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MARYLAND FOREST SERVICE
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2026 PACK TEST & REFRESHER

The Maryland Forest Service Fire Management Staff are now accepting applications for the Work Capacity (Pack) Test and RT-130 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher training for Agency and Wildland Fire Crew members.

All participants applying for the pack test will be required to complete the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ) and submit it to their respective fire manager ASAP. The HSQ will be evaluated by an agency administrator to determine if medical clearance is required prior to the Pack test. Participants will also be required to sign an Informed Consent form the day of the test.

All candidates must apply online. The Pack Test will have 3 time slots available at 0900, 1000, & 1100 and you should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. The RT-130 Annual Refresher will be 1230 – 1630.

The pack test is a 3-mile hike, wearing a 45-pound pack that needs to be completed in 45 minutes. It is recommended that participants take part in some sort of physical fitness training prior to taking the pack test. Only individuals that intend to participate in out-of-state fire crews will be accepted.

Dates & Locations - choose one location (Note: Maximum of 50 slots available for each session.)

Friday, March 13, 2026 – Sandy Point State Park

Apply online at: <https://forms.gle/tWjLrQk4GJZJswH9>

AND Email HSQ Form to: shannon.wolfe@maryland.gov

Google Map Pack Test & RT-130 Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ghHjJvrGtg26JaV27>

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – Fort Frederick State Park

Apply online at: <https://forms.gle/Hxt1LBUyQbqKKM1C9>

AND Email HSQ Form to: timothy.cole@maryland.gov

Google Map Pack Test Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8Zvh2YZpYXQnUKdr8>

Google Map RT-130 Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Zwb7WPgbGEpnEj5R8>

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2026

Link to HSQ:

https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_wysiwyg/fs_5100_31_exp2019_2_0.pdf

All candidates must apply online and email the required HSQ Form using the links above. Application does not guarantee any slot. Selected applicants will be notified by email and sent the forms needed for either State or AD Hire for 2026.