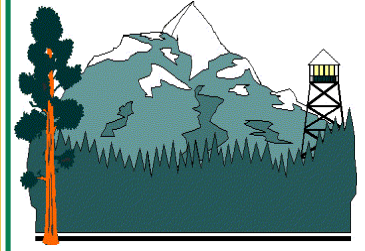




VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

Emigrant Creek Ranger District
HINES, OR

"America's Working Forest –Caring Every Day in Every Way"



GS-0462-06/07 Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement)

Announcement Number: 14-0604-022383G-DA

The Malheur National Forest, Emigrant Creek Ranger District will soon be filling two permanent seasonal (18/8) positions for Forestry Technician (Timber Stand Improvement).

Those that wish to be considered must apply to the vacancy announcement in USA Jobs, and have applications successfully submitted by close of business on April 2, 2014.

The Referral List for this position will be issued to the selecting officials after the closing date.

The Malheur National Forest is at the center of a nationally recognized effort that is doubling the scale of restoration in Eastern Oregon. If you are looking for an opportunity to do ground-breaking, nationally recognized work please apply to this vacancy announcement.

THE POSITION: This position is established on a Forest Service unit to perform technical duties in timber stand improvement, reforestation, and tree improvement.

Major Duties GS-0462-6

Assists in the preparation of project work plans for timber stand improvement and reforestation activities. Conducts reforestation and stocking surveys of recently planted tracts. Makes recommendations for areas requiring remedial action. Determines the need for site preparation, plantation conditions, and the survival rate of seedlings. Performs surveys to determine stand conditions and the need for precommercial thinning and/or treatment. Traverses project areas, determines acreage, and drafts maps of those areas. Conducts on-site observation of contractor or agency crews engaged in timber stand improvement or reforestation efforts. Inspects silvicultural contract work (e.g., genetic tree improvement, planting, thinning, seeding, site preparation) for compliance with contract. Corrects minor problems in direct contact with COR. May act as COR on various silvicultural contracts. Performs duties related to the management of vegetation such as silviculture, timber management, reforestation, timber stand improvement, and fuels management. Provides technical direction in all phases of reforestation and timber stand improvement on the forest. Reviews silviculture prescriptions to ensure that plans, treatment, and harvesting techniques are compatible with long-range land management plans. Inspects all phases of reforestation and stand improvement projects and appraises the degree of conformance with policies, procedures, and silviculture plans. Plans, coordinates, and administers the technical phases of forest area control of animals, insects, or diseases. Plans, coordinates, and conducts training on silviculture principles and practices. Provides advice, technical support, and evaluation of proposed and ongoing timber sale programs to prevent loss of timber productivity and damage to the environment. Reviews and approves project plans for special administrative studies of silvicultural methods and techniques in planting, seeding, site preparation, timber stand improvement, and tree and shrub improvement projects.

Major Duties GS-462-7

Develops the schedule and work plans for monitoring and inspecting TSI and reforestation activities. Performs reforestation and stocking surveys in accordance with established procedures to determine planting needs, need for site preparation, plantation conditions, and seedling survival. Performs surveys to determine degree and kind of animal and insect damage existing in assigned area. Performs timber stand improvement surveys to determine stand conditions and the need for TSI treatments, such as precommercial thinning, mistletoe treatment, pruning, and fertilization. Traverses project areas, determines acreage, and drafts maps of those areas. Collects technical data needed to prescribe stand treatment; measurements include radial growth, basal area, site index, stand density, stand condition, etc. Based on field analysis, assists in preparation of the technical specifications for TSI, tree planting, brush release, or animal damage control contracts. Serves as COR or inspector on specific contracts as assigned and/or supervises force account projects. Ensures all provisions are enforced and proper measures are taken to protect or enhance values in accordance with contract objectives. Prepares and submits related inspection reports, checks for compliance on needed corrective actions, and recommends final acceptance of the contract upon completion. Assists in preparation of recurring reports associated with the unit TSI and reforestation program.

FOREST OVERVIEW: The Malheur National Forest encompasses nearly a million and a half acres of wilderness, rangeland, and general forest in the majestic Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. It sustains a diversity of vegetation ranging from juniper-sagebrush woodlands and bunchgrass grasslands to high elevation alpine forests of sub alpine fir and white bark pine. Extensive tracts of ponderosa pine, western larch, Douglas fir, grand fir and lodge pole forests occur between the juniper/grassland foothills and alpine peaks. Elevations range from 4000 feet to 9038 feet atop beautiful Strawberry Mountain. The majority of the Forest lies in Grant and Harney counties, with portions in Baker and Malheur counties. State Highway 395 bisects the Forest north-to-south, and State Highway 26 from east-to-west. The Forest has 3 ranger districts at this time; Blue Mountain Ranger District, Prairie City Ranger District to the north (served by a zoned Heritage program), and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District to the south. For more Forest Overview: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/>

LOCATION: The **Emigrant Creek Ranger District** office is located in Hines, Oregon, on the south side of the Burns/Hines community. Burns/Hines is considered the gateway to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (36 miles) and the Steens Mountains located south of town (50 miles). The Strawberry Mountains Wilderness (50 miles) and Malheur National Forest are located north and west of town.

The approximate population of Burns/Hines is 5500. As the service center for Harney County, an area roughly the size of the State of Massachusetts, Burns/Hines is a full-service community. There are two large grocery stores, hardware and ranch supply stores, clothing stores, several restaurants and large motels, two drug stores, several fitness centers, bed and breakfasts, two lumber yards, a number of service stations, as well as many other services and stores. The closest urban centers include Bend, Oregon (2 hours west), Ontario, Oregon (2 hours east), and Boise, Idaho (3.5 hours east).

There is a full set of schools, from kindergarten through high school. Extension campuses for both Treasure Valley Community College and Eastern Oregon University are located in the community.

A state of the art hospital and medical, dental, and optical clinics are located in Burns. There are three nursing homes and/or assisted care living facilities. Health programs include home health, hospice, public health, mental health, as well as specialized services such as orthopedic and fracture clinics, orthodontic services, and physical therapy.

Harney County has about 7600 residents, with Burns as the county seat. There are a number of other federal and state agencies in the community including Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Police, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Dept of Transportation, Employment, Family Services, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Station. The base economy is about evenly split between ranching, light manufacturing, and government.

Located at an elevation of 4142 feet, Burns/Hines is located at the transition between the shrub-steppe ecosystem of the High Desert and the ponderosa pine forest. Summers are warm (80-90's), with low humidity, and cool summer nights. Winter days are cool (temps in 10-20's), with little snowfall. Average snow depth in the valley is 1 foot or less; 3 feet or more in the mountains. Days are typically sunny in both winter and summer.

The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting (elk, deer, antelope, upland birds, waterfowl), fishing, horse riding, birding (especially during Spring migration), hiking, mountain biking/cycling, rock hounding, camping, dramatic scenery, history, winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. It offers wide open spaces for those seeking peace and solitude. Deer and quail are common residents in most neighborhoods within the community. Managed wild horse herds are still found throughout the Harney Basin. **NO Government Housing Available.**

For more information on the area, you may contact the Harney County Chamber of Commerce at:

(541) 573-2636 or website - <http://www.harneycounty.com/>

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications for this position are being processed through an on-line applicant system at www.usajobs.gov. This application is being advertised under merit promotion (internal) procedures.

MERIT PROMOTION (Status Eligibles)

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Status Eligibles - Current permanent Federal employees with competitive status, reinstatement eligibles, persons with disabilities, VEOA/VRA eligibles, certain military spouses, 30% or more disabled veterans, former Peace Corps or VISTA volunteers, CTAP/ICTAP eligibles, Farm Service Agency permanent county employees and those eligible for other Special Hiring Authorities.

Please read the vacancy announcement thoroughly and follow all instructions to ensure proper consideration. If you are unable to apply on-line or have questions about the meaning of items in the vacancy announcement, please contact Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248, #2, and #3.

Should you have any further questions please contact:

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