

Columbus Rural Fire District #3
Position Announcement

Columbus, MT

Columbus Rural Fire District #3 (CRFD) is accepting applications for the immediate hiring of a Full Time Seasonal Fuels Mitigation Crew Member.

This position includes removing and thinning of hazardous fuels from around homes and landscape to reduce the impact of wildland fire. Additional duties include operation of power and hand tools, operation of department apparatus, miscellaneous station projects and upkeep, maintenance of crew and department equipment, and may be requested to respond to local and national wildland fire incidents. Crew members may also be requested by an officer or on duty chief to supplement duty crew staffing to respond to local 9-1-1 emergencies. Applicants must be a team player and be able to work in a physically demanding and sometimes extreme and hazardous environment. Wildland firefighting experience and chainsaw experience are preferred. Recommended classes and training are ICS- 100, L-180, S-131, S-190, and S-212. Other necessary training will be provided to successful applicants. A total of 4 positions will be filled. There is no guarantee of return employment.

The starting salary range for this position is \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour, DOE. This position includes workers' compensation. The normal work hours will be 4, 10-hour days, but times may vary during the summer fire season and the needs of the district, as well as hours may vary if deployed on wildland incidents with opportunities for overtime during the deployment.

The application deadline is March 15th, 2026, at 5:00 PM. The district reserves the right to extend the deadline if it feels the need to.

Applications and a copy of the complete job description can be picked up at Columbus Fire Department Station #1: located at 944 E. Pike Avenue, or they can be found at: www.columbusfirerescue.com/join-us

Applicants should include a resume, cover letter, and complete application; incomplete applications will not be accepted. Please submit application to: Crew Supervisor Colton Cowger at ccowger@columbusfirerescue.com.

For questions about the position, please call 406-322-4302 or email Crew Supervisor Colton Cowger at the above email address or email Asst Chief Nick Jacobs njacobs@columbusfirerescue.com.

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