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Memorandum

To: Human Capital Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Human Capital Officer, Bureau of Land Management
Human Capital Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service
Human Capital Officer, National Park Service

From: Jennifer A. Ackerman
Director, Office of Human Capital
Deputy Human Capital Officer

Subject: 2022 Amended Exceptions to the General Time Limits for Temporary
Employment - Limited Approval for Fire Positions

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) approved, with limitations, the Department of the Interior's (DOI) request for an exception to the general time limits for temporary appointments needed in response to wildland fires under 5 CFR parts 213.104(b)(1) and 316.401(c). This approval is effective June 10, 2022 and can be applied for one year to the positions and locations identified in the attached list.

OPM's amended approval includes the additional positions listed in the attached approval memorandum. Except for the additional occupations and locations, all other conditions and instructions included with OPM's June 10, 2022, approval remain in effect.

The approval provides DOI the ability to meet extended seasonal workforce needs for the positions, in specific geographic locations, identified on the attached listing. Under this approval, employees appointed into temporary seasonal positions (e.g., working less than 1,040 hours in a service year) may instead receive an exception to the general time limitations if they work no more than 1,730 hours, within the service year. The 1,730 hour limitation may be applied to current appointments or new appointments.

As a reminder, bureaus must:

- Track and keep accurate record of the hours each employee works in their established service year;
- Ensure that new announcements include appropriate updated language;
- Ensure only positions and geographical locations identified on the attached approved list are provided the approved exception to general time limitations of 1,730 hours within a service year; and
- Ensure the 1,730 hours exceptions are not provided beyond June 10, 2023, without further OPM approval

Servicing Human Resource Offices should contact their bureaus HR policy offices with any questions.

Bureau HR leadership may direct inquiries to Landon Mock at Landon_Mock@ios.doi.gov.

Attachments:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management Approval Letter and Positions Listing

cc: Land Management Bureau Human Resources Director