The Daniel Boone National Forest, Southern Region, USDA Forest Service will be filling a GS-0462-5 Senior Firefighter. The position is located on the London Ranger District with a duty station of London, KY. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. Responses received from this outreach will be used to make this determination. Interested applicants should reply to this outreach by November 8th, 2018.

About The Position

The Senior Firefighter plays an integral role in supporting the district’s fire program. The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control as a specialized firefighter with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of specialized tools or equipment. Primary responsibilities of the position include:

- Serves as an experienced firefighter on a hand crew or other related fire suppression crews performing fire suppression and/or fuels management duties under the most adverse conditions of climate, fuels, and terrain.
- Performs the duties of a fully qualified chain saw operator and chainsaw repair technician.
- Performs all aspects of wildland and prescribed fire operations including preparation, ignition, monitoring, holding, and mop up.
- Is responsible for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used to respond to wildland and prescribed fire situations.
- Participates in wildland fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fireline activities, with emphasis on those used in the particular function assigned.
- Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and fire critiques. Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignment.
- Collects fire weather data, fuel and/or soil moisture samples, maps projects, and maintains records.
- Assists in other program areas as needed up to 40% of the time.

**Forest and District Information**

The Daniel Boone National Forest is approximately 708,000 acres and embraces some of the most rugged terrain west of the Appalachian Mountains. The forest lies within the Cumberland Plateau, where steep forested slopes, sandstone cliffs and narrow ravines characterize the land. The forest is divided into four ranger districts (Cumberland, London, Stearns and Redbird) with the Forest Supervisor’s Office located in Winchester, KY. Visitors come here to hike, camp, picnic, rockclimb, boat, hunt, fish, ride, target shoot and relax. The forest contains three large lakes (Cave Run Lake, Laurel River Lake and Lake Cumberland), many rivers and streams, Clifty Wilderness, Beaver Creek Wilderness, Red River Gorge and the Sheltowee Trace National Recreation Trail that extends across the length of the forest.

The London Ranger District is approximately 209,000 acres, located in portions of eight counties. The district has a diverse program of work that includes several large developed recreation facilities, surface management responsibility for the 5,600 acre Laurel River Lake, abandoned mine land reclamation, oil and gas lease administration, prescribed burning, a variety of special uses, threatened and endangered species, and vegetation.

**Community Information**

London is a full service community of approximately 8,000 people and is the county seat of Laurel County, with a population of 59,000 people. The Laurel County school district has 12 elementary schools and two high schools. Local services include a variety of banking and shopping facilities, restaurants, a library, hotels, and a variety of medical services in London as well as nearby Corbin and Somerset. Interstate 75 places London within commuting distance of several community colleges and the campuses of historic Berea College, Union College, University of the Cumberlands and Eastern Kentucky University. The University of Kentucky is located in Lexington, about 68 miles north of London and the University of Tennessee is located in Knoxville, about 75 miles to the south.
Housing is widely available in the London area with a three bedroom, two bath home averaging between $85,000 – $250,000. Some apartment rentals are available.

This scenic area offers a wide array of recreational opportunities including boating, camping, fishing, trails, canoeing, rafting and golf. Nearby outdoor attractions include the Big South Fork National Recreation Area, Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, the Red River Gorge, and Cumberland Gap National Park.

The climate of the area is generally mild, with four distinct seasons and an average annual temperature of 59 degrees. Summer highs average 86 degrees in July, and winter lows average 25 degrees in January. The mean annual precipitation is 47 inches of rain and 10 inches of snow. Spring and fall are especially long and pleasant.

Questions about the position can be directed to Jason Nedlo, London District Ranger, at 606-864-4163 x 107.
CANDIDATE RESPONSE OUTREACH FORM
Senior Firefighter
GS-0462-5
London Ranger District
Daniel Boone National Forest

Please Reply By November 8th, 2018

Name: _________________________________________

E-Mail Address: ________________________________

Mailing Address: _______________________________________
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Telephone Number: _____________________________

Are you currently a Federal Employee? YES _______ NO _______

If YES, current Agency/Region/Forest/District:
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Current Title/Series/Grade:_______________________________________________

If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

_____ Person with Disabilities
_____ Veterans Recruitment Act
_____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
_____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
_____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
_____ Student Intern Program
_____ Other _____________________

Please send this completed form to Jason Nedlo at jnedlo@fs.fed.us or FAX to (606) 878-0811 or mail to London Ranger District, 761 S. Laurel Rd, London KY 40744.

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.
USDA Daniel Boone National Forest is an equal opportunity employer.