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## MEMO

Re: AD Fire Assignment of VetsWork Members

Mt. Adams Institute (MAI) values the partnership with the US Forest Service and the Wildland Firefighter training and experience provided our VetsWork AmeriCorps members through this unique program. Red Card certification allows members direct and viable employment/career opportunities. Additionally, members assigned to AD Fire realize a welcome financial benefit during their AmeriCorps term of service.

MAI supports AD Fire experience for its members with the following policies governing their participation:

1. Acceptable performance of all USFS Red Card criteria prior to assignment including any medical clearance required.
2. Member must be in good standing within his/her program including meeting hours benchmarks at the time of assignment.
3. Members can not accumulate AmeriCorps hours AND receive AD Fire pay, per AmeriCorps Provisions, and must be suspended from the program during assignment to a fire.
4. The viability of MAI's programming depends on successful completion. The member's term of service will be extended by the amount of time spent on AD Fire assignment in order to make up hours and successfully complete the program.
5. No member shall be assigned to fire duty for more than two total weeks.
6. No member shall be assigned to fire duty off-forest without permission from MAI.

Thanks,

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Executive Director

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