



Enclosed is a **Fire Assignment Expectations** document detailing the process of going out on a fire assignment. **Be sure to read through this.** For those who have not been on a fire before, it can be a little crazy, but once you go through it a couple times it will be second nature. As fire season gets closer, make sure to check your equipment list (will also be in section D 2.1 of your contract). Make sure all of your items (required gear, camping gear and clothing) are packed so you can respond within an hour to the dispatch.

Here is a list of required equipment:

1. Nomex pants and shirts-two pairs of each
2. Fire shelter (New Generation-comes in blue bag)
3. Chaps (with ASTM F-1897 or Forest Service 6170-4 on the tag)
4. Hard hat (with NFPA 1977 on the tag)
5. Leather Gloves
6. Boots (leather boots with vibram soles, NO STEEL TOES)
7. Eye protection
8. Hearing protection
9. Head lamp
10. Camping gear, including a tent
11. 2 chainsaws (67cc's or larger) with a minimum 30-inch bars and muffler screens
 - a. Must have a functional chainbrake
 - b. Will need saw fuel, oil and saw kit (to include wedges and falling axe)
12. Transportation: 4X4 with capability to transport saws and fuel externally, also required:
 - a. Minimum 6/32 tread depth on tires
 - b. Fire extinguisher-multi-purpose 2A or 10BC w/ receipt or annual up to date inspection tag
 - c. Emergency road triangles
 - d. Fuses for vehicle
 - e. Shovel
 - f. No cracks on the vehicle windshield

****Note:** For the vehicles, you must have a 4x4 vehicle which means you can use an enclosed vehicle (SUV) as long as you can transport fuel and saws on the outside of the vehicle via a cargo rack. It is best if the fire extinguisher is mounted and inspected. A box of emergency triangles goes a long way to avoid any snags during inspections.

For chainsaws make sure that the chain brake works properly and that there are no issues with it, as well as having all screens installed on the muffler.



The fire is required to have to a place to camp; this is what we recommend taking:

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping Pad/Cot
- Enough socks and underwear for a full assignment
- T-shirt to wear under Nomex long sleeve shirt
- Towel for shower
- Flip flops for shower
- General hygiene stuff
- Something comfortable to wear (shorts/sweat pants)
- Lightweight jacket(waterproof) or sweatshirt (or both)

Other suggested items:

- Foldup lawn chair
- Playing cards/reading material
- Something to watch movies or pass the time

****Note:** We have had *all* variations of weather on fires; from 105+ degree heat to snow. Please be aware and pack accordingly.

Fire season usually doesn't start until later in the year but having all this done early is better. You never know if one of the southern regions, where the season starts sooner, is going to need extra fallers.

If you have any further questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thanks,

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