



USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region



Outreach Notice Deschutes National Forest Pathways Recent Graduate Program

Ecologist, GS-0408-9/11

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION:

The incumbent provides professional expertise for data management, landscape assessment, and modeling of ecosystems to support the planning process at project, Forest plan, and subregional scales. The incumbent works to stay current with methods and skills in GIS, state and transition modeling, and other software applications. The incumbent is also expected to design and implement monitoring of forest and rangeland ecosystems to foster improved outcomes through adaptive management. (S)he will use statistical and scientific skills to design practical, defensible monitoring, analyze the data, and report and interpret results. The incumbent will participate in developing water conflict resolution strategies as well as assist in developing and implementing monitoring programs specific to water use issues. Technology transfer through a variety of media, including published papers, technical reports, webinars, trainings, and other applications is also part of this position.

For more information on the position, contact Gregg Riegel at 541 383-5423 or griegel@fs.fed.us.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Deschutes National Forest encompasses 1.6 million acres ranging from the Cascade Mountains to the high desert. The Forest is one of 19 national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region. The Forest lands fall into Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake Counties and has four wilderness areas as well as the Newberry National Volcanic Monument. The Forest, with its Supervisor's Office in Bend, is composed of the Sisters, Crescent and Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger Districts, and the Region 6 Seed Extractory.

The Deschutes also administers the Redmond Air Center, located two miles east of Redmond, Oregon. The Redmond Air Center serves as the base for smokejumpers, an Interregional Fire Suppression Crew, an air tanker base, the Regional Air Group and the Regional Fire Warehouse. The Regional Fire Training center is also at Redmond. Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center is located at the airport in Prineville, Oregon.

The Deschutes has 94 campgrounds, six group campgrounds, and other numerous recreation sites. In addition, there are 13 resorts, and 283 summer homes under special use permit. Attractions including 215 lakes and reservoirs, 617 miles of streams provide fishing and boating, winter sports, and thousands of acres of magnificent scenery. The Deschutes is truly a four season recreation destination.

Mt. Bachelor ski area is located on the National Forest 20 miles west of Bend. The ski area serves nearly a 600,000 people who recreate here each winter. Facilities are also provided for cross-country skiing. Throughout the Deschutes there is a wide variety of opportunities for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing, including marked trails and backcountry.

THE COMMUNITY -

The City of Bend is located in the central part of the state of Oregon. The major highways intersecting in town are US97 and US20. The population is around 75,000 in the city with approximately 50,000 living within an hour drive. The community hosts several theaters, has a vibrant downtown, has an active summer concert committee which host various visiting orchestras and conductors, has a community theater, many excellent restaurants, hotels and bed-and-breakfast establishments. There are numerous city and county parks in and adjacent to town; a public library; full service medical and dental facilities; four large shopping malls; a country club, 20-plus public and private golf courses and numerous denominations of church

SCHOOLS: Bend-La Pine School District consists of 13 elementary schools, 5 middle schools and 4 senior high schools. Central Oregon Community College offers two-year programs as well as four year degrees through Oregon State University.

There are several private schools and there is also an active home-school program in the county.

MAJOR CITIES: Portland (largest city in the state) 160 miles northwest (four hours driving time); Eugene 128 miles west (two and one-half to three hours driving time); Salem 131 miles west (three to three and one-half hours driving time); and Medford 212 miles southwest (five hours driving time).

HEALTH CARE: Bend has one major hospital and numerous clinics. Redmond (18 miles north) offers one community hospital.

TRAVEL: The Central Oregon area is serviced by the Redmond Municipal Airport that has daily flights by Horizon Air (Alaska Air), United Express Airlines and Sky West (Delta). Flights are to Seattle, San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Portland International Airports for connections to other locations.

WEATHER: Bend is in an area called the "high desert" and has four distinct seasons. Summer is relatively mild with temperatures in the high 80's to 90's. There can be a few weeks in August where the temperature will reach the low 100's. Fall will usually bring mild but warm weather along with thundershowers. Winter is relatively mild with the snowfall in the neighborhood of 12-16" but usually melts quickly. Temperatures are normally in the mid to low 20's and 30's. January can bring a week or two of temperatures in the minus figures. Spring is usually sunny but cool. The growing season is relatively short as the elevation of Bend is 3,623 feet. The average yearly precipitation is 12 inches.

HOW TO APPLY: 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. Individuals stating interest in this position will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted so they can apply. If interested, please complete the Outreach Form at the end of this announcement and email to Gregg Riegel at 541 383-5423 or griegel@fs.fed.us of business on June 6 2014.

This outreach form does not constitute an application. The vacancy announcement will appear on the USAJOBS website: www.usajobs.gov/

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Deschutes National Forest, Bend, Oregon

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