

Vacancy Notice



FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FOREST

Forestry Technician (Resources) – Integrated Resources Crews GS-0462-04/05/06

22 Permanent Seasonal (PSE) positions to be filled on the forest – multiple positions in Bly, Chiloquin, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake, Oregon

*please indicate preferred location(s) when applying for a position

The Positions

The Fremont-Winema National Forest is currently seeking qualified individuals for twenty-two (22) Forestry Technician (Resources) GS-0462-04/05/06 positions (FS5853 – GS-04, FS5854 – GS-05, FS5855 – GS-06). These positions are permanent seasonal (PSE) positions with either a 13/13 or 18/8 tour, where full-time work is guaranteed for a minimum of 13 or 18 pay periods and the employee is placed in non-pay/non-duty status for the remaining pay periods of the year. These tours may be extended beyond the minimum 13 or 18 pay periods if additional work is needed.

We strongly encourage experienced temporary employees (1039's) to apply to these permanent career seasonal positions!

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Vacancy Notice is to let interested candidates know of the current advertisement for these positions on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under **vacancy announcement 20-R6-OCR-462RES-4-5-6DP** on the following webpage:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/578064300>

***Applicants should indicate their preferred duty location(s) and must meet basic qualifications and selective factors (if applicable). Those who wish to be considered for a position should apply to the vacancy announcement by COB November 19, 2020, as we will be requesting the referral lists on Nov. 20, 2020.**

More About the Positions:

The primary purpose of these positions is to perform a variety of complex and recurring duties in support of various natural and cultural resource programs, recreation, and fire.

These positions will work on full-service "Integrated Resource Crews" in an inter-disciplinary capacity to accomplish a wide range of field work including resource surveys such as botany, wildlife, fisheries, hydrology, heritage, and timber marking, along with recreation and fire support (fuels and suppression). Positions will primarily be field-based with some limited office work, and will cover a large geographic area.

The responsibilities listed below are at the full performance level:

- Performs as a Certified Timber Marker.
- Prepares, develop, and executes timber cruises and sample surveys to develop resource information and estimate quality and quantity of timber for purpose of appraisal, sales administration, management planning, and logging plans.
- Performs wildland firefighting and prescribed fire duties as qualified and assigned.
- Assists in the operation and maintenance of developed and dispersed recreation sites.
- Performs surveys and complex tasks in support of natural/cultural resources and the vegetation management program and project plans. Prepares and analyzes plant samples.
- Other duties as assigned.

For more information or technical questions about these positions contact:

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For more specific information about the positions by District/Zone, contact the District Rangers as follows:

SE Zone (Bly and Lakeview RD's): Mike Ramsey, michael.ramsey@usda.gov, 541-947-6204

NE Zone (Paisley and Silver Lake RD's): Doug McKay, doug.mckay@usda.gov, 541-576-7501

SW Zone (Klamath RD): Heather Berg, heather.berg@usda.gov, 541-885-3406

NW Zone (Chemult and Chiloquin RD's): Judd Lehman, judd.lehman@usda.gov, 541-783-4020

Fremont-Winema National Forest Information

The Fremont-Winema National Forest is located in Southern Oregon. Administratively combined in 2002, the Fremont-Winema National Forest offers 2.3 million acres to explore. Located east of the Cascade Mountains in the high-elevation lava tablelands of south-central Oregon, in an area known as the "high desert," extensive stands of ponderosa and lodgepole pine grow on deep pumice and ash soils, while conifer-covered slopes stretch into the farmlands of the Great Basin, home of vast wetlands.

The heavily timbered western portion of the Forest is bordered by the crest of the Cascade Mountain Range and Crater Lake National Park and stretches east into the Klamath River Basin. Near the floor of the Basin, the Forest opens to vast marshes and meadows associated with Upper Klamath Lake and the Williamson River.

To the north and east, extensive stands of ponderosa and lodgepole pine grow on deep pumice and ash that blanketed the area during the eruption of Mt. Mazama (now Crater Lake) nearly 7,000 years ago.

The eastern portion of the Forest offers expansive views, dramatic cliffs, and solitude. The area is known as Oregon's Outback, and provides the self-reliant recreationist the opportunity to discover nature in a rustic environment. If you prefer, you can find yourself by yourself.

The Forest Headquarters is located in Lakeview, Oregon and shares the Lakeview Interagency Office with the Bureau of Land Management's Lakeview District. The Forest's seven Ranger Districts are managed as four geographical zones: Lakeview and Bly Ranger Districts (SE Zone), Silver Lake and Paisley Ranger Districts (NE Zone), Chemult and Chiloquin Ranger Districts (NW Zone), and Klamath Ranger Districts (SW Zone).

More than 300 species of fish and wildlife can be found on the Forest. Game animals most often hunted include mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, and pronghorn antelope. The Forest's diverse habitats also support a variety of wildlife including numerous water and wetland birds including eagles, osprey, and herons. Several varieties of trout inhabit Forest lakes and streams, and a few lakes support warm-water fish, such as large-mouth bass. Small

populations of some of the larger predators (black bear, mountain lion, and bobcat) and a great variety of non-game species can also be found.

The Oregon-California border marks the Forest's southern boundary, while its eastern boundary includes part of the Warner Mountain Range. To the north and west, the Forest is bounded by the Deschutes, Rogue River-Siskiyou, and Umpqua National Forests. Four wilderness areas can be found across this Forest: Mountain Lakes, Sky Lakes, Gearhart Mountain, and Mt. Thielsen Wilderness. Picturesque rock formations cap most of the high-elevation ridge tops.

About the Ranger Districts

The SE Zone of the Fremont-Winema is comprised of the **Bly and Lakeview Ranger Districts**. The Zone hosts 50-60 permanent employees with a seasonal workforce of 30-40 (depending upon the year). The Bly Ranger District office is located 45 miles west of Lakeview. The district encompasses approximately 504,000 acres of land. The Lakeview Ranger District encompasses approximately 460,000 acres of land and is located on the interface between the Great Basin high desert and forested land. Elevations on the District range from 4,130 to 8,446 feet.

The Gearhart Wilderness (22,823 acres) is managed by the SE Zone. This small wilderness includes Blue Lake as the focal point, with three trails that offer access to Blue Lake and other parts of the wilderness. The wilderness includes part of the area identified by the Forest as the "Red Zone" due the high mortality in the overstory.

Government housing may be available on the Bly Ranger District.

The **Chiloquin Ranger District** office is located on Highway 97 approximately two miles from the city of Chiloquin and 28 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon. The District encompasses approximately 460,000 acres of land and is located entirely within former reservation lands of the Klamath Tribes. Elevations on the District range from 4,200 to 7,500 feet. Average precipitation is approximately 57 inches per year. Klamath County is noted for approximately 290 days of sunshine per year. Habitat on the District ranges from ponderosa and lodge pole pine to aspen stringers and meadows, with higher elevation Douglas fir stands, and the Klamath Forest Marsh along the northern boundary of the District.

The compound offers facilities for sporting and social activities including a basketball hoop, jogging/fitness trail, outdoor volleyball court, and a weight and exercise room. Other activities nearby include fishing, hunting, camping and snowmobile. The famous Williamson River runs through the District. It is known for some of the largest rainbow and brown trout in the state. One of the Seven Wonders of the World, Crater Lake, is located 35 miles northwest of Chiloquin. Crater Lake National Park offers cross-country skiing and snowmobiling during the winter and boat rides on the Lake through the summer.

Government housing is available for seasonal employees only.

The **Klamath Ranger District** office is located just off north Highway 97 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The District encompasses approximately 188,685 acres in the Cascade Mountains and is located entirely within the Northwest Forest Plan area. Topography on the District is mountainous to flat with elevations ranging from approximately 8,200 feet at Aspen Butte in the Mountain Lakes Wilderness to roughly 4,100 feet along Upper Klamath Lake. The high, arid climate produces warm summers and variable winters with temperatures ranging from an average high of 90 degrees in the summer to an average low of 30 degrees in the winter. Average annual precipitation ranges around 16 inches and annual snowfall averages around 40 inches in the lowland to around 15 feet in the mountains. The Sky Lakes and Mountain Lakes Wilderness Areas are managed by the Klamath Ranger District. Upper Klamath Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Four Mile Lake are main lake attractions. The primary focus of the District is recreation and fire management.

The **Paisley Ranger District** office is located along Highway 31 in southeastern Oregon. It is one of seven Districts on the Fremont-Winema National Forest. It is part of the Winter Rim Zone which consists of the Paisley Ranger District and the Silver Lake Ranger District. The District encompasses approximately 330,000 acres of land and employs roughly 30 permanent employees. Vegetation is characterized by juniper and sage communities at the lower elevations. Ponderosa pine is the dominant forest cover type on the District, with some lodge poles pine and white bark pine at the highest elevations. Topography on the District is gently rolling to steep. Streams are abundant, as the District includes the headwaters of the Chewaucan, Sycan, and North Fork Sprague rivers. The primary focus of the District is recreation and fire management.

Government housing may be available.

Silver Lake Ranger District is located in the south-central portion of Oregon, in the high desert south of Highway 31. It is part of the Winter Rim Zone which consists of the Paisley Ranger District and the Silver Lake Ranger District. The District employs roughly 25 permanent employees.

Vegetation types are primarily lodgepole pine and ponderosa communities to the South and West and desert sage brush, juniper and willows in the marsh areas to the North and East. Wildlife that can typically be found are red fox, coyotes, Rocky Mountain elk, badgers, gophers, Mule deer, beavers, and mountain lions.

The Winter Rim Zone has warm, dry summers with temperatures often exceeding 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Winters are generally cold, and snowpack of one to three feet deep may accumulate and persist throughout winter at the higher elevations. Annual precipitation averages 15-20 inches.

Outdoor activities include exploring, hunting, fishing, skiing in the nearby Cascade Mountain range, bird watching, camping, and water activities in the multiple surrounding lakes and reservoirs.

Government housing may be available.

About the Communities

Bly is a small town approximately 50 miles east of Klamath Falls and 45 miles west of Lakeview, along highway 140, with a population of around 500. Fish Hole Creek, which flows through the community, meets the South Fork Sprague River slightly north of Bly. The OC&E Woods Line State Trail, the longest linear state park in Oregon, passes through Bly. Bly is also near the memorial site known as Mitchell Monument, where the only fatalities of World War II in the continental U.S. due to an enemy balloon bomb attack on May 5, 1945.

There is a post office, small library, gas station, a couple of restaurants and convenience stores in Bly, with many additional services, including health services, available in the larger towns of Lakeview to the east and Klamath Falls to the west.

Recreation opportunities in the area include wilderness backpacking (Gearhart Wilderness), hiking, boating, camping, sailing, fishing, biking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, and bird watching/wildlife viewing.

Chiloquin is located where the Williamson and Sprague Rivers converge in the heart of the Three Rivers Recreation area of Klamath County. The third river located within the Recreation area is the Wood River, which lies between Fort Klamath and Chiloquin. When the city was incorporated in 1926, the surveyor made a mistake and included only half the territory the founders had intended; as a result the current population of Chiloquin is listed as 720.

Chiloquin businesses include a Tribal Family Health and Dental Clinic and the Klamath Tribal Offices. Two medical clinics, a hardware store, two small grocery stores (both rent videos and one contains a liquor store), five restaurants, two service stations, three motels, three garages, two Laundromats, two beauty shops, two gift shops, a library, a post office, and a car wash also serve the Chiloquin area as well as six churches. The local newspaper is the *Herald and News* from Klamath Falls. The *Oregonian* from Portland is available by subscription.

Klamath Falls, the Klamath county seat, is located in the south-central portion of Oregon at an elevation of 4,100 feet. The population of Klamath Falls (city and suburbs) is approximately 45,000. Klamath County is noted for being the "Sunshine City of Oregon" since it has an average of 290 days of sunshine per year.

Community facilities include one full-service hospital, two urgent care centers, over 70 churches representing approximately 40 denominations, two performing theaters, several museums and art galleries, the YMCA, 13 elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, Klamath Community College, and Oregon Institute of Technology, the Pacific Northwest's only public polytechnic institute. Several large department stores such as Wal-Mart Super center, Fred Meyer, Ross, and Home Depot are located within the city limits. Grocery stores are plentiful. Klamath Falls is also home to Kingsley Air National Guard, three community indoor pools, and one outdoor pool. There are a variety of golf courses; one private 18-hole, three public 18-hole, and two nine-hole golf courses. The local newspaper is the *Herald and News* from Klamath Falls. The *Oregonian* from Portland, Oregon is also available.

Klamath Falls is located at the intersection of Highways 39, 66, 97, and 140. Transportation is available through Amtrak, and bus services. Klamath Falls is situated approximately 1½ hours from Ashland and Medford, Oregon, 5½ hours from Portland, Oregon, 6 hours from San Francisco, California, and 4½ hours from Reno, Nevada.

Lakeview is known as the "Tallest Town in Oregon," standing at an elevation of 4,800 feet. It is located in the high-desert outback of south-central Oregon and serves as the county seat. Lakeview is home to approximately 4,100 citizens including the adjacent areas located outside the town limits (2,294 within town limits). The basic industries have been generated by agriculture and timber resources. The town is surrounded by lands managed by Federal agencies including the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Wildlife Service.

Lakeview is a very welcoming, full-service town. There are several locally owned restaurants, a grocery store, clothing, furniture and variety stores, banks and a credit union, beauty salons, motels, a community swimming pool, computer dealer and repair shop, gift shop, public library, public golf course, tennis courts, florists, radio station, and more.

Lakeview is also serviced by a hospital and clinic complex, 19 churches of all major denominations, two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The local newspaper is the *Lake County Examiner*, which is published weekly. The *Herald and News* from Klamath Falls is available by subscription as is the *Oregonian* from Portland.

Real estate is plentiful and reasonably priced. Homes in the outlying area with acreage are priced proportionately higher. Lakeview is located at the intersection of Highways 140 and 395, and travel time is approximately two hours from Klamath Falls, three hours from Bend, three and a half hours from Ashland and Medford, seven hours from Portland, eight hours from San Francisco, and four hours from Reno.

Students in good academic standing and who have successfully completed 4 years high school in Lake County have the opportunity to apply for the Collins-McDonald fund or Daly fund. These funds can provide up to 4 years of tuition assistance. For more information, go to <http://www.edfed.com/planning-college/scholarship-indetail.php?id=121>.

Recreation opportunities include wilderness backpacking, hiking, boating, camping, sailing, fishing, biking, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, horseback riding, hunting, and bird watching. Downhill skiing and sledding opportunities are available locally at the Warner Canyon Ski Area; at Mt. Bachelor Ski Park in Bend, approximately three hours away; Mt. Shasta Ski Area in Mt. Shasta, California, approximately three and a half hours away; and Mt. Ashland Ski Park in Ashland, approximately three and a half hours from Lakeview. Within two and a half hours, you can reach Crater Lake National Park or Lava Beds National Monument.

Paisley is located in the south-central part of Oregon, approximately 45 miles north of Lakeview and 130 miles south of Bend, at an elevation of 4,300 feet. Paisley is a small community and claims it is made up of “249 friendly folks and one old grouch.” Paisley is also home to the Annual Mosquito Festival.

Community services consist of three churches, a community wellness center, a post office, public library, a community center, and one school teaching grades kindergarten through 12th grade. Several small businesses in the community include two small grocery stores, the Summer Lake Hot Springs, a feed store which includes an ice cream parlor, a greenhouse, and a motel.

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Paisley has warm, dry summers with temperatures often exceeding 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Winters are generally cold, and a snow pack one to three feet deep may accumulate and persist throughout winter at higher elevations. Annual precipitation averages 15-20 inches.

Residents enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities both winter and summer, including fishing, snowmobiling, camping, biking, cross-country skiing, hunting, wildlife viewing, as well as community activities such as the Paisley Rodeo, the famous Mosquito Festival, and Summer Lake Hot springs Coyote Festival.

Silver Lake is in the south-central part of Oregon, at an elevation of 4,381 feet. It is about 96 miles northwest of Lakeview and 80 miles southeast of Bend. Silver Lake is a small community of 1,900 residents, whose economy is primarily based on agriculture and outdoor-based recreation. Community services in Silver Lake and nearby Christmas Valley (18 miles away) include several churches, a community wellness center, a small medical clinic, two post offices, two public libraries, two grocery stores, a few restaurants/bars, and 2 gas stations. A modern school, educating grades kindergarten through 12, serves the communities of Fort Rock, Christmas Valley, and Silver Lake. Five miles south of Silver Lake is the popular nostalgic restaurant ‘The Cowboy Dinner Tree.’

Silver Lake experiences four seasons with snowy winters, wet springs with mix of rain and hail, warm to hot summers, and mixed fall weather.

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For more information about the communities, contact the Lake County Chamber of Commerce or the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce at:

Lake County Chamber of Commerce

126 North E Street

Lakeview, OR 97630

Phone: (541) 947-6040, or toll-free: 1-877-947-6040

The Chamber of Commerce may also be contacted via their website at: <http://www.lakecountychamber.org/>

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce

205 Riverside Drive, Suite A

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Phone: (541) 884-5193, or toll-free: 1-877-KLAMATH (552-6284)

The Chamber of Commerce may also be contacted via their website at: <http://www.klamath.org/>

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Hearing impaired applicants may contact (800) 877-8339 for TTY / ASCII (American Standard Code For Information Interchange) access or <http://www.federalrelay.us/tty> for additional contact options. Collect calls will not be accepted. You may also pick up an outreach at the Fremont-Winema Supervisor's Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630 or via email from one of the contacts listed above.

The Fremont-Winema National Forest is an equal opportunity employer.

Thank you for your interest!