

# USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

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## Outreach Notice Klamath National Forest *Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District*

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### Forester (Pre-Sale) GS-0460-5/7/9

The Klamath National Forest is currently seeking two candidates for a permanent full-time **Forester (Pre-Sale), GS-0460-5/7/9** position located at the **Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District in Happy Camp, California**. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. To express interest in this position, please complete the attached voluntary Outreach Interest Form and return to [tmutz@fs.fed.us](mailto:tmutz@fs.fed.us) by close of business on **April 23, 2015**.

#### **DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION:**

The incumbent evaluates and analyzes the project sale folder information and conducts preliminary field reconnaissance; Assembles and reviews the timber sales contract package; Determines, plans and arranges for the resources needed to complete the layout of sales; Identifies and verifies the land status and environmental constraints affecting layout of the proposed project on the ground; Reviews, compiles and analyzes field data; and Completes environmental assessment reports and environmental impact statements.

Additional duties are prepares and ensures quality of documentation such as detailed maps, timber sale appraisals, timber sales write up, advertisements, prospectus, and sample contracts for the sale. Arranges for interviews of prospective purchasers and explains contract clauses, road development, and cutting practices.

Monitors and oversees cruising and marking of timber and prepares logging system plans and verifies logging system settings. Utilizing appropriate documents, determines sale boundaries, proper location of logging roads, acceptable marking and cutting methods, stumpage prices, and the requirements for brush disposal, erosion control, and stand improvement. S/he prepares a summary of all records acceptable for final appraisal, sale contract preparation, and subsequent timber management activities.

For additional information please contact: Tom Mutz at 530-493-1712 or email [tmutz@fs.fed.us](mailto:tmutz@fs.fed.us).

#### **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

The Klamath National Forest covers an area of 1,700,000 acres located in Siskiyou County in northern California and Jackson County in southern Oregon. The Forest is divided into two sections separated by the Shasta Valley and the Interstate 5 highway corridor. In the mountains to the west, the terrain is steep and rugged while the east side has the relatively gentler, rolling terrain of volcanic origin. With elevations ranging from 450 to 8,900 feet above sea level, the Forest is one of America's most biologically diverse regions, situated in a transition region between the hotter and drier areas of the south and the colder and wetter locale of the north.

This central position of the Klamath in relation to the Cascades, Sierra Nevada, Coast Range and the Great Basin has fostered complex climatic patterns and led to an unparalleled diversity of plant life found nowhere else in California. More species of conifers live near or in the Klamath's Marble Mountain and Russian Wilderness Areas than anywhere else on earth. An astounding 17 conifer species co-exist within one square mile! The Forest is also home to one plant that lives nowhere else on earth, the Siskiyou Mariposa Lily.

The program of work for the Forest is centered on the restoration of fire adapted ecosystems. We have an active and strongly integrated vegetation management and fuels program that works to protect communities, infrastructure and critical wildlife and fisheries habitat. We work with local communities, Fire Safe Councils, and interested groups and individuals in developing projects using Healthy Forest Restoration Act authorities. In 2010, the Forest was honored to be recognized as having treated the greatest amount of hazardous fuels reduction acres in the Pacific Southwest Region.

The appropriate management of naturally occurring wildfire across the Forest is also an important program component. The Klamath is known as a leader in using wildfire to benefit landscape conditions as well as having a highly skilled and experienced fire suppression workforce.

The Forest includes all or part of five wilderness areas: Marble Mountain, Russian, Trinity Alps, Red Buttes and Siskiyou. Trailheads are numerous and hikes range from easy to arduous. There are 200 miles of river system for rafting and 152 miles of wild and scenic rivers in the Forest. The Forest has 28 campgrounds, and world-class hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing. With the Klamath, Salmon, and Scott Rivers meandering from one end of the Forest to the other, recreationists have found a playground that offers virtually everything (except crowds) to the outdoor enthusiast.

The management of area streams and rivers, and range, botanical, heritage, cultural and mineral resources rounds out the active and interesting programs included on the Klamath. More information on the Klamath National Forest is on our website: <http://fs.usda.gov/klamath/>.

### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:**

The Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District is located in the Klamath River Valley at Happy Camp, Siskiyou County, California. Happy Camp, a community of about 1,000 people, is located 70 miles west of Yreka, California, 104 miles south and west of Medford, Oregon, and 40 miles south of O'Brien, Oregon. Year-round access is provided from Medford and Yreka via paved highway, Interstate 5 and State Highway 96. During the summer months (May-October), Happy Camp is accessible via 40 miles of paved road from O'Brien and Cave Junction, Oregon, located on Highway 199. The climate is generally mild. Rainfall averages nearly 55 inches per year and summer temperatures range from 75 F TO 105 F. Winter temperatures range from 15 F to 60 F. Temperatures below 15 F are very rare. Snowfall in the valley is normally light and of short duration. The elevation at the Ranger Station is 1080 feet.

There are public schools in Happy Camp for all grades, kindergarten through the twelfth grade. School bus service to and from school is provided for children living in most outlying districts. A three-thousand foot asphalt runway and airport are available and suitable for small airplanes during daylight hours. There is bus service between Happy Camp and Yreka twice weekly and the nearest national bus connections is located in Yreka. Medical services are available. Happy Camp is also serviced by Redding Medical air ambulance for transporting patients by air to Medford, Oregon, Redding, California or other medical services and there is also a local ambulance service. Other facilities and services available in Happy Camp include automotive service and repair shops, restaurants, motels, river boat guide services, market, general store, clothing store and various other businesses. Recreational activities include hunting big game animals such as elk, black tail deer and black bear and fishing for salmon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. Happy Camp has a thriving art community. The following church services are available: Happy Camp Community Bible Church, Catholic, Lutheran, Jehovah's Kingdom Hall, and Latter Day Saints. Housing costs vary depending on location, residence size, and property, averaging \$125,000-\$250,000 for a typical 3-bedroom home on a city parcel and there are local real estate firms in the area. Government housing may be available.

**Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.**

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# OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_ USFS \_\_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ PERMANENT \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY \_\_\_\_\_ TERM  
\_\_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_\_ PWD \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE:

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CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH?

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IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE  
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
AUTHORITIES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES (SCHEDULE A APPOINTING AUTHORITY)
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS RECRUITMENT APPOINTMENT (VRA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30% OR MORE DISABLED VETERAN
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998, AS AMENDED (VEOA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (SCEP)
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission of this form is voluntary. Thanks for your interest!**