



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Certification of Position Approval for Retirement
Under
5 USC 8336(c) and 8412(d)

[X] Approved under the Civil Service Retirement System, 5 USC 8336(c)

[X] Approved under the Federal Employees Retirement System, 5 USC 8412(d)

Category of Coverage: Primary-Rigorous (LE)

Bureau: Bureau of Land Management – Bureau Wide

Classification Title: Field Staff Law Enforcement Ranger

Organization Title: _____

Position Number: LE115 Series and Grade: GS-1801-09/11

RECOMMENDATION FOR COVERAGE REVIEW:

Primary-Rigorous coverage is recommended for this position. Special retirement coverage under both CSRS and FERS is requested.

The primary purpose of the position is to investigate areas where acts of criminal activity, theft, vandalism or offenses of the criminal laws and regulations of the US relating to public lands and resources have occurred; and to enforce a variety of Federal laws and regulations related to public land and resources by performing investigations, apprehending suspects and violators, performing surveillance activities, and making enforcement contacts. Position requires knowledge of: the legal principles and concepts sufficient to determine what constitutes a crime or violation and recognize the kinds of evidence required to prove that a violation has occurred; the elements needed to establish probable cause and reasonable suspicion to conduct searches and make arrests and seizures.

The duties of this position are so rigorous that employment opportunities are limited to young and physically vigorous individuals who must meet established physical qualification requirements.

Bureau Program Designee

7-25-02

Date

DOI Fire & Law Enforcement Team Lead, Marcia L. Scifres

08/30/02

Date

APPROVAL: The position described above is approved for coverage under Firefighter or Law Enforcement (FF/LEO) Retirement retroactive to classification date of 07/18/02. Approval is by DOI Secretary's Designee:

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Resources & Workforce Diversity

9/16/02

Date

POSITION DESCRIPTION <i>(Please Read Instructions on the Back)</i>						1. Agency Position No. LE115			
2. Reason for Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Redescription <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablishment <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Other		3. Service <input type="checkbox"/> Hdqtrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field		4. Employing Office Location		5. Duty Station		6. OPM Certification No.	
Explanation <i>(Show any positions replaced)</i> Replaces LE112 District LE Ranger, GS-1801-11 and LE113 Resident LE Ranger, GS-1801-11		7. Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonexempt		8. Financial Statements Required <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Financial Interest		9. Subject to IA Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		13. Competitive Level Code	
		10. Position Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted <i>(Specify in Remarks)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> SES (Gen.) <input type="checkbox"/> SES (CR)		11. Position Is <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisory <input type="checkbox"/> Managerial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither		12. Sensitivity <input type="checkbox"/> 1--Non-Sensitive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3--Critical <input type="checkbox"/> 2--Noncritical Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 4--Special Sensitive		14. Agency Use	
15. Classified/Graded by		Official Title of Position		Pay Plan		Occupational Code		Grade	
a. Office of Personnel Management									
b. Department, Agency or Establishment									
c. Second Level Review		Field Staff LE Ranger		GS		1801		11	
d. First Level Review								twr	
e. Recommended by Supervisor or Initiating Office								7-18-02	
16. Organizational Title of Position <i>(if different from official title)</i>				17. Name of Employee <i>(if vacant, specify)</i>					
18. Department, Agency, or Establishment Department of the Interior				c. Third Subdivision					
a. First Subdivision Bureau of Land Management				d. Fourth Subdivision					
b. Second Subdivision				e. Fifth Subdivision					
19. Employee Review-This is an accurate description of the major duties and responsibilities of my position.				Signature of Employee <i>(optional)</i>					
20. Supervisory Certification. <i>I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that</i>				<i>this information is to be used for statutory purposes relating to appointment and payment of public funds, and that false or misleading statements may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.</i>					
a. Typed Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor				b. Typed Name and Title of Higher-Level Supervisor or Manager <i>(optional)</i>					
Signature _____ Date _____				Signature _____ Date _____					
21. Classification/Job Grading Certification. <i>I certify that this position has been classified/graded as required by Title 5, U.S. Code, in conformance with standards published by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or, if no published standards apply directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.</i>				22. Position Classification Standards Used in Classifying/Grading Position GLG for Classifying Investigator Positions GS-1810/GS-1811, TS-8, Feb 72. PCS for Border Patrol Agent, GS-1896, Sep 78, WCPS Aug 01. Draft JFS for Admin Work in the Investigation, Enforcement, Inspection, and Compliance Group, GS-1800, Dec 01.					
Typed Name and Title of Official Taking Action Todd W. Ryan HR Specialist (Classification)				Information for Employees. The standards, and information on their application, are available in the personnel office. The classification of the position may be reviewed and corrected by the agency or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Information on classification/job grading appeals, and complaints on exemption from FLSA, is available from the personnel office or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.					
Signature _____ Date 7-18-02									
23. Position Review		Initials		Date		Initials		Date	
a. Employee <i>(optional)</i>									
b. Supervisor									
c. Classifier									
24. Remarks FPL: GS-11									
25. Description of Major Duties and Responsibilities <i>(See Attached)</i>									

POSITION CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS	2. NAME OF INCUMBENT		
3. ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS SHOWN ON CURRENT DESCRIPTION <input type="checkbox"/> AS HEREBY AMENDED			
IIa. _____	d. _____		
b. _____	e. _____		
c. _____			
4. CSC TITLE AND BUREAU POSITION NO. LE115 Field Staff LE Ranger	SCHEDULE GS	SERIES 1801	GRADE 09
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAME AS PRESENT: AMENDED FOR <input type="checkbox"/> CSC TITLE <input type="checkbox"/> POS. NO. <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULE <input type="checkbox"/> SERIES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRADE			

CERTIFICATIONS

<p>5. I CERTIFY THAT THE POSITION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS CHANGED AS REFLECTED.</p> <p>_____ (Signature of Supervisor)</p> <p>_____ (Date)</p> <p>TITLE _____</p>	<p>5. I CERTIFY THAT THE CHANGES REFLECTED ARE PROPER AND THE POSITION AS HEREBY AMENDED IS PROPERLY CLASSIFIED.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[Signature]</i> Todd W. Ryan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/18/02</p> <p>_____ (Official Exercising Classification Authority)</p> <p>_____ (Date)</p> <p>TITLE HR Specialist (Classification)</p>
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7. DESCRIBE BRIEFLY, BUT IN FULL, THE REASONS FOR CHANGES CHECKED ABOVE AND THE ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR REVISIONS WHICH ARE TO BE MADE IN THE DESCRIPTION PROPER.

The basic functions within which the incumbent works are described in the attached full performance level GS-11 position description. However, the incumbent is assigned to this position at a developmental level. He/she will perform the less difficult assignments with considerable independence in planning, selecting methods, and carrying out the work. The more difficult/complex work is performed under closer guidance, in terms of objectives, problem areas to be encountered, judgment being applied, and interpretation of regulations/guidelines.

The supervisor spot checks work in progress and reviews completed work for adequacy, accuracy, adherence to instructions, interpretation of guidelines, judgment used, and additional developmental needs.

This position is non-exempt from FLSA.

SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATION: I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that this information is to be used for statutory purposes relating to appointment and payment of public funds, and that a false or misleading statement may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.

Department of the Interior, FLERT Specialist Jaye Hoppin Date _____

Name Signature and Title of Supervisor

This PD has been approved as follows under 5 USC 8336(c) and 8412(d)

____ Firefighter Law Enforcement

Primary _____ Secondary/Administrative _____ Sec/Supvy

Approval Date September 16, 2002

INTRODUCTION

This position is located in an organizational element below state level with (1) responsibility to plan, implement, and oversee the law enforcement program; and, (2) is responsible to ensure the enforcement of Federal laws and regulations relating to public lands and resources managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The incumbent is a uniformed Law Enforcement (LE) officer with fully delegated law enforcement authority.

The incumbent may be required to serve as the primary representative of BLM, on behalf of the line manager in a community where assigned or where the supervisor is not readily available for guidance and assistance.

This position has been identified as Critical-Sensitive and is a drug-testing designated position. The duties of this position may require the incumbent to perform on average a minimum of three hours of irregular or occasional overtime work per week. The incumbent is responsible for recognizing, without supervision, the circumstances that require them to remain on duty beyond regular work hours.

MAJOR DUTIES

Program Management (not less than 25%)

Develops and implements a law enforcement program involving investigations, apprehending violators, interagency coordination, education, and other law enforcement-related activities. Ensures program activities are consistent with national and state policies and procedures for carrying out law enforcement activities. Develops local policies and procedures for carrying out law enforcement activities.

Plans, implements and coordinates the law enforcement activities which includes identifying apprehension efforts needed to address current and potential law enforcement problems, cooperative investigative and apprehension efforts with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, crime prevention efforts, public safety, and contingency plans. Coordinates law enforcement program with resource management plans and activities.

Analyzes criminal activity, resource vandalism, and violation problems occurring on public lands. Develops and implements solutions such as planning alternatives, additional regulation through supplementary rules, and law enforcement methods and techniques.

Provides both strategic and tactical law enforcement technical advice and guidance to the Field Manager and management team in the development and implementation of resource management plans.

Provides technical assistance in developing and administering law enforcement agreements that require liaison and coordination on a regional basis. Coordinates law enforcement efforts having impact with other law enforcement agencies.

Develops and maintains liaison with officials of cooperating Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. Assists and requests assistance from agencies with conducting law enforcement activities. Maintains liaison with U.S. Attorney's Office, court clerks, and other organizations.

May be required to represent the BLM to the community where assigned. This may include contact with State, regional, county, city, and other Federal officials. This specifically includes law enforcement and criminal justice officials.

Evaluates requests for Special Agent investigative assistance and coordinates assistance with the Special Agent-In-Charge.

Determines cost of activities based on staffing, equipment, supplies, and material requirements. Prepares and implement annual budget and operating program plans. Revises program activities to conform to approved operating plans within available funding levels.

In the absence of a designated Field Training Officer (FTO), provides for formal training to BLM Law Enforcement Rangers in the use of firearms, defensive equipment and tactics, and resolution of unauthorized use. Monitors BLM Law Enforcement Rangers' progress with field training standards and individual training plans. Acquires or conducts formal or remedial training, as needed.

Arranges for the procurement, equipping, and preparation of law enforcement vehicles and related equipment. Manages inventory of law enforcement protective equipment, such as firearms, defensive weapons, and associated gear. Maintains appropriate electronic communication systems.

Enforcement, Apprehension, and Investigations (55%)

Investigates areas where acts of criminal activity, theft, vandalism or offenses of the criminal laws and regulations of the United States that relate to the public lands and resources have occurred. Develops information through fact finding by collecting on-site evidence, interviewing witnesses or suspects, following up on leads, searching records, conducting surveillance, observing suspicious activity, and through information provided by informants, concerned citizens, and local Federal and State officials.

Prepares investigation reports by documenting findings and facts, obtaining witness statements and copies of official records, and including pertinent correspondence, maps, historical information, exhibits, and photographs.

Determines the Federal criminal laws or regulations and/or State laws being violated. Makes record checks with State agencies to determine if violator has any prior violations. Issues citations or makes arrests and files criminal complaints with the court. Books suspects when appropriate and feasible.

Prepares law enforcement work plans incorporating resource management objectives and concerns. Identifies and recommends specific actions to ensure and enhance the protection of natural resources.

Enforces a variety of Federal laws and regulations related to public land and resources by performing investigations, apprehending suspects and violators, performing surveillance activities, and making enforcement contacts.

As case agent, represents the U.S. Government as the prosecutor in court. Obtains investigation reports and criminal history of the defendant and prepares testimony. Meets with prosecuting attorneys, presents testimony, delivers evidence to the court, and responds to testimony presented by defense attorneys/defendants. Recommends sentence, e.g., fines, probation, time in custody, administrative action, and monetary restitution to the government or reclamation of damage to the court.

Requests and presents justification for arrest warrants for defendants who fail to appear in court.

Develops and maintains liaison with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to share in the resources in order to provide additional protection of people and property on public lands. Cooperates in the investigation and disposition of cases. Provides assistance, e.g., back-up, to other law enforcement officers, exchanges case information, and coordinates other law enforcement activities of mutual interest.

May be delegated as a State Peace Officer under a Memorandum of Understanding with the county sheriff or other State or local official so authorized. Pursuant to such memoranda, is authorized to enforce applicable State laws or county ordinances on Federal public land and private property adjacent to the public land.

May be assigned as a Tort Claims officer. Coordinates and investigates claims for damage, injury, or death filed against the United States. Prepares investigative reports and correspondence, presents evidence and provides testimony on trial cases, and serves subpoenas and court orders for witnesses and documents.

Other (20%)

Special Assignments

May be assigned to multi-agency task forces to perform special law enforcement activities, e.g. eradication of marijuana gardens, crowd control, and archeological/cultural, vegetation/timber, arson, drug, and wild horse and burro investigations. Participates in ground and air surveillance to identify suspects and in raids to apprehend suspects and evidence. Serves search warrants and searches for, collects, photographs, and catalogs evidence. May be assigned to provide law enforcement and security services on interagency operations such as wild land fires or homeland security incidents.

Education

Speaks to user groups, service organizations, schools, and other organizations concerning Bureau programs and objectives in BLM Law Enforcement Ranger operations and seeks support and cooperation. Drafts law enforcement activities and resource protection press releases and publicity. Assists in the development of resource protection and visitor services brochures and publications that explain applicable criminal laws and regulations relating to the use of public lands. Assists in developing interpretive goals and plans to promote resource protection and prevent crime.

Search and Rescue

Participates in searching for and rescuing visitors to public lands. In the absence of responsible authorities, plans and directs search and rescue activities. Administers first aid when required.

Automation

Utilizes automated equipment (hardware/software), data, systems, and applications to accomplish assigned duties. Collects, enters, manipulates, updates, and maintains data according to prescribed BLM and program standards. Ensures data quality and integrity by adherence to quality control standards and procedures.

Supervision

May be required to supervise one or two Law Enforcement Rangers. Assigns, directs, and reviews the work; plans and provides for formal and informal training; evaluates work performance; interviews candidates; recommends selections, promotions, awards, disciplinary action, separations; plans, schedules, and coordinates work operations; resolves work problems; and explains management's policies and goals.

Ensures equal opportunity for all employee supervised and fair and unprejudiced employment practices in recruitment efforts and selection process. Actively support the Equal Opportunity Program in day-to-day activities.

Is responsible for the on-the-job safety and health of all employees supervised. Identifies and corrects job safety and health hazards, instructs employees on safety requirements for job assignments, and reviews and reports injuries and lost time.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Incumbent must safely utilize firearms, non-lethal weapons, and defensive tactics in the conduct of daily activities. Operates motor vehicles, or special purpose law enforcement vehicles of various types including four-wheel drives, all terrain vehicles, motorcycles, and small watercraft. Must have and maintain a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

This position has been identified as Critical-Sensitive. Incumbent must maintain a favorable single scope background investigation.

This position is a drug-testing designated position.

Incumbent must meet the medical and physical standards for this position.

Position is for young and physically vigorous individuals and is subject to the maximum entry age restrictions.

Prior experience as a law enforcement officer carrying out duties involving the investigation, apprehension, and/or detention of persons suspected or convicted of offenses against the criminal laws of the United States is a basic qualification for this position.

Incumbent must successfully complete a Basic Law Enforcement School (with emphasis on natural resources law enforcement) at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (or equivalent). Incumbent must successfully complete 40 hours of in service training annually.

Incumbent must maintain a delegation of law enforcement authority.

FACTORS

Factor 1, Knowledge Required by the Position

Level 1-7, 1250 points

Program Management

- Extensive knowledge of natural resource management principles, practices, and concepts and Federal laws and regulations, and relevant court cases, and local laws bordering the public lands being managed that relate to the management of public lands and resources, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and those governing situations which may occur on public lands, e.g., cultivation, manufacturing and/or smuggling of illegal substances; illegal immigration; customs violations.
- Ability to identify trends, patterns, and extent of resource damage; consolidate and analyze a wide variety of seemingly unrelated facts, events, and occurrences; and develop and implement a course of action to enforce applicable laws and regulations to alleviating future occurrences of resource damage.
- Knowledge of budgetary and planning processes sufficient to prepare and implement the law enforcement portion of: the Annual Work Plan, monitor expenditures, and make adjustments.
- If serving as a resident ranger, specialized knowledge of relevant BLM resource programs to represent line management in a variety of settings and encounters, meetings, and interviews. In depth knowledge of overall agency direction and policy.

Investigations, Apprehension and Enforcement

- Extensive knowledge of Federal laws and regulations, and relevant court decisions that relate to the management of public lands and resources, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and those governing situations which may occur on public lands, e.g.,

cultivation, manufacturing and/or smuggling of illegal substances; illegal immigration; customs violations.

- Extensive knowledge of legal principles and concepts sufficient to determine what constitutes a crime or violation as defined in Federal and State statutes, and recognize the kinds of evidence required to prove that a violation has occurred (e.g., Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Evidence, Search and Seizure, and Rules of Arrest).
- Extensive knowledge of investigative techniques and available sources of information, methods of obtaining and maintaining a chain of evidence, interviewing and interrogation techniques, and the methods and patterns of criminal operations sufficient to bring suspects and violators to court hearings or trials.
- Knowledge of the elements needed to establish probable cause and reasonable suspicion to conduct searches and make arrests and seizures under the various laws and regulations enforced.
- Knowledge of firearms, non-lethal weapons, self defense techniques, prisoner control methods, and electronic surveillance devices.
- Knowledge of natural resource management principles, practices, and concepts in order to perform work within multiple-use guidelines relative to the evaluation and protection of a wide variety of resource values on public land.
- Is required to have successfully completed a Basic Law Enforcement School (with emphasis on natural resources law enforcement) at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (or equivalent) in addition to receiving 40 hours of in-service training annually. Knowledge of emergency medical aid and of search and rescue procedures and techniques is also required.
- Knowledge of IBM compatible PC equipment and application software, ability to utilize word processing, and applications specific to the duties of this position.

Education

- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing to a variety of audiences.

Factor 2, Supervisory Controls

Level 2-4, 450 points

The supervisor assigns work in terms of overall objectives and program emphasis and works with the incumbent in developing project priorities. The incumbent is responsible for independently planning, coordinating and managing the law enforcement program within the organization. The Special-Agent-in-Charge and/or the State Staff Ranger are available to provide technical advice. Work is reviewed for effectiveness in meeting work objectives and for compatibility with resource management objectives and BLM policies.

Factor 3, Guidelines

Level 3-3, 275 points

Guidelines consist of Departmental and BLM policies and procedures, operational Handbooks for BLM Law Enforcement and Resource Management and Protection, the U.S. Code, Code of Federal Regulations, annual work plans; and other management guidance. The incumbent uses judgment and ingenuity in developing, implementing, and overseeing the law enforcement program and activities. The incumbent independently analyzes the situation and adapts guidelines in order to achieve law enforcement and resource management objectives.

Factor 4, Complexity

Level 4-4, 225 points

Assignments involve planning, implementing, and overseeing the law enforcement program, coordinating the work with other resource programs, and coordinating activities with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies. The area of jurisdiction may cover several millions of acres, much of which is intermingled with other Federal land, state, and privately owned land, and receives many users and visitors each year.

The BLM public lands are utilized under a multiple-use concept, which continually impacts the law enforcement program. Illegal activities and violations of public land uses are constantly occurring which require coordination of investigative and apprehension activities with other resource programs and law enforcement agencies at the Federal, State and local levels. Enforcement is further complicated by dispersion over a large geographic area that includes many remote locations. Cases involve a variety of offenses concerning the criminal or negligent destruction of public land resources or property. The nature of the work requires the incumbent to identify and analyze conditions pertinent to each case, and recognize and develop interrelationships of facts and evidence, known suspects, interest on the part of other law enforcement agencies, and priorities for case resolution.

Cases assigned directly to the incumbent often involve special or controversial issues and considerations. The incumbent must deal with such sensitivities and keep the supervisor advised of the progress and ramifications.

The incumbent advises management on policies associated with various enforcement actions, reviews or assists in case strategies, and assures consistency both within the office jurisdiction and with other adjacent office jurisdictions.

The incumbent cannot depend on the immediate availability of assistance when faced with complex and hazardous situations. Many field duties are performed under stressful conditions, requiring sound analysis and decision making in limited time frames. The incumbent must interact tactfully and effectively with a broad range of public, some of which are hostile or uncooperative, in identifying and controlling difficult compliance and/or resolving enforcement problems on public lands.

Factor 5, Scope and Effect

Level 5-4, 225 points

The purpose of the work is to direct the law enforcement program and to assure effective enforcement of Federal laws and regulations that relate to the public lands and their resources.

Work efforts result in apprehension of violators, the protection of resources, and ensuring that resources may be adequately managed, and that public access is maintained. Quick and accurate actions are necessary to maximize the safety of others, e.g., public land users and visitors, other law enforcement officials, agency employees, as well as of the incumbent.

Factor 6, Personal Contacts

Level 6-3, 60 points

Contacts are with BLM employees at all levels, representatives of other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, court officials, and attorneys. Numerous contacts are made with the public and other individuals, e.g., informants, complainants, witnesses, suspects and public land users and visitors. Contacts are also made with community officials, special interest groups, and other organizations

Factor 7, Purpose of Contacts

Level 7-2, 50 points

Contacts with Bureau employees and cooperating agencies are to exchange or present information, coordinate activities, and provide technical guidance to employees. Contacts with public land users are to enforce laws and regulations governing the use of public lands, inform and enhance their understanding of the natural and cultural resources, conduct interviews during investigations, and apprehend persons suspected of criminal law violations. Encounters may include persons who are uncooperative, hostile, or dangerous. Outside contacts include representing the office on committees and task forces and at meetings. Other contacts involve negotiation of agreements, investigation and resolution of complaints, and reconciliation of conflicts.

Factor 8, Physical Demands

Level 8-3, 50 points

The incumbent must be able to safely utilize firearms, non-lethal weapons, and defensive tactics in the conduct of daily activities. The work requires considerable strenuous physical exertion, e.g., long periods of standing, crawling, walking and running over rough, uneven, rocky surfaces and through wooded or brush areas, performing these activities day or night, when the incumbent may be required to respond immediately from a sedentary activity to an extremely arduous activity.

The duties of this position are so rigorous that a physical examination is required to ensure that the employee assigned can perform the duties without physical injury to self or others. Employees must meet the arduous physical and medical standards identified in BLM law enforcement policy.

The incumbent must be prepared, at all times, to defend himself/herself and others against physical and armed attack, including the use of physical violence or, as a last resort, deadly force.

Factor 9, Work Environment

Level 9-3, 50 points

Work is performed both in an office setting and outdoors with exposure to hazardous and environmentally adverse conditions. Fieldwork is normally performed alone in isolated areas and for extended periods of time. Many investigations occur in isolated areas of the public lands. The remote areas are in high mountains as well as desert areas, canyons, and other types of rough terrain. This type of work involves potentially high risks with personal exposure to dangerous situations, including possible physical attack or other uncontrollable conditions.

The incumbent is regularly exposed to temperature and weather extremes, and will travel on foot or by specialty vehicles, e.g., four-wheel drive, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles, aircraft, or horseback to these remote locations to gather evidence and to arrest violators.