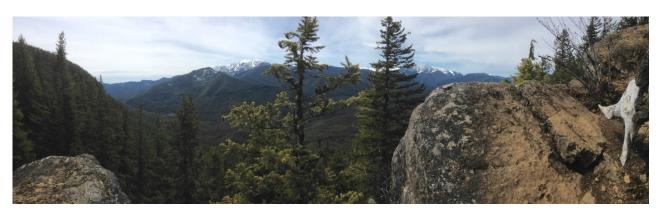


# Outreach Notice GS-0101/0401/0807 Recreation Management Trainee Permanent Seasonal 18/8

Olympic National Forest
Duty Station: Quilcene or Quinault,
WA

Respond by February 15, 2020



**Exciting developmental opportunity in Recreation Management!** 

The purpose of this outreach notice is to (1) gauge interest in the position, (2) to alert interested individuals of this potential upcoming employment opportunity, and (3) to help identify how the position should be filled.

The Olympic National Forest is seeking to fill a **permanent seasonal GS-0101/0401/0807-05/07/09** position that will serve as a trainee in Recreation Management for the Forest. As a permanent seasonal employee, this position is guaranteed 18 pay periods of work annually. A pay period for the Forest Service consists of 2 weeks, therefore this position would have guaranteed work for 36 weeks per year. The typical season of work would be mid-March through mid-November. This position will work across the Olympic National Forest in all aspects of recreation management gaining experience and developing skills in a broad arena. The duty stations being considered for the position are Quinault or Quilcene, WA. The incumbent will work for the Recreation and Public Services Staff Officer with mentorship and shadowing opportunities with all specialties within the Recreation program including Special Uses, Developed Recreation, Dispersed Recreation, Wilderness, Trails, and Community Engagement. Occasional on forest travel will be required to complete duty assignments and off forest travel will be required for training purposes. While this position is a career ladder with non-competitive promotion opportunity to the GS-9 level upon successful performance, as a trainee position, we are interested in filling the position at the entry level.

Duties at full performance level include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Community Engagement and Outreach

- Developed Recreation Operations including campground maintenance, hazard trees, and water testing
- Dispersed Recreation management
- Develop new and foster exisiting relationships with partners and volunteers
- Trails and Wilderness management including project identification, NEPA, and field work
- Database management including INFRA, VS Reports, NICE, and other recreation management databases
- Site improvement project identification and development
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data collection and mapping
- Contracting Officer Representative level 1
- Grant writing

At full performance, this position will be expected to be able to operate independently in moderate to complex recreation management tasks. This position will be a combination of office and field work, so a comfort with working alone in the woods is essential for success.

### Ideal candidates would:

- Represent the Forest Service in a professional manner and be responsible, honest, and accountable.
- Have strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Be adept at working independently or in a team setting.
- Has strong field skills including GIS, GPS, compass, map orientation and reading, and navigation.
- Be customer service oriented.
- Be energetic, organized, resourceful, self-motivated, and able to think outside the box.
- Have a basic understanding of recreation management.
- Take pride in being a steward of public lands and enjoy working with a diverse public.

Interested parties should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to <a href="mailto:nicole.lagioia@usda.gov">nicole.lagioia@usda.gov</a> with detailed resume. Any questions regarding the position can be directed towards Nicole LaGioia, Recreation and Public Services Staff Officer at (360) 956-2275 or email: <a href="mailto:nicole.lagioia@usda.gov">nicole.lagioia@usda.gov</a>.

Please respond by February 15, 2020 for optimal consideration.

### The Forest

The Olympic National Forest covers over 632,000 acres on the Olympic Peninsula in the northwest corner of Washington State. The Forest is divided into two Ranger Districts with the Pacific Ranger District office located in Quinault and covering the land on the west side of the Peninsula. The Hood Canal District Ranger District is located on the east side of the Peninsula, along Hood Canal, with the District Office in Quilcene.

The Olympic Peninsula has an incredible variety of environments within short distances. Within less than 50 miles between Mt. Olympus and the Pacific Ocean, the vegetation changes from the lush, temperate rain forests of the Hoh, Queets, and Quinault Valleys to an arctic environment of lichens and mosses above 7,000 feet. Heaviest precipitation occurs in the fall, reaching a peak in December and then decreasing in spring. Winter snowfall on the Peninsula ranges from 10 inches in the lower valleys to greater than 250 inches in the higher mountains. Summers are relatively dry, with warmer temperatures averaging near 75 degrees.

A multitude of recreational opportunities exist year-round on the Olympic National Forest. Scenic driving, camping, picnicking, and backpacking are popular spring and summer activities. Fishing, hunting, hiking, berry picking, and mushrooming are enjoyed during the fall and winter months.

The combination of abundant rainfall, steep dissected landscapes, and a past legacy of intensive timber harvest and road building create numerous resource management challenges and opportunities. The Olympic National Forest is now focused on sustainable recreation and habitat restoration.

Check out the Olympic National Forest web site at <a href="www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic">www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic</a> for more information on the Forest.

## **Community Information**

Quilcene is located on the northeast part of the Olympic Peninsula along the waters of Hood Canal, the westernmost arm of Puget Sound. Clams, oysters, and shrimp are harvested from area waters, and the Olympic Mountains to the west offer many opportunities for hiking, camping, and enjoying the National Forest and Olympic National Park. The Washington State Ferry System connects the Olympic Peninsula to the Seattle urban area where sports, arts, and entertainment associated with a major city may be found. Quilcene's population is approximately 700, and housing options in town are scarce. Nearby communities such as Port Townsend and Sequim, however, offer a greater selection of housing and amenities. More information about the area can be found at the Jefferson County homepage at <a href="https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us">www.co.jefferson.wa.us</a>.

Quinault is small unincorporated community located in northwest Grays Harbor County in the southwest portion of the Peninsula. The area provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The Forest Service maintains an office and visitor center. The visitor center is operated as a Service First facility with Olympic National Park. This center serves approximately 22,000 visitors annually. The valley receives approximately 144 inches of rain a year and is the home of some of the largest trees in the world. Hiking, camping, swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities are all within a quarter mile of the office. The Colonel Bob Wilderness and its trail system is also nearby. The valley is also a gate way to the Olympic National Park a World Heritage Site and many more miles of trails and back country opportunities.

AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING: Depending on location, government housing may be available.







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- ☐ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
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- ☐ 30% COMPENSABLE VETERAN
- □ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- □PUBLIC LAND CORPS HIRING AUTHORITY
- WORKFORCE FLEXIBILITY ACT
- ☐ PATHWAYS PROGRAM CONVERSION
- □ OTHER (please identify)

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The Olympic National Forest is an equal opportunity employer.

Thank you for your interest!