



USDA Forest Service

Region 5, Pacific Southwest Region

SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST



OUTREACH NOTICE:

Reply by **April 22, 2015**

2 Hydrologist positions:

- (1) GS-1315-9/11 (High Sierra Ranger District, Prather, CA)
- (1) GS-1315-11 (Bass Lake Ranger District, North Fork, CA)

Salary Range - \$42,399 - \$66,688

The High Sierra and Bass Lake Ranger Districts of Sierra National Forest are performing outreach for two District Hydrologist positions, one located in Prather and the other in North Fork, CA. These positions are for permanent, full-time employment. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the potential employment opportunities. The position in Prather will be advertised multi grade as a 9/11 and as a straight grade 11 for North Fork. **If interested, please complete the Outreach Response Form and return it via email to Ray Porter (rporter@fs.fed.us) for Prather, CA and to Robbin Ekman (rekman@fs.fed.us) for North Fork, CA; and we will notify you when the vacancies become available.**

Duties: These positions will be located at the High Sierra RD in Prather, CA and Bass Lake RD in North Fork CA, and serve as the District Hydrologist. These vacancies are District level positions, working for the District Rangers (respectively), with responsibility for assisting with the administration of the Hydrology Program on the Sierra National Forest. Primary responsibilities will include planning and monitoring, participates in hydrologic investigations and studies required for planning and design of multi-purpose projects, such as collecting ground water data and analyzing trends; analyzing and interpreting stream flow data. Independently studies water resources data needed to support the Forest's position during negotiations and litigation. This study includes collecting original data, assembling previously collected records, and analyzing and evaluating all assembled data to determine hydrologic and sediment transport characteristics including quantity, quality, and distribution over time

and area. Hydrologists translate these findings into long range prescriptions or plans for management's use in watershed management and/or water yield improvement, make hydrologic analysis for cooperative watershed projects authorized under public law, and consult with other resource specialists in assessing the impacts of proposed programs and projects on watershed values. The primary area of responsibility will be the High Sierra/Bass Lake District of the Sierra National Forest. Forest responsibilities will be divided up to balance workload between the two Districts. Some Forest level responsibilities will also be required of the position.

If you would like more information about the position please contact:

Ray Porter, District Ranger
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Robbin Ekman, Acting District Ranger
Bass Lake RD, North Fork, CA Sierra NF
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HOUSING

There is no government housing available for this position.



THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST



The Sierra National Forest lies in Central California, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. This 1.3 million acre National Forest is bounded on the south by the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park and on the north by Yosemite National Park.

The Sierra National Forest has two districts: Bass Lake Ranger District located in North Fork, and High Sierra Ranger District, located in Prather. Visitor centers are located throughout the forest including the Dinkey Creek and High Sierra Visitor Centers.



The High Sierra Ranger District: The District office is located in the town of Prather. Auberry/Prather are both rural communities located at about the 1700 feet elevation. They are about a 1/2-hour drive to recreation opportunities, and about a 30-minute drive to Fresno on very good roads. Housing in this area is reasonable and many of the employees live in the area. They also receive very little snow during the winter months, and are out of the valley fog most of the winter. Five wilderness areas enhance the District: John Muir, Kaiser, Dinkey Lakes, Monarch and the Ansel Adams.

In addition, there are six major lakes: Shaver, Huntington, Edison, Wishon, Courtwright and Florence.

The Kings River, a Wild and Scenic River, and the Kings River Special Management Area define the southern boundary of the Forest. The recreational opportunities such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, hunting, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, sailing, water skiing, white water rafting, snowmobiling, mountain biking and tour cycling, 4-wheel drive routes, golfing, horseback riding, rock climbing and many more activities can be experienced in the surrounding area.



The Bass lake Ranger District: District headquarters is in the town of North Fork, geographic center of California. The District encompasses the north ½ of the Sierra National Forest and is bounded to the south by the San Joaquin River and to the north by the Merced River and Yosemite National Park. It is situated in the Sierra Nevada foothills at the 2,600 foot elevation. North Fork has a population of around 3,700 people and has a grocery store, two gas stations, three hardware stores, several churches and restaurants, as well as a variety of other businesses. A former mill town whose people depended for decades upon the timber industry, the community is currently redeveloping the old mill site for the benefit of the local economy. The town of North Fork has become a national role model for its work with the Forest Service in rural development. The community of Oakhurst (the gateway to Yosemite National Park) is a 15 minute drive and the nearest large city is Fresno, about 45 minutes away. With a population of over 500,000, it offers a wide variety of services and major shopping opportunities.

COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREA

Prather: The population of PRATHER and the surrounding Auberry and Tollhouse area is approximately 10,000 people. Prather is located approximately 25 miles northeast of the FRESNO/CLOVIS area at an elevation of 1700 feet. Temperatures are typical of the San Joaquin Valley but generally out of the winter fog. Average precipitation is 24 inches. Local community services include: 2 doctors, 2 dentists, 2 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The price range for a single family, 3+ bedrooms – 1.5+ bath homes in the Prather, Auberry, Tollhouse area goes from about \$150,000 to over \$1,000,000 with most listings under \$400,000. There is a bank, approximately 10 churches of various denominations, 2 grocery stores, a drug store, hardware stores, and several dining establishments.

North Fork: The Bass Lake Ranger District is located approximately 1 to 1-1/2 hours' drive north & northeast of Fresno, just south of Yosemite National Park. Smaller foothill communities bordering the district are Mariposa, Oakhurst, and North Fork, which is the location of the District Office. A range of housing, schools, churches, retail, and other services are available in and around these communities.

Clovis: The Supervisor's Office is located in at the base of the foothills of the Sierra National Forest in Clovis, at 1600 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611. The population of Clovis is approximately 95,000. It is midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles tucked inside the agriculturally rich San Joaquin Valley. It is easy to find located adjacent to Fresno. There are about 40 churches in Clovis of various denominations. The Clovis Unified School District, one of the highest rated school districts in the State, offers 34 elementary schools, six intermediate schools, and eight high schools. The average cost of a home is \$230,000. Apartments can be rented from \$575 to \$1800 per month. We have 195 sunshine days, 71 partly cloudy, and 99 cloudy. Temperatures in the winter usually range from 36 low to 54 high, though few nights can get down below freezing. In the summer temperatures range from 64 to 97, with several days over 100 degrees.

Fresno is adjacent to Clovis. Its population is approximately 480,000 with a variety of amenities. The average cost of a home is \$180,000. Rental rates range from \$500 to \$1800 a month for 3-bedroom homes and from \$475 to \$1700 for 2-bedroom apartments. Its symphony, local theatre companies, music and dance productions distinguish Fresno as a city with access to a wide variety of cultural events. Fresno Unified School District is the fifth largest district in California which includes Fresno City College, 61 elementary schools, 19 secondary schools, and eight high schools. California State University Fresno is located on Shaw and Cedar, approximately 5 miles from Clovis.

For more information about the Sierra National Forest, and the Prather, Clovis and Fresno areas, check these websites:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sierra/>

<http://www.oakhurstchamber.com/>

<http://www.ci.clovis.ca.us/>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Clovis-California.html>

<http://www.villageprofile.com/california/fresno/main.html>

When announced, the vacancy will be posted on the USAJOBS website at: <https://www.usajobs.gov>

If you are interested in applying for this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement when the position is advertised, please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and send it by mail, email or fax to:

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Hydrologist

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Please fill out this Outreach Response Form if you are interested in this opportunity. Return this form to Ray Porter (rporter@fs.fed.us) no later than **4:00 PM**, on or before **April 22, 2015**. For further information, please contact: **Ray Porter** at (559) 855-5355 ext. 3340 for Prather; **Robin Ekman** at (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100 for Bass Lake or email: rporter@fs.fed.us ; rekman@fs.fed.us

Your Name			
Mailing Address			
Telephone Number			
If Currently Federal Employee			
Agency Employed with		Type of Appointment	
<input type="checkbox"/> USFS <input type="checkbox"/> BLM XOther (specify) : USDA-ARS through contract with Utah State University		<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/> Term <input type="checkbox"/> VRA <input type="checkbox"/> PWD <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Current FS Employee			
Region			
Forest			
District			
Series / Grade			
Position Title			
If you are not a current permanent (career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Recruitment Act <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability or enrolled in VA training <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 <input type="checkbox"/> Former Peace Corp Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways—student intern, recent graduate, President Management Fellow <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):			
How did you learn of this Vacancy?			

*Submission of this form is voluntary
Thank you for your interest and response!*

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