



Deschutes National Forest Sisters Ranger District

Forestry Technician (Developed Recreation) Permanent Seasonal Employee GS-0462-05 Location: Sisters, Oregon

Apply for the position by February 28th, 2020

The Sisters Ranger District on the Deschutes National Forest will soon be filling a permanent full-time position which will be advertised as a GS-0462-05 Forestry Technician (Recreation) – Developed Recreation through an Open Continuous vacancy announcement with the announcement number 20-R6-OCR-462-REC-4-5G. This position is a permanent seasonal position, and will be located in Sisters, OR. The minimum tour of duty will be 13 pay periods.

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted and searchable on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov under vacancy announcement 20-R6-OCR-462-REC-4-5G. This is an Open Continuous vacancy announcement. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on February 28th, 2020. Interested applicants must identify Sisters, OR as a duty station for which they want to be considered for employment. If you have questions about this position, please contact Bob Hennings at 541-549-7704 or at bob.hennings@usda.gov

Position Title: Forestry Technician (Recreation)

Tour of Duty: April 2020 (anticipated start) – October 2020 (guaranteed 13 pay periods). Winter recreation work may be available for the winter season.

Duty Station: Deschutes National Forest, Sisters Ranger District

About the Position:

The main duties of this position include:

- Clean, maintain, and operate recreation sites and areas in accordance with operation and maintenance plans. Performs safety hazard analyses of public recreation use areas and takes or recommends corrective action.
- Schedules daily activities, establishes maintenance schedules, and inspects cleanup operations based on recreation operation and maintenance plans.
- Identifying, coordinating, and implementing facility maintenance at campgrounds and lookouts. This work includes maintenance of the grounds, hazard tree identification and removal, water system maintenance, vault toilet maintenance, and mechanical troubleshooting efforts.
- Enforcing forest regulations as a qualified Forest Protection Officer. Check for compliance with regulations, issues notices for common violations, and reports other violations to supervisor. Recording visitor use and noncompliance issues, and sharing those items with the appropriate responsible parties.
- Inspects recreation areas, areas of concentrated public use, and special use permits for compliance with the permit and the management plans, public health, and safety.
- Maintaining vehicles, tools and equipment so they are safe, functional, and in good condition.
- Contacts visitors to provide information about recreation regulations, opportunities, and current restrictions. Provides information on resource management practices in the area.
- Must be able to work weekends and holidays.
- This position may be considered for winter recreation work (e.g., patrolling winter recreation sites by snowmobile and XC ski) as an extension beyond the 13 pay period summer season. Please describe your interest and experience in winter recreation work when responding to this outreach.

Physical Effort Required by the Position:

This position regularly require moderate physical exertion, which can include long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven, or rocky terrain; recurring bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, or reaching; or recurring moving, lifting and carrying of moderately heavy (30-50lb) items. In the winter, it may require use of snowmobile and Nordic ski's.

ABOUT THE AREA: Sisters is located 20 miles northwest of the City of Bend at the bottom slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The District employs about 45 permanent employees and a temporary workforce of 35-50. It is a heavy recreation-use district, both winter and summer, and is dedicated to ensuring watershed and ecosystem health on its 316,161 acres.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>Elevation:</u>	3,180	
<u>Population:</u>	City - 2036	School District Boundary - 14000
<u>County:</u>	Deschutes	
<u>Location:</u>	East side of the Cascade Mountains in Central Oregon 20 miles Northwest of Bend, Oregon	
	20 miles West of Redmond, Oregon	
<u>Average Summer Temperatures:</u>	84°/day	41°/night
<u>Average Winter Temperatures:</u>	41°/day	21°/night
<u>Average Annual Precipitation:</u>	14" (mostly in the form of winter snow)	
<u>Closest Commercial Airport:</u>	Roberts Field, Redmond, Oregon	

SCHOOLS: Sisters is served by schools from kindergarten through high school and offers some college level community education courses locally through Central Oregon Community College (COCC) which is located in Bend. COCC offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through the recently opened branch campus of Oregon State University in Bend.

HEALTH CARE: The Sisters area supports two immediate care facilities, several physicians, dentists, and pharmacists. The Sisters area is served by two hospitals, St Charles Medical Center in Redmond and St Charles Medical Center in Bend.

HOUSING: There are several rental apartments located within the City limits and new housing subdivisions being developed for single family homes and duplex units. Real estate prices for a three bedroom home range from approximately \$350,000 - \$600,000. Apartments/rentals range from approximately \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month.

ANNUAL EVENTS: Sisters is well known for its annual events, the Sisters Rodeo and Parade (June), Outdoor Quilt Show (July), Antique Faire (August), Folk Festival (September), High Mountain Jazz Festival (September), Sisters Harvest Faire (October), to name just a few. Several annual events also take place on forest lands under special use permit.

More detailed information about the Sisters/Central Oregon area may be obtained from the Sisters Chamber of Commerce web site at <http://www.sisterschamber.com/Sisters-Area-Chamber>.

ABOUT THE DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/deschutes/home>

The Deschutes National Forest encompasses 1.6 million acres ranging from the Cascade Mountains to the high desert. The Forest is one of 19 national forests in the Pacific Northwest Region. The Forest lands fall into Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and

Lake Counties and has four wilderness areas as well as the Newberry National Volcanic Monument. The Forest, with its Supervisor's Office in Bend, is composed of the Sisters, Crescent and Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger Districts, and the Bend Seed Extractory.

The Deschutes also administers the Redmond Air Center, located two miles east of Redmond, Oregon. The Redmond Air Center serves as the base for smokejumpers, an Interagency Hotshot Crew, an air tanker base, the Regional Air Group and the Regional Fire Cache. The Regional fire training center is also at Redmond. Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center is located at the airport in Prineville, Oregon.

The Deschutes has 94 family campgrounds, six group campgrounds, and other recreation sites. In addition, there are 13 resorts, marinas and stores, and 283 summer homes under special use permit. Attractions including 215 lakes and reservoirs, 617 miles of streams provide fishing and boating, winter sports, and thousands of acres of magnificent scenery. Current recreation use places the Deschutes among the top five forests in the nation as a place to visit.

Mt. Bachelor ski area is located on the National Forest 20 miles west of Bend. The ski area serves nearly a million people who recreate here each winter. Facilities are provided for both downhill and cross country skiing. Throughout the Deschutes there are number of trails marked for snowmobiling and cross country skiing.



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