
	<p>OUTREACH NOTICE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST NORTH FORK JOHN DAY and HEPPNER RANGER DISTRICTS</p> <p><i>"Caring for the Land and Serving People"</i></p> 
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February 19, 2020

Timber Sale Administration, GS-0462-7/8/9/10
Permanent Full-Time
Duty Station: Ukiah, Oregon

Apply for the position by March 6, 2020, ensure you check the box for Ukiah on your application

The Umatilla National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a permanent GS-0462-7/8/9/10 for the South Zone (Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger Districts) of the Umatilla National Forest. The incumbent will be responsible for planning, administering and providing professional expertise and assistance in timber resource management. For more specific information about the position, please contact Brian Spivey at 541-676-2121, or send an email to brian.spivey@usda.gov.

The duty station is located in Ukiah, Oregon, with duties on both districts. Government housing may be available in Ukiah.

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under announcement number [20-R6-OCR-462TSA-7-8-9-10G](#). This is an open continuous vacancy announcement. Those who wish to be considered for this position must apply to the announcement by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on **March 6, 2020**. Interested applicants must identify Ukiah, OR as a duty station for which they would like to be considered.

Primary Duties of this position, but are not limited to:

The incumbent reviews the contract and related pre-sale data such as preliminary logging plans, NEPA, appraisal, ect. Determines that all prerequisites to contract work are taken care of such as, advance deposits, delegations of authority, timber cutting coordination, improvement locations, operating schedules, logging plan preparations, scaling arrangements, and environmental protection measures. Reviews plans and schedules with purchasers to assure common understanding of conditions and responsibilities.

Some sales will be complex with multiple yarding systems and steep rocky terrain. Spending time on the ground with purchaser and field reps building a relationship. Some operators may require more than average monitoring to achieve contract requirements with daily field inspections. Keeping Zoned and Forest Specialists informed and involved with the timber sales. Ensures that all contractual obligations are met before making final inspection and recommending closure.

Provides input to interdisciplinary teams regarding logging systems, timber sale feasibility, and timber sale contracts.

To meet full competency at the GS-0462 -10 the employee must have:

- Timber Sale Administration certification
- 24 hours Stewardship Training

Forest service employees on the workforce reduction placement system (wraps) list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

NORTH FORK JOHN DAY RANGER DISTRICT:

The North Fork John Day Ranger District is located in Ukiah, Oregon. There are 40 permanent and 45 to 55 temporary employees, who manage 465,000 acres. Diversity and complexity are key management considerations for this land and its abundant resources. Plant communities range from juniper/sage/bunch grass at the 2,600 feet elevation in the Potamus Creek area, to subalpine fir/whitebark pine habitats at the 8,000 feet elevation near Vinegar Hill in the Scenic Area. There are about 8,000 head of elk that summer and winter, in part, on the District, along with mule deer, black bear, cougar, and a variety of non-game wildlife and birds, including wintering bald eagles. Many district streams contain habitat for federally listed Mid-Columbia bull trout Mid-Columbia steelhead trout, spring and fall salmon.

A significant portion of the District (107,000 acres) was designated in 1984 as the North Fork John Day Wilderness. This wilderness was designated primarily to protect key watershed areas in the North Fork John Day River drainage system and to protect anadromous fish habitat in this drainage basin. The John Day River supports the only all-native Chinook salmon population in the Columbia Basin.

Recreation use on the District is heaviest during hunting season, which begins in mid-August with archery season and extends through cow elk permit season which ends after Thanksgiving. Camping has always been popular in the area. There are 15 developed campgrounds and countless undeveloped sites in state and national forest lands. Anglers enjoy fishing in numerous locations, such as Olive Lake or the North Fork John Day River.

Winter recreation activities are minimal on the district, but include sledding, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing. Winter is also a great time for wildlife watching. Bald eagles often winter along Camas Creek and can be seen soaring in sky above Ukiah. Elk and deer herds winter on the Bridge Creek Wildlife range south of Ukiah and are often visible to travelers.

UKIAH - THE COMMUNITY:

The district office for the North Fork John Day Ranger District is in Ukiah, Oregon. Ukiah is located in the Blue Mountains of Northeast Oregon. It is a small mountain community with a year-round population of 250. The district is considered remote but the town offers two stores (grocery/hardware), a motel, laundromat, two cafes, two churches, one tavern, a gas station with eatery, park with tennis court, Post Office, senior center, and one school with grades K-12. There are also two RV parks with full hookups; one offers cabin rentals.

Ukiah has been determined to be a "remote duty station" by the Office of Personnel Management. Employees who commute more than 50 miles each way to work in Ukiah are entitled to a daily remote site allowance because of this designation (currently \$6.40).

Pendleton (population: 14,400), location of the Umatilla National Forest Supervisor's Office, is 52 miles north on US Highway 395; La Grande (population: 12,300) is 56 miles east on State Highway 244. Some employees live in Pendleton or La Grande and commute on a daily basis (Remote Site Allowance may be available for commuters). Both Pendleton and La Grande are full service communities with a reasonable variety of shopping opportunities. There is no government housing available in either Pendleton or La Grande.

The district has two housing areas - one on the district compound, the other is a housing annex with newer modular homes both located in Ukiah. Private housing for purchase or rental are limited in Ukiah.

HEPPNER RANGER DISTRICT:

The Heppner Ranger District encompasses approximately 210,000 acres. On its southern slopes and lower elevations the forest is predominately ponderosa pine, while on northern slopes and higher elevations it changes to mixed conifer stands. District recreational facilities include three campgrounds, two cabin rentals, numerous trails, and abundant dispersed campsites. The District has active programs associated with dryland forest ecosystems, including natural fuels reduction, vegetation management, watershed, range, and wildlife habitat restoration. The district program includes an active fuels management program; timber harvest in the range of 5-15 million board feet; an in-place Access and Travel Management System; riparian, aspen, and watershed restoration work; work with T&E species, specifically the mid-Columbia steelhead; and administration of 9 range allotments. The workforce consists of approximately 30 permanent employees and 25 seasonal employees.

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***To be considered for these positions, you must apply to the position by March 6, 2020 and select Ukiah, OR as the duty station**

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