



OUTREACH NOTICE
UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST
North Fork John Day Ranger District
Ukiah, Oregon

"Caring for the Land and Serving People"



August 30, 2011

Forestry Technician, GS-462-8/9
District Wilderness & Trails Manager
Permanent Full-time

The Umatilla National Forest will soon be advertising for a permanent full-time Forestry (Recreation) Technician on the North Fork John Day (NFJD) Ranger District.

Anyone interested in further information about the vacancy should contact Janel Lacey, Recreation, Minerals, and Engineering Department Manager at 541-427-5394. Please return the outreach response form, attached, to jlacey@fs.fed.us by September 30, 2011. When the actual announcement is made, any replies to the outreach will be contacted via email with the application information.

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION PLACEMENT SYSTEM (WRAPS) LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g. government-wide/DEMO) Responses received from this outreach will be relied upon to make this determination. All applicants must meet the qualifications standards to be eligible for this position.

ABOUT THE POSITION: This position is responsible for planning, prioritizing, and administering the wilderness and trails operations. The majority of the work involves managing the District trail system, which has approximately 130 miles of OHV trail, 130 miles of Wilderness trail, and 80 miles of non-motorized/non-Wilderness trail. This position supervises 1 permanent seasonal trail crew leader and up to 9 seasonal trail crew employees. Supervision involves work assignment, training, work oversight, employee safety analysis, reward or disciplinary actions, etc. This position considers trail conditions to determine the annual program of trails work, which involves scheduling and implementing trail log-out, maintenance, and construction of new trail or bridges. Work involves operation of chain saw, trail excavator, 4-wheelers/trailbikes, snowmobiles,

primitive tools (i.e. cross-cut saw in wilderness), and driving a pickup hauling a trailer.

Much of the trails program depends on grants and volunteer assistance, therefore this position is also responsible for obtaining and managing grants and coordinating with local trail user groups. The District currently receives approximately \$120,000 from the State of Oregon to manage OHV trails. The position is the primary care giver to 8 horses/mules, and at the GS-9 level must have the ability to manage animals for riding and packing. About 20 percent of work time will involve indoor activities including maintenance of trails Infra and GIS data on a computer, application for grants, and reporting of work accomplishments.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The duties of this position require that the incumbent engage in field work during all seasons of the year. While engaged in such work, the incumbent will encounter temperature extremes, rough walking surfaces, steep terrain, rain, wind and snow. At times this position will require the incumbent to camp in the wilderness for up to a week at a time.

ABOUT THE NORTH FORK JOHN DAY RANGER DISTRICT: The position and duty station will be located on the North Fork John Day Ranger District in Ukiah, Oregon. Government housing is available in Ukiah. There are 40 permanent and 45 to 55 temporary employees.

The North Fork John Day District is 465,000 acres, centrally located in the Blue Mountains. Diversity and complexity are key management considerations for this land and its abundant resources. Plant communities range from juniper/sage/bunch grass at the 2,600 feet elevation in the Potamus Creek area to subalpine fir/whitebark pine habitats at the 8,000 feet elevation near Vinegar Hill in the Scenic Area. There are about 8,000 elk that summer and winter, in part, on the District along with mule deer, black bear, cougar and a variety of non-game wildlife and birds, including wintering bald eagles. Many district streams contain habitat for federally listed Mid-Columbia bull trout Mid-Columbia steelhead trout, spring and fall salmon.

A significant portion of the District (107,000 acres) was designated in 1984 as the North Fork John Day Wilderness. This wilderness was designated primarily to protect key watershed areas in the North Fork John Day River drainage system and to protect anadromous fish habitat in this drainage basin. The John Day River supports the only all-native Chinook salmon population in the Columbia Basin.

The Winom-Frazier OHV complex is located 12 miles east of Ukiah. It provides off road riders and other users more than 125 miles of challenging trails to explore on the NFJD and adjacent La Grande ranger districts. The smaller Desolation OHV trail system has about 30 miles of trail in the southern end of the NFJD district.

Recreation use on the District is heaviest during hunting season which begins in mid-August with archery season and extends through cow elk permit season which ends after Thanksgiving. Camping has always been popular in the area. There are 15 developed campgrounds and countless undeveloped sites in state and national forests. Anglers enjoy fishing in numerous locations such as Olive Lake or the North Fork John Day River.

Winter recreation activities are low key on this district, but include sledding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing. Winter is also a great time for wildlife watching. Bald eagles often winter along Camas Creek and can be seen soaring in the crisp winter sky above Ukiah. Elk and deer herds winter on the Bridge Creek Wildlife range south of Ukiah and are often visible to travelers.

The Vinegar Hill/Indian Rock Scenic Area is an area of about 20,000 acres managed for scenic and recreation values. The area has limited access and is closed to motorized travel except snowmobile use and designated trails. Scenic values are high and use is low except during hunting season. The Blue Mountain Scenic Byway that winds its way through the North Fork John Day and Heppner ranger districts is truly a spectacular drive. The North Fork John Day River, which bisects the district from east to west, is designated as a national Wild & Scenic River.

The district is currently 70% roaded with 2,212 miles of road. We have a district wide comprehensive Access and Travel Management (ATM) Plan. We have implemented the plan, which resulted in 35% of the road system open yearlong or seasonally.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW: The district office for the North Fork John Day Ranger District is in Ukiah, Oregon. Ukiah is located in the Blue Mountains of Northeast Oregon. It is a small mountain community with a year-round population of 250. The district is considered remote but the town offers two stores (grocery/hardware), a motel, laundromat, two cafes, two churches, one tavern, a gas station with eatery, park with tennis court, Post Office, senior center, and one school with grades K-12. There are also two RV parks with full hookups; one offers cabin rentals.

Ukiah has been determined to be a "remote duty station" by the Office of Personnel Management. Because of this designation, employees who commute more than 50 miles each way to work in Ukiah are entitled to a daily remote site allowance (currently \$6.40).

Pendleton (population: 14,400), location of the Umatilla National Forest Supervisor's Office, is 52 miles north on US Highway 395; La Grande (population: 12,300) is 56 miles east on State Highway 244. Some employees live in Pendleton or La Grande and commute on a daily basis (Remote Site Allowance may be available for commuters). Both Pendleton and La Grande are full service communities with a reasonable variety of shopping opportunities. There is no government housing available in either Pendleton or La Grande.

The district has two housing areas - one on the district compound in Ukiah and a housing annex with newer modular homes in Ukiah. Private housing for purchase or rental are limited in Ukiah.

CLIMATE: Ukiah enjoys a dry continental climate with very few overcast days. Blue skies are common during summer and winter. Most precipitation arrives as snow between late October and early March. Temperatures in Ukiah vary from 30 degrees to minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit during most winters (record was minus 53 degrees), and 70 to 90 degrees in the summer. While temperatures are brisk, humidity is low with little wind, making it less severe than the statistics would indicate. There are limited gardening opportunities in Ukiah due to the short growing season.

Pendleton enjoys a moderate climate with normal mean temperatures in July of 73.5 degrees. Mean year-round temperature is 52.4 degrees. Precipitation is seasonal with 10% occurring June through September. October through April is the greatest occurrence of precipitation, rapidly increasing from an average of 12 inches at the airport to about 18 inches near the foothills of the Blue Mountains. Average date for last temperature below 32 degrees is April 17. Average date for first temperature below 32 degrees is October 24. Records dating back to 1890 show a record all-time high of 119 degrees and a record low of minus 28 degrees.

La Grande has a cool to moderate climate which varies from the low teens in the winter to the high 80's in the summer. Annual mean temperature is 49 degrees. Annual mean precipitation is 20 inches, with the average snow level being 36 inches.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

I am interested in the GS-462-8/9, Permanent Fulltime, Trail & Wilderness Manager position on the North Fork John Day Ranger District.

NAME: _____

IBM or INTERNET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM
_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

_____ PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

_____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT

_____ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

_____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

_____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

_____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

_____ OTHER _____

PLEASE RESPOND BY September 30, 2011.

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