



OUTREACH NOTICE

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

South Dakota Wildland Fire will soon be advertising the Assistant Chief of Operations position. This is a permanent position and the duty location is Rapid City, South Dakota.

About the Position

The position is the Assistant Chief of Operations for the State of South Dakota Wildland Fire Division. The candidate will provide leadership and direction to four Field Offices, Aviation Program, and civil cost recovery investigations.

The program of work directly relates to wildland fire operations by coordinating efforts in suppression, fire investigation, the responsibility of duty officer, and other fire management activities. Other duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Acting Director and Agency Administrator in the absence of the Director
- Performs as Agency Representative when hosting a Type 1 or 2 team in the State of South Dakota
- Provides valuable input into contracts, agreements, and the budgeting process
- Maintains a program budget
- Represent the State in zone and regional committees
- Represent the agency for the Alliance of Forest Fire Compacts and the Great Plains Wildfire Compact
- Work in operation overhead positions or incident commander on fires
- Provides staff reports, briefing papers, and research articles for the Director
- Ensures equipment upgrades are made

Candidates will be evaluated on the following standards:

- The candidate should be qualified as DIVS, RXB2, and ICT3 or must have the ability to obtain the qualification within one year of hire. Prior experience as FINV is a plus.
- The Division sustains good working relationships with cooperators and provides mutual aid assistance to multiple initial attack responses during a typical season. The candidate must cultivate and maintain these interagency cooperating relationships.
- The candidate must have strong management skills.
- The candidate must show their value in building agency programs.
- The candidate must show their ability to implement the latest fire technology.
- The candidate must have strong communication and writing skills.
- The candidate must provide leadership towards a safe workplace environment.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT: JAY ESPERANCE, DIVISION DIRECTOR AT (605) 393-8011 OR JAY.ESPERANCE@STATE.SD.US. THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE ADVERTISED WITHIN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017. INTERESTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN THE VACANCY IS ANNOUNCED. APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY AT [HTTPS://BHR.SD.GOV/WORKFORUS.ASPX](https://bhr.sd.gov/workforus.aspx).