

FIRE MANAGEMENT CAREER LADDERS

	Operations	Aviation	Fuels	Dispatch	
Early Career 1 - 5 Years	Firefighter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine • Handcrew 				This chart displays major career fields in Fire Management.
	Hotshot Crewmember	Helicopter Module	Fuels Crewmember	Dispatcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • GACC • NICC 	
	Squad Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine • Handcrew 	Smokejumper	Fuels Technician		
Mid Career 6 - 10 Years	Crew Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine • Handcrew 	Helicopter Module Squad Leader	Prescribed Fire Manager	Assistant Center Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local 	Other career tracks (with fewer positions than the major fields) exist in planning, fire ecology, training, prevention, safety, and fire business specialties.
	Fire Operations Specialist	Smokejumper Spotter	Fuels Planner	Logistics Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GACC • NICC 	
	Assistant Fire Management Officer	Unit Aviation Officer or Manager		Center Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local 	
		Helicopter Manager		Predictive Services and Intelligence	
Later Career 10 - 25 Years	Fire Management Officer	Smokejumper Base Manager	State/Regional Prescribed Fire Manager	Emergency Operations Coordinator	
	Assistant Fire Staff Officer	State/Regional Aviation Officer or Manager	National Fuels Program Manager	Center Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • GACC • NICC 	
	Fire Staff Officer	National Aviation Manager			

Most careers in fire management start with some experience as a firefighter.