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## ***DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST***

### **OUTREACH NOTICE**

#### **Natural Resource Specialist (Wilderness Manager)**

#### **Location: Sisters, Oregon**

The Deschutes National Forest will soon be advertising for a Forest-wide Wilderness Manager position. We anticipate a **GS-401-07/09**. If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the attached outreach form and return to **Amy Racki, [aracki@fs.fed.us](mailto:aracki@fs.fed.us) by the close of business April 18, 2014.**

Vacancy announcement numbers for this position will be available around April/May 2014. At that time, the announcement number will be emailed to you if you complete the enclosed outreach response form. The announcement will be officially posted and searchable on the USA jobs website [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) when it opens.

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. Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

**Position Title:** Natural Resource Specialist (Wilderness Manager)

**Tour of Duty:** Permanent, full-time

**Duty Station:** Deschutes National Forest, Sister Ranger District

**About the Position:** Deschutes National Forest seeks a talented, energetic person in a challenging position. The Wilderness Manager is responsible for management and operations of 5 Wilderness areas with 547,516 acres of designated wilderness, which are co-managed with other forests. This position is a Forest-wide position, with a duty station in Sisters, Oregon. The current makeup of the wilderness program is a permanent and seasonal workforce.

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Major duties: 1) Participates in the development, administration and execution of short and long range plans. 2) Develops the foundation and infrastructure for collaborative partnerships and opportunities for volunteers in Wilderness stewardship. 3) Serves as a Wilderness Resource Advisor and supports an integrated partnership between fire and wilderness managers. 4) Monitors resource conditions and assesses wilderness visitor use capacity. 5) Develops appropriate environmental documents for proposed wilderness, trails or other resources. 6) Develop annual workplans and provide strong leadership and training to the Deschutes Wilderness team.

This position will supervise both a permanent and seasonal workforce. The position will be the main contact point with organizations participating in Wilderness program activities. Incumbent serves as a Forest Protection Officer performing limited law enforcement duties to ensure compliance with Forest Service regulations. The position may require extended living periods at remote stations accessible only by foot or horseback. These remote stations are very primitive with no electricity, telephone or television service.

Transfer of Station or moving/relocation costs are not available for this position.

## **About the Area**

Sisters is located 20 miles northwest of the City of Bend at the bottom slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The District employs about 45 permanent employees and a temporary workforce of 35-50. It is a heavy recreation-use district, both winter and summer, and is dedicated to ensuring watershed and ecosystem health on its 316,161 acres.

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

<u>Elevation:</u>	3,180	
<u>Population:</u>	City - 2036	School District Boundary - 14000
<u>County:</u>	Deschutes	
<u>Location:</u>	East side of the Cascade Mountains in Central Oregon 20 miles Northwest of Bend, Oregon 20 miles West of Redmond, Oregon	
<u>Average Summer Temperatures:</u>	84°/day	41°/night
<u>Average Winter Temperatures:</u>	41°/day	21°/night
<u>Average Annual Precipitation:</u>	14" (mostly in the form of winter snow)	
<u>Closest Commercial Airport:</u>	Roberts Field, Redmond, Oregon	

**SCHOOLS:** Sisters is served by schools from kindergarten through high school and offers some college level community education courses locally through Central Oregon Community College (COCC) which is located in Bend. COCC offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through the recently opened branch campus of Oregon State University in Bend.

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**HEALTH CARE:** The Sisters area supports two immediate care facilities, several physicians, dentists, and pharmacists. The Sisters area is served by two hospitals, St Charles Medical Center in Redmond and St Charles Medical Center in Bend.

**HOUSING:** There are several rental apartments located within the City limits and new housing subdivisions being developed for single family homes and duplex units. Real estate prices for a three bedroom home range from approximately \$150,000 - \$350,000. Apartments range from approximately \$675 - \$950 per month.

**ANNUAL EVENTS:** Sisters is well known for its annual events, the Sisters Rodeo and Parade (June), Outdoor Quilt Show (July), Antique Faire (August), Folk Festival (September), High Mountain Jazz Festival (September), Sisters Harvest Faire (October), to name just a few. Several annual events also take place on forest lands under special use permit.

More detailed information about the Sisters/Central Oregon area may be obtained from the Sisters Chamber of Commerce web site at <http://www.sisterschamber.com/Sisters-Area-Chamber>.

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# OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

**Position: Wilderness Manager**

If you are interested in this position, please complete the information below and attach it to an e-mail and return to: [aracki@fs.fed.us](mailto:aracki@fs.fed.us) You may also complete the form and send via US Postal Service mail to Deschutes National Forest, Sisters Ranger District, PO Box 249, Sisters, Oregon, 97759. **Please reply no later than April 18, 2014.** If you have questions, contact Amy Racki, Sisters Ranger District, Recreation Team Leader at 541-588-0041.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us how we can contact you:

Postal Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street city state zip code

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

IF YES: Current Agency and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Appointment: \_\_\_Permanent \_\_\_Term \_\_\_Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate whether you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

\_\_\_Person With Disabilities \_\_\_Veterans Readjustment Act \_\_\_Former Peace Corps  
Volunteer \_\_\_Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability \_\_\_Pathways Program  
\_\_\_Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998\_\_\_Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

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