

OUTREACH

Biological Science Technician (Plants)

GS-0404-04, 05, 07

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 (Plants) position at the 04, 05, and 07 level for the 2021 field season. The duty station will be located in Sisters, Oregon. There is public bus service between Bend and Sisters. Government housing may be available but is very limited. Selected candidates will report mid- to late- April 2021. GS04 and GS05 start and end dates can be arranged to accommodate a student schedule. These jobs will be hired through USAJobs, and applications will only be accepted for a limited time period. Open and close dates are anticipated to be October 30-November 9, 2020.

THE POSITIONS:

Each position will have slightly different expectations but will work for the Sisters Botany program doing a variety of ecological and botanical activities, with invasive species management as the primary focus of each position. Invasive species control in the Forest involves a full range of integrated weed management techniques, e.g., biological, cultural, mechanical, chemical, and prevention. These are primarily field-going positions, although there will be some office work as well.

Selected applicants will work as a team and individually and:

Schedule, plan, and conduct field surveys to identify, document, and map noxious weed infestations. Collect and enter data into databases and assemble information for development of noxious weeds control project plans. Produce accurate maps of noxious weed infestations using GIS database technology and GPS location technology. Participate in weed control activities including chemical treatments, the physical removal of invasive weeds, deployment of biological controls, and reseeding. Provide 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.

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

May serve as or assist 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.

Assist 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.



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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.

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 **October 30, 2020** and end on or before **November 9, 2020**. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the cutoff date, are found to be qualified, and are in the quality group, will be referred for consideration to the selecting officials by **February 2021**.

Job announcement numbers are:

21-TEMP4-R6-3102-4DT-EL

21-TEMP4-R6-3510-5DT-SB

21-TEMP4-R6-3515-7DT-JN

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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