

**OUTREACH**  
**Biological Science Technician (Invasive Plants)**  
**GS-0404-04 (FS3102)**  
**GS-0404-05 (FS3103)**  
**Temporary, 1039**  
Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest  
**Duty Station: Sisters, Oregon**

The Deschutes National Forest will soon be filling multiple temporary seasonal 1039 Biological Technician (Invasive Plants) positions at the GS-04 and GS-05 level for the 2020 field season. The duty station will be located in Sisters, Oregon. Government housing may be available. Selected candidates will report mid-April, 2020 or later depending on need. Start dates are somewhat negotiable, and the GS-04 position work schedule could be modified to fit around a student schedule.

**THE POSITIONS:**

Job duties vary and mainly consist of supporting the botany and invasive species program. This will primarily include surveying for, monitoring, and mapping both invasive and sensitive plant sites. There may include treatment of invasive plant sites by herbicide and/or by hand-pulling. Positions will require driving and hiking to field locations. The positions will include some office work including data entry and use of GIS and GPS. Additional duties to support the botany and invasive program, including assisting with revegetation and ecological restoration such as planting and seed collection and working with youth crews will be assigned as needed.

Work is primarily performed in a field environment. Field work often requires moderate to strenuous physical exertion including walking, bending or climbing in rugged terrain under adverse conditions for long periods of time. Employees will work both alone and with a crew. The positions will include work on Sisters and Bend-Ft. Rock Ranger Districts on the Deschutes National Forest and on Crooked River National Grassland.

Good communication skills, a positive attitude, and strong work ethic are highly desirable.

NOTE: The duties of this position require the incumbent to obtain and maintain a State Herbicide Applicator's License. The incumbent must obtain the license within 120 days of initial appointment to the position.

**SISTERS, OREGON:**

Sisters is located 20 miles northwest of the City of Bend at the base 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. There is public bus service between Bend and Sisters. More detailed information about Sisters and the Central Oregon area may be obtained at the following websites:

<http://www.sisterschamber.com/Sisters-Area-Chamber>

[www.bendchamber.org](http://www.bendchamber.org)

[www.redmond.or.us](http://www.redmond.or.us)



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## HOW TO APPLY:

Vacancy announcements for these positions are posted at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The application submittal period for all 2020 temporary jobs in Oregon and Washington will begin on **September 16, 2019** and end on **September 30, 2019**. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the listed cutoff date, and are found to be qualified and in the quality group, will be referred for consideration to the selecting officials by **January 2020**.

Job announcement numbers are:

GS-0404-04-Biological Science Technician (Invasive Plants): **20-TEMP1-CR56-3102-4DT-RP**

GS-0404-05-Biological Science Technician (Invasive Plants): **20-TEMP1-R6-3103-5DT-RO**

**More information about Oregon and Washington temporary jobs can be found here:**  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/jobs/openings> Click on the temporary jobs link to see a map of duty locations.

## CONTACT:

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