Vacancy Notice

FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST

Facilities (Civil) Engineer Technician GS-0802-10
PFT Position
Supervisor’s Office
Lakeview, OR

The Position
The Fremont-Winema National Forest is currently filling our PFT Facilities (Civil) Engineer Technician GS-0802-10 position (FS6324). The vacancy announcement in www.USAGov will be open from July 24-30, 2019. You can locate Merit (current or recent federal employees) or Demo (open to the public) the announcements by searching with the announcement numbers below:

Merit Vacancy Announcement Number: 19-R6-10550275-G-JJ
DEMO Vacancy Announcement Number: 19-R6-10550276-DP-JJ

Please Note: Your application, including the online Assessment Questionnaire, will be reviewed to determine if you meet (a) minimum qualification requirements and (b) the resume supports the answers provided to the job-specific questions. Your resume must clearly support your responses to all the questions addressing experience and education relevant to this position.

If you meet the qualification requirements and are determined to be among the best qualified, you will be referred to the hiring manager for consideration. Noncompetitive candidates and applicants under some special hiring authorities must meet minimum qualifications to be referred.

Note: If, after reviewing your resume and/or supporting documentation, a determination is made that you inflated your qualifications and or experience, your rating may be lowered to more accurately reflect the submitted documentation. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your rating. Providing inaccurate information on Federal documents could be grounds for non-selection or disciplinary action.

This position serves as a Facilities Civil Engineering Technician on a Forest Service unit and is primarily responsible for facility management. The position will assist in the management in transportation and a variety of engineering projects as needed. MAJOR DUTIES: Supports the senior engineer in the developing the annual plans and budget for the facilities, and road operation and maintenance programs. Assists in supporting the development of the deferred maintenance project priorities. Projects include buildings, barracks, bridges, parking facilities, drainage structures, water and waste water systems, retaining walls, equipment shops and yards, residences, recreational sites/facilities, other site facilities, and transportation improvement plans for a Forest Service area.
Assists in the evaluation of facility plans and design objectives including conducting surveys and investigations to establish the necessary data to initiate facility designs. Design work includes developing solutions to road-induced resource management problems that are cost-effective and meet management objectives, and considers safety, travel information, and maintenance. Design work also includes developing new or improved techniques and solutions based on existing engineering standards and precedents resulting in the most economical and efficient procedures for facility projects. In support of a senior engineer, ensures that engineering plans, designs, and construction align with sound resource management objectives.

Prepares conventional designs and specifications for various engineering projects or systems. May require some adaptation of precedents or design of features for which precedents are available.

Responsible for data collection and analysis for engineering projects. Performs surveys and investigations at project sites. Gathers design information for plan specification, alterations, and databases. Prepares the preliminary site investigations to obtain required information for new or proposed structures, drainage areas, topography, and feasible layout of facilities in relation to terrain. Looks for alternative sources when inconsistencies or gaps in information are present.

Serves as Engineering Representative (ER) or Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) providing technical advice, recommendations and suitable alternatives to the Contracting Officer and Forest Officials.

Administers construction and maintenance contracts as COR to insure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract. Projects are of moderate complexity and can usually be completed in a year or less. Monitors and controls a major segment of projects, such as roads, bridges, parking facilities, trails, drainage structures, erosion control features, retaining walls, buildings, towers, equipment shops and yards, small dams and reservoirs, and recreation sites. Issues start and stop work orders to the contractor. Assures compliance by the contractor with the provisions, plans, and specifications of the contract, accepting or rejecting quality and acceptability of equipment used, manner of performance and rate of work progress, interpretation of plans and specifications, and acceptable fulfillment of the technical phases of the contract.

Oversees the development of project plans and specifications prior to contract advertisement to ensure compliance with environmental requirements. Oversees detailed site survey and stake setting. Refers points of disagreement to the Contracting Officer. Makes minor changes requiring contract amendments and modifications involving adjustments in the contract price or time, and recommends final acceptance of the completed project. Maintain records of all the administration of the contract. Is familiar with the technical aspects of assembling the contract documents.

Conducts safety inspections and condition surveys of structures and facilities such as buildings, water and wastewater systems, recreation site facilities, and utilities according to agency requirements; and evaluates and recommends corrective action as needed to ensure the safety of all users. Conducts periodic inspections of facilities to ensure they are maintained to the original standard of construction and to ensure the safety of the public. Inspects and directs construction and maintenance projects keeping safety considerations in mind.

Performs supervisory duties 20% or less of the time.

Hearing impaired applicants may contact (800) 877-8339 for TTY / ASCII (American Standard Code For Information Interchange) access or http://www.federalrelay.us/TTY for additional contact options. Collect calls will not be accepted. You may also pick up an outreach at the office listed above or at the Supervisor’s Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630.
Fremont-Winema National Forest Information
Expansive views, dramatic cliffs and solitude are what you’ll find in the South Central Oregon Zone. Located in "Oregon's Outback," the area provides the self-reliant recreationist the opportunity to discover nature in a rustic environment. The Zone covers 2.3 million acres ranging from Great Basin Desert to the Cascade Crest.

Located east of the Cascade Mountains in the high-elevation lava tablelands of south-central Oregon, in an area known as the “high desert,” extensive stands of ponderosa and lodgepole pine grow on deep pumice and ash soils, while conifer-covered slopes stretch into the farmlands of the Great Basin, home of vast wetlands. The diverse habitats found in the area support a variety of wildlife—from deer, elk and bighorn sheep, to numerous water and wetland birds, including eagles, osprey, and herons.

More than 300 species of fish and wildlife can be found in the area. Game animals most often hunted include mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, and pronghorn antelope. Several varieties of trout inhabit lakes and streams, and a few lakes support warm-water fish, such as large-mouth bass. Small populations of some of the larger predators (black bear, mountain lion, and bobcat) and a great variety of nongame species can also be found.

The Oregon-California border marks the southern boundary, while its eastern boundary includes part of the Warner Range. To the north and west, the Forest is bounded by the Deschutes, Rogue, and Umpqua National Forests. Three wilderness areas can be found on the combined forest: Mountain Lakes, Sky Lakes and Gearhart Mountain Wilderness. Picturesque rock formations cap most of the high-elevation ridge tops.

About the Interagency Office
The Fremont-Winema NF Supervisor’s Office (SO) is located on Highway 395, approximately a quarter mile south of the city center of Lakeview. It is housed within the Lakeview Interagency Office (LIO), and operates as part of the “Service First” agreement between the Fremont-Winema National Forest and the Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management. This agreement allows many resources to be shared between the two agencies.

Employees on the Fremont-Winema work flexible schedules to allow greater opportunities to manage personal time and to find a balance between work and family life. Security measures are in place to insure the safety of all employees. General operating hours for the LIO are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Housing or bunkhouse facilities are not available.

About the Community
Lakeview is known as the “Tallest Town in Oregon,” standing at an elevation of 4,800 feet. It is located in the high-desert outback of south-central Oregon and serves as the county seat. Lakeview is home to approximately 4,100 citizens including the adjacent areas located outside the town limits (2,294 within town limits). The basic industries have been generated by agriculture and timber resources. The town is surrounded by lands managed by Federal agencies including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

Lakeview is a very welcoming, full-service town. There are several locally owned restaurants, a grocery store, clothing, furniture and variety stores, banks and a credit union, beauty salons, motels, community swimming pool, computer dealer and repair shop, gift shop, public library, public golf course, tennis courts, florists, radio station, and more.

Students who are in good academic standing and have successfully completed four years of high school in Lake County have the opportunity to apply for the Collins-McDonald Trust Fund Scholarship or Bernard Daly Educational Fund. These funds can provide up to four years of tuition assistance. For more information, you can go to http://www.edfed.com/planning-college/
Lakeview is also serviced by a hospital and clinic complex, 19 churches of all major denominations, two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The local newspaper is the Lake County Examiner, which is published weekly. The Herald and News from Klamath Falls is available by subscription as is the Oregonian from Portland.

Real estate is plentiful and reasonably priced. Average three-bedroom, two-bath homes are available in the $100,000 to $150,000 price range. Homes in the outlying area with acreage are priced proportionately higher.

Lakeview is located at the intersection of Highways 140 and 395, and travel time is approximately two hours from Klamath Falls, three hours from Bend, three and a half hours from Ashland and Medford, seven hours from Portland, eight hours from San Francisco, and four hours from Reno.

Recreation opportunities include wilderness backpacking, hiking, boating, camping, sailing, fishing, biking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, and bird watching. Downhill skiing and sledding opportunities are available locally at the Warner Canyon Ski Area; at Mt. Bachelor Ski Park in Bend, approximately three hours away; Mt. Shasta Ski Area in Mt. Shasta, California, approximately three and a half hours away; and Mt. Ashland Ski Park in Ashland, approximately three and a half hours from Lakeview. Within two and a half hours, you can reach Crater Lake National Park or Lava Beds National Monument.

Lake County Chamber of Commerce
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http://www.lakecountychamber.org/

For more information or technical questions about the position contact:
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The Fremont-Winema National Forest is an equal opportunity Employer.

Thank you for your interest!