



Inspecting trees
after a
prescribed fire.

TYPE OF WORK

I manage wildland fires on
the Yakama Nation
Reservation.

Don Jones
Fire Management Officer
*Yakama Nation Fire
Management*



Fire Management Officer



TYPICAL DAY:

I do physical training in the mornings. Afterwards, I attend the morning crew briefings where we discuss the local and national weather forecast, the national situation report, and safety. Once morning briefing is done, we assign duties for the day. Everyday is different; if I'm not fighting fire or conducting prescribed burns, I am sitting on conference calls or attending some sort of meeting. One thing is constant no matter what time of the year we are in, I am always preparing for fire.

CAREER PATHWAY:

I started out on a trail crew for the US Forest Service to earn money. While at the USFS, I went on my first fire in Montana and was flown in on a military helicopter, hook line and sinker. I moved around in different programs that were involved with fire, eventually getting the Fire manager job.



Walking the perimeter.

IMPORTANT SKILLS

High end fire qualifications with some college education in upper level biology.

FAVORITE TOOL

Chain saws because you get to cut stuff.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma, Forestry Certificate, Some College

SALARY RANGE

\$50,000-\$74,999

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Hand tools, chain saws, computers, IOS devices, drones, water flowing systems, fire equipment and vehicles, weather monitoring devices, and two way radios.

"I love the comradery with my employees and the sense of pride that goes with being a firefighter." - *Don Jones*