

OUTREACH
Biological Science Technician (Noxious Weeds)
GS-0404-07 (FS3515)
Temporary, 1039
Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest
Duty Station: Sisters, Oregon

The Deschutes National Forest will soon be filling a temporary seasonal 1039 Biological Technician positions at the GS-07 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 date may be negotiable.

THE POSITION:

Performs a variety of routine and complex technical tasks to prevent and control noxious weeds in the Forest involving a full range of integrated weed management techniques, e.g., biological, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and prevention.

Schedules, organizes, and conducts field surveys to identify, document, and map noxious weed infestations. Collects data and enters data into databases; generates reports from databases; prepares written and graphical reports; and assembles information for development of noxious weeds control project plans. Compiles, manages, analyzes, and interprets data; provides noxious weed information for project analysis; produces accurate maps of noxious weed infestations using GIS database technology and GPS location technology. Participates in weed control activities including the physical removal of invasive weeds. Provides work direction and guidance to seasonal employees, work crews, and volunteers in the accomplishment of similar projects including safe handling of tools and operation of motorized vehicles.

Operates a variety of field equipment commonly used in treating, preventing, and eradicating noxious weeds such as herbicide application equipment, GPS equipment, and cameras.

Serves as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) on a variety of noxious weed control projects. These projects may include, but are not limited to; monitoring sites of weed infestations to ensure control plans are being implemented and assisting with evaluation of the plan's effectiveness; taking photographs of areas in violation, and collecting, tagging, and securing samples of weeds; and documenting visits and maintaining files and records on site control programs.

Assists in preparing and presenting noxious weed informational and/or educational materials to employees, partners, volunteers, contractors, and permittees to improve early detection of new weed infestations.

Much of the work is 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 crews.

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.



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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
www.redmond.or.us

HOW TO APPLY:

Vacancy announcements for these positions are posted at 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 number is:

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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.

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