



# Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

## OUTREACH NOTICE

USFS Region 6, Baker City, Oregon

**GS-12-0408-Ecologist**

**Northeast Oregon Area Ecology Program**

**Permanent Full-time Position**

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**The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest** will soon be filling a permanent Lead Ecologist position for the Northeast Oregon Area Ecology Program. The incumbent is responsible for providing high level ecological support to land managers and specialists on the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests. This person will perform, guide and/or assist with complex surveys, studies and analyses across a broad range of management considerations for these Forests. The work requires travel throughout the greater Blue Mountains area, and incumbent must be fit for field work, including hiking into wilderness and other relatively remote locations.

**This Outreach is a pre-announcement.** Persons interested in this position should complete the Outreach form located at the bottom of this page, attach a resume and send the forms to Jim Brammer at [james.brammer@usda.gov](mailto:james.brammer@usda.gov) by COB 12/11/2020. If you have questions about the position, please contact Jim Brammer 406-865-0033.

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### ABOUT THIS POSITION

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The position is located in Baker City, Oregon at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Supervisor's Office. The incumbent works directly for the Wallowa-Whitman Natural Resources Staff Officer, but coordinates closely Staff Officers, District Rangers and resource specialists on the three National Forests in NE Oregon, and with other Region 6 Ecologists.

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### MAJOR DUTIES

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Skills and aptitude to provide detailed knowledge on the ecology of the Blue Mountains with an understanding of common objectives for Forest, Rangeland and aquatic resources are central to the duties of this position. This position supervises two other ecologists and will guide annual solicitation of work requests across the three forests; lead decision-making for the group's Program of Work, prioritize tasks and oversee delivery of work products. The Ecology program is responsible for providing suggestions for...and helping perform implementation and effectiveness monitoring for managers to inform adaptive management decisions. It

cooperates with research scientists to solve resource management issues related to Forest management objectives. It works with various groups to facilitate understanding of forest objectives and assists with working toward solutions for a broad range of issues. It provides technology transfer to Forests, Districts, and other federal managers. It reviews, evaluates, adapts, and applies new research findings.

This person will communicate regularly with Forest Staff, Line Officers, Program Managers, resource specialists, and external partners and may lead or assist with monitoring training.

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### FORESTS SERVED

The **Wallowa-Whitman National Forest** is one of the largest and most complex forests in Region 6. It covers more than 2 million acres in two states (Oregon and Idaho) and nine counties. The Wallowa-Whitman is a high recreation use Forest and includes the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and all or portions of four wilderness areas (i.e., Eagle Cap, Hells Canyon, Monument Rock and North Fork John Day Wilderness Areas). Threatened and endangered species management, water quality and aquatic species habitat restoration are high priorities on the Wallowa-Whitman NF.

The **Umatilla National Forest**, headquartered in Pendleton, Oregon, consists of four ranger districts covering approximately 1.4 million acres. The name is taken from the Indian word meaning “water rippling over sand.” It is located in the beautiful Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington adjacent to the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Forest contains a variety of conifers and a few hardwood tree species. Extensive rangeland is also allotted for cattle and sheep grazing. Hunting and fishing make up almost 50 percent of the recreation use on the Umatilla. Camping, picnicking, boating, hiking and riding horseback are also popular. The Forest has a large concentration of Rocky Mountain Elk. Mule deer and whitetail deer are also abundant. The Forest is also home to downhill ski areas and numerous cross country skiing trails. Snowmobiling is also permitted on the Forest. Three designated wilderness areas lie within the forest boundaries.

The **Malheur National Forest** covers 1.7 million acres and is headquartered in John Day, Oregon. The diverse and beautiful scenery of the forest includes high desert grasslands, sage and juniper, pine, fir and other tree species, and the hidden gems of alpine lakes and meadows. Elevations vary from about 4000 feet (1200 meters) to the 9038 foot (2754 meters) top of Strawberry Mountain. The Strawberry Mountain range extends east to west through the center of the Forest. The Forest straddles two major ecosystems with the Columbia Basin to the north and the Great Basin to the south. The Forest vegetation ranges from open sage/juniper/grasslands to Ponderosa Pine dominated forests to Douglas fir/Grand fir forests. The Forest provides the headwaters of the Middle, Main, and South Forks of the John Day River system which provides habitat for the largest remaining wild runs of salmon and steelhead. Threatened and endangered wildlife species include Chinook salmon, Summer steelhead, bull trout and bald eagles. The Forest manages two Wildernesses and two Wild and Scenic Rivers as well as lands along a State Scenic Waterway. The Forest has the second largest grazing program in Region 6 and is the home of an incredibly rich archaeological resource. This Forest has a high frequency of wildfires in a fire-dominated ecosystem, with a correspondingly large fire and aviation program that includes a rappel base and a single engine air tanker base. Strategically, the Forest is a leader in the Region for collaborative partnerships.

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### THE COMMUNITY OF BAKER CITY

Baker City is surrounded to the west by the Elkhorn Mountains and to the northeast by the Wallowa Mountains, Baker City has an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. It is located on Interstate 84 within 2 hours of the Tri Cities in Southeast Washington (Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick) and within 2 hours of Boise, Idaho. The population of Baker City is approximately 10,000 (<http://www.visitbaker.com/>).

House rentals range from approximately \$1,100 per month and up. Apartment rentals start at approximately \$750. Utility rates tend to be low. Average prices for three or four bedroom homes range from \$150,000 to \$300,000 plus.

Baker City is a full-service community. Eastern Oregon University, which offers 4-year degree programs in 22 areas, is 45 miles to the west in La Grande, Oregon. Blue Mountain Community College, offering various 2-year degree programs is in Pendleton, Oregon (95 miles to the northwest) and has a Remote Learning Center in Baker City; and Treasure Valley Community College, offering various 2-year degree programs is in Ontario, Oregon (65 miles to the southeast). There are 2 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school located in Baker City. The School District has a record of educational excellence. Overall, results from the Oregon Statewide Assessment show that students in the Baker School District are above the state averages. In addition, there are 3 private or Christian schools available.

Baker City has a newly remodeled 40-bed hospital with several local physicians, dentists, and specialists available.

Cultural opportunities include live local theater, vocal and instrumental performances, art galleries, Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, history museums, Miner's Jubilee, and a full calendar of special community events. The newly expanded Baker County Library contains 91,000 volumes with access to library resources statewide and an interlibrary loan system that provides access to an unlimited number of publications nationwide.

Baker City enjoys a dry climate with four distinct seasons. The weather changes from snowfall in the winter to warm dry days in the summer. Recreational opportunities abound with such activities as golfing, fishing, biking, skiing, boating, hunting, and beautiful scenery. Located on the Forest are the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, several wilderness areas, numerous lakes, and 58 campgrounds and picnic areas.

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION  
BLUE MOUNTAINS FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE SERVICE CENTER  
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest  
Ecologist, Baker City, OR  
GS-0408-12-Full-time**

**Please return your completed outreach form and resume by COB 12/11/2020, by email to Jim Brammer  
@ james.brammer@usda.gov**

<b>NAME:</b>	
<b>E-MAIL:</b>	
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	
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<b>Current Agency:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<b>Type of Appointment:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Term	<input type="checkbox"/> VRA	<input type="checkbox"/> PWD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Current Title/Series/Grade:</b>						
<b>Current Location (Region/Forest/District):</b>						

**If not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities to the best of your knowledge?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **PERSON WITH DISABILITIES**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **VETERANS READJUSTMENT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPROTUNITIES ACT OF 1998**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **A STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly explain your interest in this position and attach a resume:**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR VACANCY!**

The USDA Wallowa-Whitman Forest is an equal opportunity employer.