

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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**Forest Fire Lookout**  
**Fire Management**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Hourly Wage: \$9.39/Temporary/Full-Time**

Position functions in the Yakama Agency Forestry Branch Fire pre-suppression and Suppression Program. Incumbent is responsible for observing, location, and reporting forest fire and hazardous weather conditions in remote forest areas located on the Yakama Indian Reservation. The position requires a thorough knowledge of entire reservation geography and topography, road system, location of timber sale activities and various facilities such as dumps, mills, isolated residences in the protection areas, etc. Work involves constant surveillance of the surrounding forest lands for unusual occurrences and/or emergencies and reports them accordingly to the Fire Dispatcher by radio, Incumbent also reports and records weather data on a daily basis, maintains activity log books and the upkeep of the lookout towers. Employee must be reliable and work independently, because of the emergency nature of the fire suppression program and because they meet time schedules independently. In addition, employee is subject to adjusted work weeks, irregular hours due to emergency situations and working holidays.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Ability to see distant objects and distinguish shades of color.
- Ability to live alone in a relatively remote area.
- Ability to read and understand maps and road systems of the Yakama Indian Reservation.
- Ability to communicate clearly by two-way radio.
- Ability to perform and communicate during emergency situations.
- Ability to understand radio messages and relay messages clearly.
- Ability to speak in clear, concise, well-modulated voice.
- Ability to operate the equipment associated with the work of the class.

**General Recruiting Indicators:**

- Any experience or education which would demonstrate the ability to perform the work.
- Enrolled Yakamas will have preference in hiring.

**Special Requirements:**

- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
- Required to pass a pre-employment background check.
- Must possess a valid Washington State Driver License and have ability to obtain a valid Yakama Tribal Drivers Permit.
- Must obtain and submit with application a current license abstract for the past 5 years.
- Must be able to drive a standard shift vehicle.
- Must be able to climb/work in towers 90 feet in height.
- For safety purposes children will not be able to accompany/reside with employee at the facility.
- Incumbent is required to live at the isolated lookout station during fire season and is eligible for restriction pay for restrictions imposed on off-duty hours during the tour of duty.
- Required to take and pass an eye examination and in some instances a physical examination.