**Forestry Technician (Silviculture)**

**GS-0462-7/8/9**

The Umatilla National Forest will soon advertise a GS-462-7/8/9 Forestry Technician position. This is a permanent full time position that serves as the lead technician in reforestation, timber stand improvement, invasive plants, native plants, database maintenance, and geospatial projects. The duty station is located in Pomeroy, WA. No government housing is available.

Anyone interested in this position should complete and return the attached outreach response form by October 16, 2013 to both Carrie Spradlin, North Zone Silviculture Staff, at (509) 522-6059 (email: cspradlin@fs.fed.us) and Monte Fujishin, Pomeroy District Ranger, at (509) 843-4620 (email: mfujishin@fs.fed.us).

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

**THE POSITION:**

The incumbent serves as the lead forestry technician in silviculture, invasive, and native plants on the North Zone of the Umatilla National Forest.

This position:

- Coordinates with internal and external partners to implement silvicultural, invasive, and native plant projects.
- Manages grants and agreements with external partners.
- Performs invasive plant inventory and treatment. Chemical (herbicide) may be used in the treatment of invasive plants and the incumbent will be required to obtain and maintain a State Pesticide Applicator’s License.
- Manages native plant materials, coordinates field use and propagation.
• Performs monitoring of invasive plant bio-control abundance and effectiveness.

• Performs Manages silvicultural, invasive plant, and native plant reporting and databases and geospatial data.

• Prepares reforestation, timber stand improvement, and invasive and native plants.

• Uses GPS and GIS technology to accomplish assigned tasks including map creation and database application.

• Prepares schedules and work plans for silvicultural, invasive and native plant implementation projects.

• Implements silvicultural, invasive and native plant implementation projects.

• Manages collection of forest vegetation data and maintains vegetation databases.

• Serves as a Contracting Officer Technical Representative.

• Prepares forestry data based on basic statistical computations, creating tables, cost estimates, or visual representations to be used in reports.

• Completes geospatial projects, such as creating maps, geospatial components of databases, or digitizing, editing, and appending geospatial features.

• Assists and coordinates other technicians in field reconnaissance for integrated vegetation projects.

ABOUT THE NORTH ZONE: The landscape vegetation of the northern Blue Mountains is extremely diverse. It includes mixed-conifer forest and open hillsides of grassland communities in the lower and middle elevations. Low and middle-elevation forest communities are dominated by ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir, and grand fir, while middle and higher elevations are dominated by subalpine fir, Engelmann spruce, western larch, and lodgepole pine. Both Ranger Districts work closely with the Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and local governmental and other community partners. The Umatilla National Forest Supervisor's Office is located near Pendleton Oregon, approximately 110 miles to the south of Pomeroy and 40 miles south of Walla Walla.

ABOUT THE NORTH ZONE PROGRAM OF WORK: Vegetation management activities include commercial timber sales, non-commercial thinning, and fuels reduction activities implemented through timber sales, stewardship, and service contracts. Annual timber harvest ranges from 7-20 million board feet. Other Forest management activities include: riparian, aspen, and watershed rehabilitation work, administration and monitoring of sheep and cattle grazing allotments, reforestation activities and stocking surveys, native and invasive plant management, campgrounds administration, an extensive hiking/equestrian/motorized trail system, a permitting program for Special Forest Products, an active prescribed burning program, access/travel management, and T&E species monitoring and habitat improvement.

ABOUT WALLA WALLA RANGER DISTRICT: The Walla Walla Ranger District encompasses approximately 448,000 acres. The District crosses the Oregon/Washington State line, and includes five counties. The District includes the 22,000 acre Mill Creek Watershed, which is the municipal water source for the city of Walla Walla.

District recreation opportunities include outstanding deer and elk hunting opportunities. Winter recreation opportunities are exceptional and include snowmobiling, downhill and cross-country skiing.
snoeshoeing, and snowplay. The Districts include two developed ski areas (Spout Springs and Ski Bluewood), over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, two small nordic ski areas (one groomed, one not), and a sledding/tubing snowplay area.

The workforce consists of approximately 40 permanent employees and 30 seasonal employees.

**ABOUT THE POMEROY RANGER DISTRICT:** The Pomeroy Ranger District encompasses approximately 365,900 acres, of which 177,465 acres are located within the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness, bordered to the south by the Grande Ronde River. The Snake River lies to the north and east of the District. The Pomeroy District also straddles the Oregon/Washington State line, and includes four counties.

District recreation opportunities include good deer and elk hunting opportunities, along with summer camping and motorized OHV use. Winter recreation opportunities include snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. There are over 30 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and a snowplay area.

The workforce consists of approximately 30 permanent employees and 25 seasonal employees.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION, Pomeroy:** Pomeroy is the only town in Garfield County and is the County Seat. It is a full-service community of approximately 1,250 residents with a hospital, care center, medical doctor and practitioner, dentist, numerous churches, one grocery store, three banks, a motel, three eating establishments, three card-operated gas stations (two accept cash during regular business hours), pharmacy, hardware store, building supply, several small businesses, museum, and a library. Just 30 miles to the east is the Clarkston, Washington / Lewiston, Idaho hub which contains any medical facility or shopping opportunities an individual might need. Other cities within two hours or less driving distance of Pomeroy and Lewiston include Spokane, Walla Walla, Dayton, and Pullman, Washington, and Moscow, Idaho.

The nearby mountains and rivers provide for many outdoor recreational opportunities such as camping, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing. Local recreation opportunities include a city park with a tennis court, swimming pool, and a golf course.

The public school system in Pomeroy is highly regarded for the quality of education provided in grades K-12. There are numerous colleges and universities in the surrounding area such as Walla Walla Community College (with a branch at Clarkston), Walla Walla and Whitman College in Walla Walla, Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, University of Idaho in Moscow, Washington State University in Pullman, and Gonzaga University, Whitworth, Eastern Washington University and Spokane Community College all surrounding Spokane.

Government housing is not available. Houses and Apartments rent from $300-$700 a month. Housing to purchase is available and range from $60,000 and up.
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 October 16, 2014 and send via e-mail to cspradlin@fs.fed.us and mfujishin@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
Walla Walla RD
1415 West Rose
Walla Walla, WA 99362

I am interested and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement for the following position (please indicate one or all grades):

Position Title/Series/Grade: **Forestry Technician, GS-0462-7/8/9 stationed at the Pomeroy Ranger District**

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: ___________________________

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? (check all that apply):

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.