

QUARTZ VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION

***JOB ANNOUNCEMENT!!! ***

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Defensible Space/Home Hardening worker
Daytime Hours: 32 hours per week
Supervisor: Fire Prevention Coordinator
Compensation Range: \$16.00-20.00/hour

Temporary Position (3-4 months) – no benefits

SUMMARY OF DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

1. Remove all dead and dying weeds, grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches and vegetative debris (leaves, needles, cones, bark, etc.); Check your roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc.
2. Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet
3. Limit plants in this area to low growing, nonwoody, properly maintained plants
4. Limit combustible items (outdoor furniture, planters, etc.) on top of decks
5. Relocate firewood and lumber from buildings
6. Relocate garbage and recycling containers outside this zone
7. Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
8. Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from the yard, roof and rain gutters.
9. Remove branches that hang over the roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney or buildings
10. Trim trees to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
11. Relocate wood piles
12. Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
13. Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks, balconies and stairs.
14. Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.
15. Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
16. Create horizontal space between shrubs and trees.
17. Create vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees.
18. Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches.

19. All exposed wood piles must have a minimum of 10 feet of clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions.
20. Hand Pile branches and debris.
21. Outbuildings” and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have 20 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exterior.
22. Create a fire protection or fuel break of 100 feet around perimeter of home, or to the property line.
23. Remove trees dead/dying that can strike hit the home.
24. Hand pile branches & debris.
25. Burning of hand piles.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must possess a valid CA driver’s license and a good driving record to be hired.
2. Sufficient physical strength and dexterity to accomplish fieldwork, including adverse conditions (i.e. heat).
3. Able to prepare clear, concise, and complete project reports and other written materials.
4. Proficient in reading and understanding verbal and written instructions.
5. Must have excellent communication skills and be able to communicate effectively with officials and individuals of various agencies in relation to this project.
6. Able to exercise sound independent judgment within established guidelines and protocol.
7. Must be willing to travel occasionally to meetings and/or trainings.
8. Attend and obtain mandatory certification classes.

WORKING CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS

1. When necessary, must be able to lift 25 to 50 pounds.
2. Position requires stamina and sufficient physical ability and dexterity to accomplish fieldwork that may be strenuous.

Indian Preference:

In accordance with CFR 25, Part 276: In accordance with title VII of the Civil rights act, Section 701 (b) and 703 (i) preference in filling all vacancies will be given to qualified American Indian Candidates.

To apply, submit **application and resume** to: Quartz Valley Indian Reservation (QVIR), 13601 Quartz Valley Rd., Ft. Jones, CA, 96032. Fax # 530.468.5908. Applications can be obtained by contacting: (530) 468-5907.