



OUTREACH NOTICE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST WALLA WALLA RANGER DISTRICT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

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October 8, 2014

GS-462-06/07 Forestry Technician (Sale Prep Crew Foreman) Tour Of Duty-18 pp Guaranteed

The Umatilla National Forest will soon be filling one permanent-seasonal (PSE) position which will be advertised as a GS-0462-06/07 Forestry Technician (Sale Prep Crew Foreman). The target grade for this position is at the GS-07 level, but it may be filled at a lower grade. This position is a permanent-seasonal position (minimum guarantee of 18 pay periods). The position will be selected to serve as part of the North Zone Timber organization with duties on both the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts. The position will be located in Walla Walla, WA. No government housing is available.

Anyone interested in this position should complete and return the attached outreach response form by November 8th, 2014 to Johnny Collin, North Zone Timber Management Assistant, email: jcollin@fs.fed.us and may call Johnny at 509-843-4643 with any questions.

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. service-wide, region-wide, government-wide, and/or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSITION

If you have questions about the position, or those desiring further information, should contact Johnny Collin at (509) 843-4643 or District Ranger Mike Rassbach at (509) 522-6293.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

This position serves as timber sale preparation crew leader supervising up to five crewmembers. Plans and carries out established types of timber cruises or surveys to estimate the quantity of commercial timber by determining sample cruise pattern; selecting sampling method; collecting and refining data; summarizing results, including preparation of maps and reports when there are complicating factors such as varied types and conditions of timber stands, a variety of products and defect types, or different cutting practices. Determines type and intensity of cruise needed, calculating volumes, quality, and cull and breakage percentages. Prepares slash proposal and sale area improvement plans.

Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest. Lays out timber sale boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments and other instructions, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management, silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource considerations. Determines acreage by traverse, map, or aerial photograph methods or Global Positioning System (GPS). Uses computer applications including GIS systems to prepare timber sale appraisals, maps, and written reports of all sale inspections and follows up on deficiencies.

Incumbent may serve as Contract Inspector (CI) or Harvest Inspector (HI) on specific contracts. Ensures that all contract provisions are enforced and that proper measures are taken to protect or enhance values in accordance with contract objectives.

Actively supports the civil rights program on the unit and communicates this support to subordinates. Cooperates in developing and carrying out unit wide affirmative action efforts and those described in the Service-wide affirmative Action Plan that affects the unit.

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, active logging operations, steep terrain, rain, wind and snow.

LOCATION:

Walla Walla Ranger District is one of four districts on the Umatilla National Forest. The district is just under 500,000 acres located in both Oregon and Washington. The district supports different species of fish, engage in numerous ecosystem restoration activities, a commercial timber program, maintains grazing allotments for cattle, participates in local model watersheds, maintain trails, campgrounds, roads, perform reforestation and timber stand improvement activities, maintains a strong native seed programs, implements large scale prescribed fire projects, and more.

The Walla Walla Valley is nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, on the sunny side of Washington State. An "oasis in the desert," the valley has an abundance of trees, many of them record trees for the State, and 300 days of sunshine a year. The average annual rainfall is less than 20" per year and there are four distinct seasons. Cultural and community events are more numerous than one would expect in an area of 55,000 people. Whitman College, a prestigious liberal arts and sciences college, maintains a beautiful campus near the downtown of Walla Walla. In nearby College Place, Walla Walla College, operated by the 7th Day Adventist Church is also highly regarded. Walla Walla Community College is an accredited public two-year college that also offers several degree programs in partnership with Washington State University. Together, these institutions offer many options for undergraduate or graduate degrees, and contribute to the vitality of the community. Several wineries and vineyards have established in the area in recent years, and more continue to open. There is commercial air service from Walla Walla, and a new airport opened in 2001. Additional flights are available from Pasco, about a 55-minute drive from Walla Walla.

Recreational opportunities and facilities in the area include water sports on the nearby Snake and Columbia Rivers, fishing, skiing at two downhill areas on the District, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, big and small game hunting, excellent bicycling, paths for jogging, walking, or skating, YMCA, YWCA, various local racquetball and health clubs, 2 golf courses, live theatre, and camping.

Walla Walla is a full service community. There are excellent shopping, restaurants, theaters, parks, hospitals and clinics. The town has a well-developed transit system and great schools. For more information about the Walla Walla area a web site to visit is: <http://www.wwchamber.com/>

More community information:

Medical Facilities: 2 Hospitals, 7 clinics, over 100 doctors and dentists.

Schools: 9 Elementary, 2 Junior Highs, 2 High Schools, 1 Community College, and 2 Colleges

Churches: 42 in local area (50 in Walla Walla County)

Clubs/Organizations: Over 330 local clubs and organizations.

Housing:

- Government: None available.
- Local to Rent: All types available.
- Local to Purchase: Available. The area median home price is about \$150,000. (2006)

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**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete this form by November 10, 2014 and send via e-mail to [jcollin@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcollin@fs.fed.us).  
If you are not a current Forest Service employee or do not have access to internet, please complete the form and mail or fax to:

Umatilla National Forest  
Atten: Johnny Collin  
Walla Walla RD  
1415 West Rose  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Position: Forestry Technician/GS-0462-06/07

Location: Region 6, Umatilla National Forest, Walla Walla Ranger Station, Walla Walla, WA

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

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

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

IF YES: Current Agency and location:

Type of Appointment: \_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_ Temporary

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

Person With Disabilities \_\_\_\_ Veterans Readjustment \_\_\_\_ Former Peace Corps Volunteer  
Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability \_\_\_\_ Student Career Experience Program  
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 \_\_\_\_ Other

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.