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## **Fire Management Officer**

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Do you have a “burning” desire to safeguard our public lands?

Wildland fire is a natural occurrence that can enhance some habitats, but damage others. Fire requires oxygen and fuel, such as forest undergrowth, in order to burn; drought conditions combined with too much fuel can result in raging wildfires.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire management officers decide whether to allow a fire to burn, or to suppress it because of threats to public safety, public lands, or wildlife. Fire is sometimes even “prescribed” in areas where overgrowth of fuels makes uncontrollable wildfires more likely to occur.

Working with other agencies, BLM fire management officers direct fire operations. This includes managing aircraft used in detecting and controlling fire, operating communications equipment, and training personnel.

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