



# Coos Forest Protective Association

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Seasonal Wildland Fire Tender Operator

**POSITION:** Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) Gold Beach Unit is currently accepting applications for Seasonal Tender Operators for Fire Season 2024, at their Gold Beach station. 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:** Tender Operator beginning rate of pay is \$24.92 to \$30.06 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:** Tender Operator duties include but are not limited to:

Acting and performing effectively in a team environment as a Tender Operator to perform vehicle inspections, minor maintenance and driving a manual transmission truck with a water tank of 2500 to 5000-gallon capacity. Participation in initial and extended attack wildland fire suppression, pre-suppression, fire prevention and safety activities. Experience operating vehicles with manual transmissions, 4-wheel drive and/or airbrakes, wildland fire engines or crew transports while obeying all traffic laws and/or driving on steep, narrow forest and/or logging roads is required. Performs or directs others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, appropriate nozzle use, effective use of water and additives. Inspects, checks, services and adjusts various items of equipment including pumps, hose lays, tank, and reels for equipment readiness. Painting and maintenance of both District and Unit buildings, grounds and landscaping and minor

construction and repair projects utilizing various pieces of equipment as assigned. Read and interpret maps, complete reports, time sheets, and logs associated with daily activities as assigned. Salary is dependent on experience and qualifications.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** Working conditions require long hours of arduous physical activity in difficult terrain and in all types of weather 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. Position will be required to work with and monitor field productivity, quality and compliance with established safety and policy guidelines, as well as attend District safety meetings and trainings. Passing and maintaining the physical fitness level necessary is required. Various shifts including nights, weekends, holidays, and long hours with short notice may be 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.

A current/valid Oregon Driver's License with Class "B" Commercial Driver's License with tanker and air brake endorsements is preferred, as the operation of 4-wheel drive pickups and larger vehicles with manual transmissions in various road conditions and during fire situations is 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 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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