



**Do you like to travel?
Do you like earning money?**

**Do you like the outdoors?
Do you like working hard?**

These are just a few things you will experience when you become a part of the Geronimo Hotshot program. We encourage you ALL to apply for the upcoming 2013 fire season.

- **Work in a professional atmosphere!**
- **Get the experience and training in wildland!**
- **Represent the San Carlos Apache Tribe!**

Announcement for Geronimo Hotshot Crewmember positions are now open. You can pick up applications at the personnel office or print it out online at:

forestry.scat-nsn.gov/publicweb/geronimo.html

Rates start at entry level **GS/3-1**, \$11.95/hr. Depending with level of experience and knowledge you may look at **GS/4-1**, \$13.42/hr. or **GS/5-1**, \$15.00/hr. We are looking for people with at least 6 months of experience in wildland firefighting. Please fill out applications thoroughly and provide any certificates, training, diplomas, degrees, etc. attached. The nature of the work is demanding. Only those of high strength, agility, coordination, and stamina can cope with the sustained work required of the average Hotshot. Safety is our number one priority! You will be required to not only produce physically, but to live together, eat together, sleep together in close, crowded conditions. Complete compatibility in itself is a difficult challenge. You must take orders, and carry those orders out at all times, day after day. The emotional strain is extreme, and the competitive pressure of your peer group is always present. When not on fire duty, you will be required to engage in daily, structured physical fitness training that consists of a 2 to 5 mile runs, weight training, aerobics, coordination exercises, push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups, squat thrusts, abdominal stretching and hiking trails. The rest of your day will be like every other day: using hand tools (ax, Pulaski, rhino, mcleod, shovel, saw) and usually piling brush, digging holes, picking up garbage, cleaning toilets, sharpening tools, and take part in group discussions. You will be expected to be ready at all times for fire calls. This requires you to be on a 24 hour alert. On the fire line the Hotshot crews are singled out for the most hazardous, difficult assignments. It is normal for Hotshot crews to be on the first shift 32 hours before relief is available. Succeeding shifts of 14-18 hours are necessary. You will normally be "spiked" out away from the main fire camp. Sleeping on rocky ground often without sleeping bags. You'll hardly have the luxury of bed and shower facilities. You'll be filthy, exhausted, hungry, and sore. The name Hotshot crew or Type 1 crew is named because of the need for tough, knowledgeable, hard individuals who can be sent ahead of the main contingent of ordinary labor crews, and hold lines around critical segments of the fire. You will be required to pack heavy loads up and down extremely mountainous terrain (hose pack of 70 pounds): fell large trees with either power saws or cross-cut saws, buck trees into shorter lengths, haul blocks of logs, dead falls and brush out of the fire path. Dig (3 feet to 10 wide) fire lines to mineral soil, build retaining walls, haul hose, pack heavy portable pumps and tanks. Burn out your line before the fire gets there and then start extinguishing spot fires over your lines. That's not the end of it. The dirty work of mop-up begins. Digging and scraping out all hot spots and extinguishing the heat source. Other features of the job are living in and breathing smoke for days, contending with poison oak, poison ivy, poison sumac, cactus, thorns, ticks, gnats, flies, snakes, scorpions, spiders, rolling rocks, and falling debris. You are exposed to dirty, dusty, hot, dry, cold, freezing, and wet conditions at all times. This job defiantly has its challenges, but also has its rewards. We look to upcoming individuals to take part and succeed with the Geronimo Hotshot program. If you have any further questions please call: **Julius or Samuel @ (928)475-3696 Thank You!**