

FireNet Smokejumper or Helitack Firefighter Opportunities in Russia

Email Posting:

For the attention of Steve Hurley and anyone else who wants to spend a season as a smokejumper or a helitack firefighter on the fireline in Russia.

Two options are available:

1. If your mastership of the Russian language is good enough as to retain communication ability in an extreme, mind-messing situation, you may negotiate

your employment with the Krasnoyarsk Forest Fire Center

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or with the Forest Fire Center of any other Region of Russia.

2. There are a number of forest firefighters in Russia who speak English well enough, so if you don't speak Russian, you may be assigned to such firefighter as a partner.

In such case you should contact your overhead agency (US Forest Service or suchlike) with a petition to arrange your internship with the Avialesookhrana (the Russian mobile wildfire control service).

In any option you should start the application procedure early (several months before the next fire season) in order to give bureaucracy enough time and to undergo training courses (obligatory but free).

And your salary would be equal to US \$100-150 a month.

Best regards,

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Dear Serghey:

My name is Steve Hurley, and I saw your question on the firenet. I'm

sorry I don't have an answer for you but I do have a question of my own that you may be asked many times. My question is would it be possible for me to spend a summer working with your agency as an intern or apprentice to learn about your fire fighting techniques. I'm 23 years old, and have been fighting

wildfires across America for 3 years and am employed with the North Carolina Forest Service as a firefighter. I am also an officer at a structural fire department, a fire instructor, and a hazardous materials (chemical)

instructor.

An opportunity such as working in Russia would satisfy my intellectual curiosity as well as be very exciting to me. It would also help me to better understand your language and culture. I lived in Europe for 7 years and always wanted to go to Russia but never had the chance. If you have any information that could help me I would appreciate it.

Thank you in advance,

Steve Hurley

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