



**Fisheries Technician, Permanent Seasonal Employee
(Advertised as Forestry Technician)
GS-0462-5/7**

North Zone - North Umpqua, Diamond Lake, Cottage Grove Ranger Districts

The Position

The Umpqua National Forest is conducting outreach to recruit and fill a permanent, seasonal Fisheries Technician (GS-0462-5/7) position located in Douglas County with a duty station of Idleyld Park or Glide, Oregon. District offices are located in Glide for the North Umpqua Ranger District and near Toketee Lake for the Diamond Lake Ranger District. This position supports the Natural Resources Program as a shared forest resource with primary responsibilities on the North Zone which includes Diamond Lake Ranger District, North Umpqua Ranger District and Cottage Grove Ranger District.

Duties include:

Snorkeling streams monitoring populations of salmon, steelhead and Umpqua Chub.

Monitoring habitat restoration projects post implementation.

Salmon and steelhead redd surveys.

A variety of biological and physical surveys including: eDNA sampling, stream class verification, GRAIP (road erosion surveys) mussel surveys and fish passage monitoring.

Work with other fields such as Wildlife, Recreation, Hydrology and Fire.

This is a unique opportunity for broad exposure on a great Ranger District Zone!

Forest Information

The Umpqua National Forest covers nearly one million acres along the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains in Southwest Oregon. The Forest encompasses a diverse area of sparkling rivers and lakes, deep canyons, and rugged mountains up to 9200 feet in elevation. The Forest has many rivers and streams including the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River, a portion of the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway, and is characterized by its many waterfalls, acres of native forest, three wildernesses, and the Oregon Cascades Recreation Area.

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Recreational Opportunities

Umpqua National Forest offers a broad spectrum of outdoor recreation opportunities. With large rivers, streams, mountain lakes, fishing, hunting, wilderness and a number of high summits, there is something for nearly everyone. Winter sports enthusiasts will find ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross country and back country skiing opportunities. In the summer, the higher elevation terrain turns into a summer hiking, backpacking, mountain biking paradise. The forest is perfectly situated for high elevation recreation (skiing in the winter, hiking - backpacking - mountain biking in the summer) but close enough to the Oregon coast to day trip for world class wave sailing/ kite boarding and ocean fishing.

The North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River has a highly prized population of summer steelhead, making it a destination for summer fly fishing with an international clientele. Winter Steelhead and Spring Chinook are also targeted by anglers in the winter and spring. Fishing for rainbow trout and small mouth bass is also popular on the lakes, reservoirs and the mainstem Umpqua river. Hunting is also a major attraction. Deer, elk, bear and upland birds are a big draw annually. Other opportunities include birdwatching, picnicking and star gazing. Large expanses of the forest would likely classify as a "dark sky" area.

Dispersed recreation for the person who wants to get away from it all includes hiking on several hundred miles of trails including 30 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. The maintained trails offer hiking through forest, passing near quiet lakes and meadows, and mountain summits. The forest also has excellent rock climbing and miles of mountain biking opportunities. Crater Lake National Park, Diamond Lake, the Pacific Ocean, and numerous other streams, parks, hiking trails, and lakes are all within a two-hour drive of the Forest.

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Community Information

The community of Glide has several restaurants, one motel, a bank, a post office, a gas station/store, one 2A high school, a middle school, an elementary school, along with a variety of churches, an active community club, a volunteer rural fire department, a part time medical clinic, a laundromat, several small businesses and service organizations.

Roseburg is the nearest community, and is located 60 miles west of the Diamond Lake and 15 miles west of North Umpqua District Offices. Roseburg is a full-service community, with a population of 21,500 people within the city limits and a total population of 50,000 to 60,000 within a 20-mile service area. It is located 70 miles south of Eugene on Interstate 5; 97 miles north of Medford; and 80 miles east of the Pacific Ocean. The Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office is located in Roseburg. The city is near the confluence of the South Umpqua and North Umpqua rivers, at an elevation of 465 feet. Roseburg is the county seat for Douglas County. Once the self-proclaimed "Timber Capital of the World", the economy of the surrounding community has diversified greatly over the past decade. The wood products industry has expanded to include other light manufacturing and service industries such as electrical equipment, recreational boats, aluminum power cable, and wholesale book distribution. Other major employment is provided by the medical, tourism, government, and service sectors.

Roseburg has a variety of retail, service, wholesale, and professional firms. Two full-service hospitals serve the area, one of which is the VA hospital. Over 130 licensed physicians, more than 40 dentists, and many more optometrists, chiropractors, physical therapists, and other professional specialists are located in Roseburg.

Roseburg has two shopping malls, a variety of retail and service firms, and a number of banking and savings and loan institutions. There are four AM and two FM local radio stations, one local television station, and several daily newspapers serving the area. Cultural activities include theatrical and musical productions by the Umpqua Actors Community Theater, the Roseburg Community Concert Association, and the Umpqua Valley Symphony Association, as well as workshops, classes, and art showings at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center. Roseburg offers a variety of churches. In the last couple decades, commercial wineries and microbreweries have discovered the area and now the Umpqua Valley boasts 7 breweries and 21 wineries.

Roseburg has one three-year high school, two three-year junior highs, ten elementary schools, and four church-associated schools. Glide has one four-year high school, a two-year middle school, and an elementary school all located within one mile of the North Umpqua Ranger District Office. In addition, Umpqua Community College is located five miles north of Roseburg on the banks of the North Umpqua River. UCC offers basic instruction, vocational, liberal arts, and pre-professional transfer courses as well as an adult education program.

Climate

Roseburg has a moderate climate with four distinct seasons. Average temperature in summer is 66 °F with highs to 100 °F, while average temperature in winter is 44 °F with occasional frost, but very little snow during December, January and February. The average annual precipitation is 35". Roseburg has one of the longest growing seasons in Oregon. Climate is largely controlled by maritime air from the Pacific Ocean and periods of extremely hot or cold weather are usually short lived. Roseburg is 528' above sea level.

Elevations on the Forest reach 9182' at the summit of Mt. Thielsen near the southeast corner of the Forest. Diamond Lake is about 5150', Lemolo Lake about 4125', Toketee Lake about 2450', and the Ranger Station about 100 feet higher.

The climate in the area varies due to the extremes in the altitude. Summers are dry with occasional rainy periods and daytime temperatures range from the high 80's to the 90's and rarely over 100 degrees. Thunderstorms are expected from June to October. Winters are cool and moist with annual precipitation of about 50" at the Ranger Station and approximately 80" in the mountains. There is snow in most areas with winter temperatures ranging from 0 to 45 degrees. Some years the snow will come and go at the Ranger Station while other years we accumulate up to 5' and have a "snow pack" for the entire winter.

Housing

In 2017 the Median Gross rent price in Roseburg was \$809. Apartments and houses are available for rent in Glide, Roseburg, Sutherlin, and in-between. The bulk of homes available for sale are in the \$130,000 to \$200,000 range. Government housing depends on availability and is located within the Toketee Compound near the Diamond Lake Ranger Station. Several options are available at various square footages and prices ranging from \$6.35 to \$30 per day.

How to Apply

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/careers/recruitment-events/permanent-seasonal-forestry-careers>

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