



Prescribed Fire Technician (PFT)

POSITION SUMMARY

Sustainable Solutions (www.sustainablesolutionsllc.net) is a natural Resource Consulting and Contracting company based in Washington D.C and working in the Mid Atlantic. We are seeking seasonal prescribed fire crew members for the Fall 2010, and spring 2011 burn season. The PFT job will entail participating as a member of a team that conducts prescribed fire operations primarily on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. Under the direction of a Prescribed Burn Boss, the PFT will participate in prescribed fire operations which include ignition, holding, mop-up, suppression, monitoring, etc. The PFT will participate in a variety of additional fire operations as well as preparing fire lines, maintaining equipment, burn planning, post-burn monitoring and other tasks.

This is a seasonal, contract position with work on an on call/as needed basis.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Ability to work well and professionally with a wide variety of people in stressful conditions and to follow assignments closely.
- Ability to follow safety guidelines and precautions specified for particular work and vehicle operation.
- Excellent verbal communication skills.
- Ability to perform hard physical work for extended and irregular periods, under adverse conditions and in all extremes of weather and darkness.
- Must have valid drivers license and safe driving record.
- Ability to operate and maintain a range of equipment, machinery and off-road vehicles, such as 4x4 pickups, ATV's, tractor, drip torches, trailers, pumps, hoses, chain saws and hand tools.
- Ability to travel extensively on short notice, maintain a flexible work schedule, and to occasionally work on weekends.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or greater and 6 months of related experience
- Possession of "Red Card" and prior experience with wildland fire or prescribed burning preferred but not mandatory. S130/190 training will be provided in the case of no current Red Card.
- Experience operating various types of equipment.
- General vehicle/equipment maintenance experience.
- Excellent physical condition. Includes the ability to carry a 45 pound pack over 3 miles of level terrain in 45 minutes or less.

ADDITIONAL JOB INFORMATION

- Experience with wildland or prescribed fire management equipment such as Type 6/7 engines preferred.
- This position requires irregular hours and travel on short notice, with working weekends a possibility.
- Food and Lodging will be provided during the work schedule.
- Transportation from Sustainable Solutions field office to the burn units will be provided.
- Occasional overnight and/or extended periods away from home may be required.
- PFTs will be required to attend and pass a mandatory fire and equipment training. Training time is paid at normal hourly rate.

COMPENSATION

- \$9-\$15/hour depending on experience.
- Mileage reimbursement.

Send Resume and Cover letter to james@sustainablesolutionsllc.net