The Northern Rockies Coordination Center is currently seeking candidates for a GS-462-8/9 Geographic Area Assistant Logistics Coordinator, this is a permanent seasonal 18 pay periods guaranteed. The position is located at the Northern Rockies Coordination Center, in Missoula, Montana. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity.

This position will be advertised through usajobs, you will need to go through usajobs at http://www.usajobs.gov/. Create a profile and set up your resume. Apply to the vacancy when it is announced. Applicants should read the vacancy announcement for specific information about job requirements and follow the instructions on how to apply.

This is a secondary firefighter position under the provisions 5 of U.S.C. 8336 (c) and 5 U.S.C. 8412 (d) when it is filled by an incumbent who previously held a primary position and is transferred directly from a primary position or another secondary position, with no break in service or intervening service not as a firefighter, to this position. Ninety (90) days of experience as a primary/rigorous firefighter or equivalent experience is a basic qualification requirement for this position.

Government housing is not available. Public transportation is limited. Transportation to and from the duty location is the responsibility of the employee.

DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION:
The primary purpose of the position is geographic area fire and aviation dispatching, scheduling agency and contract aviation resources, aircraft, equipment, personnel, and supplies for incidents when local units do not have adequate resources of their own to meet their situation. The full impact of the services provided is complicated by the number of complex fire management programs on National Forests (FS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), National Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), North Dakota Forest Service (NDS), tribal, and other federal, state and local governments. Irrevocable decisions are made and often involve significant costs.

Knowledge Required
- Knowledge of the National Fire Danger Rating System to assess geographical fire conditions, both existing and predicted.
- Knowledge of fire behavior, fire suppression techniques including experience as a primary firefighter on Wildland fires in order to be able to interpret, anticipate, and effectively perform the duties of this position.
Knowledge Required (cont.)

- Ability to use sound judgment and to make fast, appropriate, and effective decisions under the stress of urgency.
- Knowledge of the aviation SAFECOM program.
- In-depth knowledge of agencies published direction and organizational structure in order to use proper procedures and channels of communication.
- Knowledge of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR’s), the air traffic system, and the capabilities and limitations of specific aircraft to be able to make informed decisions on the use of aviation resources.
- Knowledge of agency and interagency aviation policy and procedures to ensure the authority for aviation management functions in a safe, cost-effective manner in support of the various agencies mission, goals and objectives.
- Highly skilled in the various ways of accomplishing the dispatching mobilization job, and have the ability to determine the most cost effective method. Must understand the urgency of mobilizing resources to support different types of Wildland fire suppression strategies.
- A good knowledge of capabilities and operating characteristics of the various suppression resources, and the ability to fit these resources to the needs expressed by the users.
- Knowledge of computer systems and nomenclature, and procedures to recommend and design simple program changes. Prepares input and output for status type programs.
- Knowledge of computers, fax, copiers, and other communications hardware to provide fast, clear, and concise transmission of information.
- In-depth knowledge of organization components of the Federal, State, and local firefighting agencies, and other wildland fire agencies in order to carry out assigned responsibilities.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with others in stressful situations over extended periods of time.
- Knowledge of the concepts in principles of flight, basic airplane and helicopter components, the flight environment, aircraft systems and performance, meteorology and interpreting weather data, as well as aviation physiology and flight planning decision making.

Work will require long hours and weekend shifts.

For more information about this position, please contact Kim Thomas, (406) 329-4883, kthomas@fs.fed.us.

DUTY STATION SPECIFICS:

Northern Region, Forest Service, Fire & Aviation Management, Northern Rockies Coordination Center located at the Aerial Fire Depot, Missoula, MT. The Northern Rockies Coordination Center is responsible for emergency and disaster coordination to multiple States and Federal agencies in the Northern Rocky Mountains.
THE COMMUNITY:
Missoula, Montana draws people from diverse backgrounds. Missoula is nestled in the Rocky Mountains of western Montana. This scenic city is bustling with activity, as western Montana's regional source for business, culture, medical services, retail, and entertainment. There are endless opportunities for fishing, thousands of miles of trails, and plenty of guides and shops to clue you in on the hot spots. With an area population of more than 70,000, Missoula has what you’d expect to find in a big city--a wide range of hotels, restaurants, shops and galleries, several museums, a ballet company, live theater and a symphony. It’s also home to The University of Montana, laid-back coffee houses, historic bars and cozy bookstores. As a natural outdoor playground it’s unparalleled, and yet Missoula is one of the most dynamic cultural centers in the Northwest. Missoula is a major retail and medical hub in Western Montana and claims one of the nation's highest doctor to patient ratios. A wide variety of specialty, discount, and budget shopping centers make Missoula the retail hub for an estimated 200-mile radius. The Missoula school system is considered excellent with three public and two private high schools, numerous elementary schools, a College of Technology and the University of Montana.

Missoula serves a trade area in excess of 300,000 and therefore, has more amenities and services than most cities of its size. The foundations of Missoula's economic base are wood and paper products, Federal Government, motor carriers and the University. There is a great diversity of neighborhoods and residential settings within the community and surrounding area ranging from urban to very rural.

There are an abundance of recreation facilities and opportunities located in and around the Missoula area. These include: public golf courses, parks, tennis courts, swimming pools, health clubs, racquetball courts, YMCA, softball diamonds, hiking trails, ice skating rink. There are many rivers in the area for rafting, fishing and swimming. Snowbowl ski area is less than an hour's drive from town and within a two-hour drive are Discovery, Lost Trail and Lookout Pass. Also close to Missoula are numerous cross country ski trails, and snowmobile trails.

Missoula has two large hospitals, which provide a full array of inpatient and outpatient services. Missoula has many other health care practitioners to offer.

Missoula residents enjoy all four seasons of the year. The elevation is 3,205, with an average annual temperature of 45 F, with a January daily minimum of 15.5 F. and July daily maximum of 83.4 F. The growing season averages 137 days, an average mean rainfall of 13.5 inches, and an average mean snowfall of 42.5 inches.

Montana has personal income tax and property tax, but NO sales tax.

Additional Information: If you would like additional information about the city of Missoula, you can contact the Missoula Chamber of Commerce at (406) 543-6623. Extensive additional information on the Missoula area can be found on the internet at http://www.missoula.com

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Northern Rockies Coordination Center
GS-462-8/9 Forestry Technician, Assistant Logistics Coordinator
Missoula, Montana
Permanent Seasonal 18/8

Please complete the following form and send via e-mail by May 1, 2016 to dsigler@fs.fed.us or mail the form to:

USDA Forest Service – Aerial Fire Depot
Attention: Dianne Sigler
5765 W. Broadway
Missoula, MT 59808

FAX #: (406) 329-4955

YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ___________________________ Date ____________

Address __________________________

E-Mail Address __________________________

Phone __________________________

Current Title/Series/Grade __________________________

Are you currently a federal employee? □ Yes □ No

If YES: Current Agency and Location: __________________________

Other pertinent information: __________________________

Your current type of appointment: □ Permanent □ Term □ Temporary

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.