

# **Outreach Notice**



# **FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST**

# Park Ranger (Interpretation) 1039 GS-0025-05/07

Klamath Falls, OR

# The Position

The Fremont-Winema National Forest will be filling a park ranger position at the GS-0025-05 or 07 grade levels in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The incumbent performs a variety of interpretive duties supporting the Youth and Community Engagement Program – an initiative that connects kids to the outdoors through community partnerships.

**GS-0025-05 (Park Ranger):** Applicants will need to indicate <u>Klamath Fall, OR</u> as the desired location. This position is located on the Klamath Ranger District, Fremont-Winema National Forest. Incumbent performs a variety of work in support of the unit's Youth and Community Engagement Program.

**Major Duties:** The employee performs a variety of tasks that utilize established visitor management practices, processes, methods, and procedures that include the following assignments and responsibilities:

1) Develops and presents a variety of interpretive programs including orientation talks, conducted walks, and demonstrations to a variety of general public audiences or school groups.

2) Initiates or assists with development or revision of interpretive materials, such as brochures, guidebooks, handouts, and exhibits.

3) Operates a variety of audiovisual and other equipment used in connection with interpretive programs.

4) Prepares and conducts on-and-off site environmental education programs for a variety of audiences. Initiates or assists with the creation or revision of environmental education materials. Assists in conducting teacher training and orientation programs.

5) Inventories and maintains stock of environmental education materials, equipment, and supplies.

6) Provides orientation, interpretive, and regulatory information relating to site specific regulations, hunting and fishing programs, and other visitor activities.

7) Assists with maintaining working relationships with partnership organizations by attending a variety of events and functions, giving informative talks, and asking for assistance that benefits all parties involved.

8) Communicates effectively with visitors and staff by writing or through interpretive activities that aid in implementing the visitor center's outreach program.

9) Drafts a variety of written materials that include news releases, articles, correspondence, and event flyers designed to increase understanding of the Forest Service Mission, encourage attendance at or assistance with a special event, explain the practices, goals and objectives of the visitor center, and/or related issues.

10) Assists with issuing special permits for wildlife/natural resource dependent recreational activities or other appropriate and compatible special events or activities.

11) Performs other duties as assigned.

**GS-0025-07 (Park Ranger):** Applicants will need to indicate <u>Klamath Fall, OR</u> as the desired location. This position is located on the Klamath Ranger District, Fremont-Winema National Forest. Incumbent performs a variety of work in support of the unit's Youth and Community Engagement Program.

#### Major Duties:

Assists with the day-to-day coordination and implementation of interpretative program and other visitor services. Operates, maintains and troubleshoots electronic and A/V equipment;

Completes pre-and post-season preparation and serves on a team making program decisions. May act as site interpretive manager.

Develops and presents on- and off-site environmental education programs for a variety of audiences. Drafts and conducts a variety of environmental education curricula and other educational products, including orientation talks, walks and demonstrations. Prepares and conducts teacher training and orientation programs.

Acts as liaison with community organizations, friends groups, and other interest groups to: (a) provide orientation to programs and services; (b) stimulate interest in programs and services; and (c) discover ways to facilitate visitation to and use of the facilities.

Coordinates group visits with operational personnel, communicates schedules, logistical support requirements, and other pertinent data.

Assists with the implementation of a comprehensive public outreach program through written and oral communication. Drafts and prepares a variety of written materials including pamphlets, guidebooks, handouts, brochures, news releases, articles, correspondence and event flyers to increase understanding of mission, a special event, or related issues

Speaks to groups to explain the programs and policies. Responds to routine media requests for information.

In addition, the incumbent may also perform the following duties, which are not grade controlling:

Compiles and submits collection, remittance, and reporting of recreation user and entrance fees. Assists with inventories and maintains adequate collection supplies and information (fees payment envelopes, brochures, passes).

Provides interpretive and orientation information to the public, and serves as roving interpreter on trails and in visitor use areas.

Monitors visitor facilities for safety, cleanliness, and accessibility and identifies and reports obvious maintenance, health, safety, and accessibility deficiencies. Within capabilities, performs routine maintenance on visitor service facilities. Assists with planning and design of visitor service facilities.

Administers basic first aid when necessary.

May operate passenger vehicles and light trucks, off-road vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles and snow machines.

NOTE: Incumbent operates standard motor vehicles and light trucks, and/or off-road vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles and snow machines to perform duties.

A valid driver's license is required to drive motor vehicles.

# About the Fremont-Winema National Forest

The Fremont-Winema National Forest is located in south-central Oregon. Administratively combined in 2002, the Fremont-Winema National Forest offers 2.3 million acres to explore in Klamath and Lake Counties.

The heavily timbered western portion of the Forest is bordered by the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range and Crater Lake National Park, and stretches east into the Klamath River Basin. Near the floor of the Basin, the Forest opens to vast marshes and meadows associated with Upper Klamath Lake and the Williamson River.

To the north and east, extensive stands of ponderosa and lodgepole pine grow on deep pumice and ash that blanketed the area during the eruption of Mt. Mazama (now Crater Lake) nearly 7,000 years ago. The eastern portion of the Forest offers expansive views, dramatic cliffs, and solitude. The area is known as Oregon's Outback, and provides the self-reliant recreationist the opportunity to discover nature in a rustic environment.

The Forest's Headquarters is located in Lakeview, Oregon and shares the Lakeview Interagency Office with the Bureau of Land Management's Lakeview District. The Forest's seven Ranger Districts are managed as four geographical zones; Lakeview and Bly Ranger Districts (SE Zone), Silver Lake and Paisley Ranger Districts (NE Zone), Chemult Ranger District (NW Zone), and Chiloquin and Klamath Ranger Districts (SW Zone). Many employees work in more than one Zone.

More than 300 species of fish and wildlife and at least 1000 plant species can be found on the Forest. Game animals most often hunted include mule deer, elk and pronghorn antelope. The Forest's diverse habitats also support a variety of wildlife including numerous water and wetland birds including bald eagles, osprey, and herons. Several varieties of trout inhabit Forest lakes and streams, and a few lakes support warm-water fish, such as large-mouth bass. Small populations of some of the larger predators (black bear, mountain lion, and bobcat) and a great variety of non-game species can also be found.

The Oregon-California border marks the Forest's southern boundary, while its eastern boundary includes part of the Warner Mountain Range. To the north and west, the Forest is bounded by the Deschutes, Rogue River-Siskiyou, and Umpqua National Forests. Three wilderness areas can

be found across this Forest; Mountain Lakes, Sky Lakes and Gearhart Mountain Wilderness. Picturesque rock formations cap most of the high-elevation ridge tops.

# About the Klamath Ranger District

The Klamath Ranger District office is located just off north Highway 97 in Klamath Falls. Located on the eastern flank, the District encompasses approximately 191,000 acres in the Cascade Mountains, and is located entirely within the Northwest Forest Plan area. Topography on the District is mountainous to flat with elevations ranging from approximately 8,200 feet at Aspen Butte in the Mountain Lakes Wilderness to roughly 4,100 feet along Upper Klamath Lake. The high, arid climate produces warm summers and variable winters with temperatures ranging from an average high of 90 degrees in the summer to an average low of 30 degrees in the winter. Average annual precipitation ranges around 16 inches and annual snowfall averages around 40 inches in the lowland to around 15 feet in the mountains. The Sky Lakes and Mountain Lakes Wilderness Areas are managed by the Klamath Ranger District, with the Pacific Crest Trail running the length of the District. Upper Klamath Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Four Mile Lake are also main attractions. The Klamath Ranger District does not have housing or bunkhouse facilities available.

## About the Community

Klamath Falls, the county seat, is located in the south central portion of Oregon at an elevation of 4,100 feet. The population of Klamath Falls (city and suburbs) is approximately 45,000. Klamath County is noted for being the "Sunshine City of Oregon" since it has an average of 290 days of sunshine per year.

Community facilities include one full-service hospital, two urgent care centers, over 70 churches representing approximately 40 denominations, two performing theaters, several museums and art galleries, the YMCA, 13 elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, Klamath Community College, and Oregon Institute of Technology, the Pacific Northwest's only public polytechnic institute. Several large department stores such as Wal-Mart Super center, Fred Meyer, Ross, and Home Depot are located within the city limits. Grocery stores are plentiful. Klamath Falls is also home to Kingsley Air National Guard, three community indoor, and one outdoor pool. There are a variety of golf courses; one private 18-hole, three public 18-hole, and two nine-hole golf courses. The local newspaper is the <u>Herald and News</u> from Klamath Falls. The <u>Oregonian</u> from Portland, Oregon is also available.

Klamath Falls is located at the intersection of Highways 39, 66, 97, and 140. Transportation is available through Amtrak, the Crater Lake-Regional airport (<u>http://flykfalls.com</u>) with service by United Airlines, and bus services. Klamath Falls is situated approximately 1½ hours from Ashland and Medford, Oregon, 5½ hours from Portland, Oregon, 6 hours from San Francisco, California, and 4½ hours from Reno, Nevada.

The local newspapers are the <u>Lake County Examiner</u> in Lakeview and the <u>Herald and News</u> in Klamath Falls.

For more information about the communities and Klamath and Lake Counties, contact:

#### Lake County Chamber of Commerce

126 North E Street Lakeview, OR 97630 Phone: (541) 947-6040, or toll-free: 1-877-947-6040 The Chamber of Commerce may also be contacted via their website at: http://www.lakecountychamber.org/

#### Bend Chamber of Commerce

777 NW Wall St # 200 Bend, OR 97701 (541) 382-3221 http://www.bendchamber.org

#### DISCOVER KLAMATH

205 Riverside Dr., Ste. B. Klamath Falls, OR 97601 Phone: (541)-882-1501 or toll-free: 1-800-445-6728 http://www.discoverklamath.com/

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## **Please Indicate Desired Location**

Duty Station	Number of Positions	Description	Series/Grade	Location
Klamath Ranger District	1	Park Ranger (Park Ranger)	GS-0025-05 or 07	Klamath Falls, OR

NAME:

**ADDRESS:** 

MAILING ADDRESS:

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH:

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:PERMANENTTEMPORARYOTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT OR MAILING ADDRESS:

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE:

**CURRENT POSITION TITLE:** 

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

(Place an X by appropriate selection) Person with disabilities Veteran's Reemployment Act Disabled Veteran's w/30% compensable disability Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 Former Peace Corps Volunteer Other

> Return this form to: Michael Boles <u>meboles@fs.fed.us</u> (541) 885-3440 Klamath Ranger District 2819 Dahlia St. Klamath Falls, OR 97601

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