_\_\_

District Apprentice Coordinator (Division/Battalion Chief): \_\_\_\_\_