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BLM Nevada Accepting Seasonal Firefighter Applications

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nevada is accepting applications for seasonal firefighting positions throughout the state. Applications must be submitted no later than January 16, 2004, to receive first consideration in the hiring process.

Temporary seasonal positions will be filled as engine, helitack and hotshot crewmembers, as well as aircraft ramp personnel and dispatchers stationed at 24 fire stations throughout the state. Applications for firefighting and dispatch positions must be submitted using the BLM's automated application system, called FIRES, available on the Internet at: <http://www.firejobs.doi.gov>

Length of appointment varies, depending on agency needs and funding, but cannot exceed 1,040 hours, excluding overtime and training, during a service year. Salary for these positions ranges from \$8.20-\$13.91 per hour, depending on experience, with a normal term of employment from June 1 through mid-September.

Selected applicants must complete a pre-employment drug screening and physical examination prior to appointment, and are subject to random drug screen testing during their period of employment. Those selected for primary firefighter positions must also pass the "pack test" after entering on duty. This test consists of a three-mile walk over flat terrain carrying a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes or less.

Those who are interested in non-fire seasonal positions can apply online at:

<http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts.blm.exe>

For additional information, please contact the BLM Nevada Human Resource Office at (775) 861-6431.

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BLM Requests Nominations for 2004 Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting nominations for the 2004 Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards. The awards program recognizes solid mineral development operations that practice the principles of sustainable development or represent outstanding examples of reclamation or environmental stewardship.

The BLM created these non-monetary awards to highlight some of the finest examples of responsible mineral resource development. The award winners will illustrate sustainable development without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The awards program will also

help to transfer successful ideas and practices from one place to additional locations throughout the nation.

"These awards recognize companies that go the extra mile in protecting the environment when mining on public lands," said BLM Director Kathleen Clarke. "Our agency looks forward to receiving nominations of those operations that exemplify the very best in sustainable mining practices."

The two types of awards are:

The Hardrock Mineral Environmental Award recognizes efforts in environmental stewardship. This category recognizes achievements demonstrating continuous or repeated efforts to successfully meet or exceed Federal, State or local reclamation requirements with minimal oversight. In addition to high quality reclamation, an operator may have undertaken extraordinary measures to reduce the footprint of the operation on the land, reducing the need for reclamation.

The Hardrock Mineral Award for Community Outreach and Economic Security recognizes efforts shown for community responsibilities and the economic benefits of mineral development. This award recognizes the successful coordination of projects with local and regional stakeholders. Projects that contribute to the quality of life or demonstrate concern for the long-term health of the local community can be recognized in this category. Additionally, this award is also appropriate to recognize operators whose use of new or innovative techniques allow them to successfully operate in technically challenging conditions or in critical environmental settings.

Nominations for the awards may be submitted by mining companies, regulatory authorities, geologists, and members of the general public. Detailed information on the nomination and selection processes, including the required format for nominations, can be found on the BLM Website at: [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov). All nomination forms for the 2004 awards program must be completed by March 1, 2004. Nominations for operations on public lands in Nevada should be mailed to BLM (Attn: Solid Minerals), P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520. Presentation of awards is scheduled for September 27, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada in conjunction with the National Mining Association's MINExpo International 2004.

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#### Web Site Provides Easy Access to Land Records

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Nevada State Office has launched a new web site that will make its Public Land Records available to anyone who has access to the Internet.

The BLM Nevada Public Lands Records web site is located at: <http://www.nv.blm.gov/landrecords>  
(DEAD LINK)

The web site contains:

Master Title Plats, composite diagrams of survey plats that show land ownership and status based on township and range. Examples of land status include patents, rights-of-way, segregations and withdrawals.

Use Plats, which are copies of the Master Title Plats of a township. Use Plats provide such land-use information as applications, leases and permits.

Historical Indices, chronological summaries dating back to the 1860s, which show all actions affecting the title, disposition or use status of lands within a township.

Customers can continue to access these records at any of the BLM Nevada's nine Information Access Centers, located in Battle Mountain , Caliente, Carson City , Elko, Ely, Las Vegas , Reno , Tonopah and Winnemucca. Hours of operation for these offices are generally from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. , Monday-Friday.

The web site also contains instructions on reading Master Title Plats, as well as other useful information. The site will eventually be expanded to include Cadastral Survey Records such as Cadastral Survey Plats and Field Notes, Mineral Surveys and Protraction Diagrams.

The web site came on line on October 1, and contains about 5,000 Master Title Plats and more than 10,000 Historical Index entries. This site will make it easier for BLM Nevada's customers to conduct research on titles, patents and boundaries, as well as rights-of-way for roads, power lines and telephone lines.

This information is available to all interested customers, including the general public, power companies, mining companies, oil and gas companies, geothermal energy companies, real estate developers and state and local governments.

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