News Release

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

Ely District, Nevada No. EYDO 2017-006 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 Contact: Chris Hanefeld, 775-289-1842, chanefel@blm.gov

BLM Ely District Accepting Applications for Temporary Seasonal Firefighters

Ely, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District is accepting applications for temporary seasonal firefighters. Applications will be accepted through **Tuesday**, **March 28**, 2017, but those submitted by **Tuesday**, **Jan. 10**, will receive first consideration.

Positions are available on engines, in Helitack and dispatch. Successful applicants will serve in Caliente, Ely or Pony Springs. Applications must be submitted online at usajobs.gov, available through the following link: http://www.firejobs.doi.gov.

Length of appointment varies depending on agency needs and funding, but cannot exceed 180 days, excluding overtime and training. The normal term of employment is from May through mid-September. Salaries range from \$11.30 and \$15.49 per hour, depending on experience.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen. They must also be 18 years of age at time of employment and in possession of a valid driver's license. Selected individuals are required to complete a physical examination and drug screening prior to employment and are subject to random drug testing during their time of service. Those in primary firefighting positions must also complete a "pack test" upon entering duty, which consists of hiking three miles over flat terrain in 45 minutes or less while carrying a 45-pound pack.

For more information, contact BLM Ely District Assistant Fire Management Officer Ray Maestes at (775) 289-1923.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

--BLM--