

Receives extensive training in the use of parachutes in jumping over forest and mountainous terrain landing in timber, open, or on rough ground. Learns the use of smokejumper parachute equipment, parachute deployment, emergency procedures, and techniques of parachuting into rugged timber terrain...

1. Knowledge Required by this Position Must have the knowledge, skills and abilities specified in the IGS qualifications standard for this position and grade level. The incumbent of this position is required to have prior firefighting experience as stated in the smokejumper standards...

2. Supervisory Controls Works under the close supervision of skilled smokejumpers and squad leaders. Work guidance and direction is provided requiring the use of standard procedures and practices...

4. Complexity The employee must be able to carry out a variety of parachuting and firefighting operations following establish procedures and precedents...

5. Physical Demands the work involves extreme physical exertion in parachuting to fires, carrying 110-pound packs for up to 10 miles through rugged terrain, and for working up to 20-hour shifts on fire lines. This position is subject to the arduous physical requirements for smokejumpers included in the GS-462 standards...

6. Work Environment The majority of the work is performed out-of-doors in a wide variety of weather and terrain conditions or in a crowded smokejumper airplane without seats or seatbelts. Employee is often assigned to field sites in isolated locations often in primitive conditions. This work requires a variety of safety gear and precautions.”

Forestry Technician (Smokejumper)(GS-0462-06)

(Seasonal Appointment) - Position No. SJ9642 10104AM

BLM, AFS, Smokejumper Operations - April 25, 1999 - September 27, 1999.

The following is an excerpt from Position Description FSS10104:

INTRODUCTION This position description is intended for use throughout the BLM for temporary seasonal positions...

MAJOR DUTIES ... Serves as a highly trained and skilled member of a parachuting fire suppression squad which jumps over forest and mountainous terrain, landing in timber, open, or on rough ground...may supervise one or more firefighters who accompany him on fires... Completes forms connected with parachute jumps... When not involved in fireline activities, participates in a wide range of fire support activities including parachute rigging and repair, paracargo rigging, and construction and repair of assorted smokejumper equipment.

Receives training in basic smokejumper skills including aircraft exits, parachute manipulation, landing techniques, and tree letdown procedures. Participates in a daily physical conditioning