

USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

Check out what the BLM Hotshots are doing and where they're assigned by viewing the Hotshot Status Page:

<http://www.nifc.gov/smokejumper/hotshotrpt.php>

Find out more about BLM Hotshot crews by visiting the Bureau of Land Management's Hotshot information page at:

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/people_in_fire/hotshots.html

BLM HOTSHOT CREWS:

Bonneville IHC (Salt Lake City, UT):

http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/salt_lake/fire/bonneville_hotshots.html

Chena IHC (Fairbanks, AK):

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/fireops/hotshots.php>

Craig IHC (Craig, CO):

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/people_in_fire/hotshots/craig_hotshots.html

Diamond Mountain IHC (Susanville, CA):

<http://www.diamondmountainhotshots.org/>



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Jackson IHC (Jackson, MS):

http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en/fo/Jackson_Home_Page/jackson_hotshots.html

Kern Valley IHC (Bakersfield, CA):

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield/Programs/fireindex/kvhs.html>

Midnight Sun IHC (Fairbanks, AK):

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/fireops/hotshots.php>

Ruby Mountain IHC (Elko, NV):

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office/blm_programs/Fire1/ruby_mountain_hotshots.html

Silver State IHC (Carson City, NV):

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/fire_management/silver_state_hotshots.html

Snake River IHC (Pocatello, ID):

<http://www.idahofireinfo.blm.gov/east/snakeriverhotshots/mission.htm>

Vale IHC (Vale, OR):

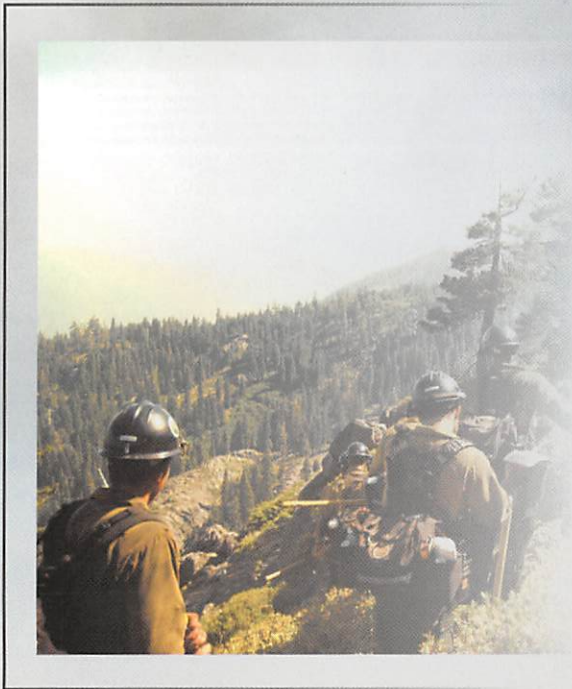
www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale/fire/files/vale_hotshots.pdf



DUTY RESPECT INTEGRITY

BLM HOTSHOTS

BLM Hotshot crews are highly trained and experienced hand crews that provide an organized, mobile, and skilled workforce for all phases of wildfire management. Hotshots are capable of performing self-contained initial attack suppression operations, and commonly provide incident management capability at the type 3 and 4 complexity level. Eleven BLM Hotshot crews are stationed in AK, CA, CO, ID, MS, NV, OR, and UT. Although their primary mission is wildland fire management, BLM Hotshots are also effective when deployed in support of all-risk missions such as disaster relief. BLM Hotshot crews are the most experienced and capable hand crews in the BLM fire program.



TRAINING AND DAILY LIFE

Hotshot crews conduct a minimum of 80 hours of fire training each year. Candidates must pass every aspect of classroom training, demonstrate proficiency with assigned equipment, and perform satisfactorily in field exercises. Hotshot candidates must pass the Work Capacity Test

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requirement - carrying a 45 pound pack over 3 miles in less than 45 minutes. BLM Hotshot crews also encourage participation in the BLM Fitness Challenge (http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fir-eops/fitness_challenge.html), a superior method of promoting and recognizing physical fitness achievement. The daily and season-long physical rigors of being a Hotshot can be extremely demanding. Line gear can weigh in excess of 65 pounds, daily hikes to and from the fireline can exceed four miles, elevation gains can exceed 2,500 vertical feet, workshifts can last 16 hours or more, food can be MREs for days, showers are rare, privacy sometimes non-existent. But these kinds of challenges are welcomed by the Hotshots, who are known for unsurpassed line production, tactical know-how, and a superior safety record. Historically excellent Hotshot performance cannot be sustained without dedicated, intelligent, and physically fit firefighters at every level of the crew.

Being a Hotshot is far from romantic; it requires mental strength, physical endurance, and personal sacrifice. But it is not without its rewards. Hotshot crews often travel to wilderness and backcountry areas seldom seen by others, and they share a strong sense of accomplishment and exceptional esprit de corps.

HOW TO APPLY

Gain familiarity with the Hotshot program and the Hotshot way of life. If you are sure being a Hotshot is for you, go to USAJOBS or DOI FIRES through the following links and submit an application.

<http://www.firejobs.doi.gov>
<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

Applications are usually submitted in the beginning of December. Selections are made and jobs offered in February. Hiring timelines vary from crew to crew, so be sure to contact specific crews directly for accurate information.