



# Coos Forest Protective Association

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT SEASONAL SUPPRESSION SPECIALISTS

**POSITION:** Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) Gold Beach Unit is currently accepting applications for Seasonal Suppression Specialist positions for Fire Season 2024, at their Gold Beach and Brookings stations. Preference may be given to individuals that are capable of responding to their duty station within 30 minutes.

**ORGANIZATION:** Founded in 1910, Coos Forest Protective Association is a private, non-profit corporation with its headquarters located in Coos Bay, Oregon. CFPA has responsibility for providing protection from fires for its membership lands along the Southern Oregon Coast beginning at the California line and extending north through Curry, Coos and western Douglas Counties, terminating at the Lane County line. Under an agreement with the Oregon State Forester, the Association also provides protection to other private, state, county and federal lands through the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) by contract and by ORS Chapters 477 and 526.

The objective of the Coos Forest Protective Association is to minimize the cost of suppression and the damage to the forest and watershed environment caused by wildfire and to respond to all fire control emergencies with an effective, well-trained, equipped and supervised fire control organization sufficient to achieve optimum suppression results.

**COMPENSATION:** Suppression Specialist beginning rate of pay is \$16.29 to \$28.80 per hour and is based on experience and qualifications. This position is also eligible for overtime compensation.

This position qualifies to take advantage of our sick and personal leave benefits. Association retirement and vacation leave are also provided once minimum qualifications are met.

**DUTIES:** Suppression Specialist duties include but are not limited to:

Acting and performing effectively in a team environment as a Wildland Firefighter, Hand Crew Member, Engine or Tender Operator to perform initial and extended attack wildland firefighting including fire line construction and mop-up using standard firefighting hand tools, deploying hose lays, operating pumps and acting as nozzle and/or hose person in fire suppression as well as the use of hand tools to clear roadside debris and vegetation in prevention activities. Cleans and maintains various items of equipment including the washing of vehicles. Position includes other tasks as assigned including, but not limited to, Co-Op projects including slash burning, brush clearing and parks maintenance.

Experience operating vehicles with manual transmissions, 4-wheel drive and/or airbrakes, wildland fire engines, trucks with water tanks of 2500 to 5000-gallon capacity or crew transports while obeying all

traffic laws and/or driving on steep, narrow forest and/or logging roads are required for some positions. Engine and Tender Operators also perform or direct others in starting pump engines, priming pumps, adjusting engine speeds and pump valves, laying hose, appropriate nozzle use, effective use of water and additives, inspect, check, service and adjust various items of equipment including pumps, hose lays, tank and reels for equipment readiness.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** This position requires long hours of arduous physical activity in all types of terrain and weather conditions with exposure to various hazards including, but not limited to poison oak, bees, smoke, snakes, steep terrain, noise, heat, dust, burning and/or falling materials and other hazards. Successfully passing and maintaining the physical fitness level necessary is required and will be tested on a yearly basis. Various shifts including nights, weekends, holidays, and long hours with short notice is required. Assignments to emergency incidents may require being away from the assigned duty station for extended periods of time with occasional travel throughout the state of Oregon and other states.

A current/valid Oregon Driver's License with a Class "C" or higher, as the operation of 4-wheel drive pickups and larger vehicles in various road conditions and during fire situations may be required. Successful candidates for positions that include driving a Company vehicle will be subject to a driving background check with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications and/or resumes must be received by June 15, 2024. Applications are available online at [www.coosfpa.net](http://www.coosfpa.net) under the employment tab or at any CFPA office.

All applicants will be screened based upon qualifications and relevant experience. Only the most qualified applicants will be scheduled for interviews. All applicants will be placed in a talent bank for future consideration. Submission of an application does not guarantee an interview for the position.

Specific questions regarding this position should be referred to the Gold Beach Assistant Unit Forester, Russell Simmons at (541)-247-6241 or by email at [Russell.A.Simmons@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:Russell.A.Simmons@odf.oregon.gov). Should Russell not be available, you can contact Gold Beach Unit Forester, Derwin Boggs at (541) 247-6241 or by email at [Derwin.Boggs@odf.oregon.gov](mailto:Derwin.Boggs@odf.oregon.gov).

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