



## OUTREACH NOTICE

ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST

Gold Beach Ranger District



## FORESTER (TIMBER SALE PREP)

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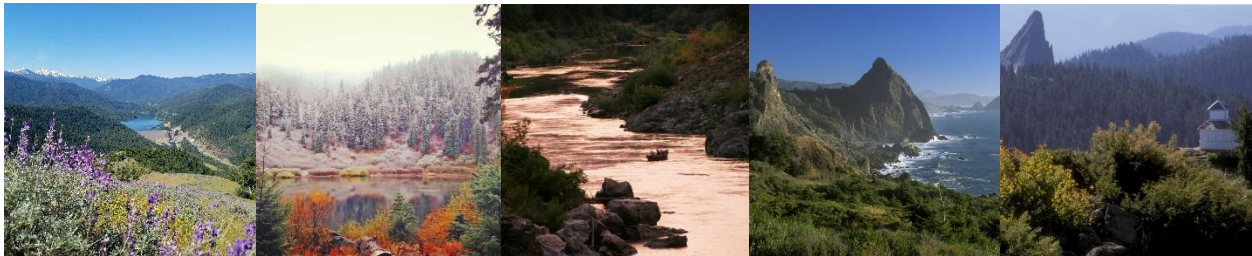
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The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is conducting outreach to fill a permanent, full-time Forester (Timber Sale Preparation) opening. This position works for the Gold Beach and Powers Ranger Districts out of Gold Beach, OR.

**INTERESTED CANDIDATES:** Applications for this position will be accepted through April 3, 2024. Applications that are submitted after April 3rd will not be considered. The Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) vacancy announcement number for this position is 24-POD3-OCR-0460-FOR-7-9DP. The vacancy announcement can be found on the [USAJOBS website](#).

If you have questions about the position, please contact Anna Sweeney at (541) 425-6117, or via email [anna.sweeney@usda.gov](mailto:anna.sweeney@usda.gov).

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform prospective applicants of an upcoming opportunity. Please help us reach out to quality candidates by sharing this opportunity with anyone who might be interested.



## **About the Position**

This position works with other foresters and technicians on the zoned Gold Beach, Powers, and Wild Rivers Ranger Districts to prepare Forest Service timber sale and stewardship contracts to implement forest treatments with commercial logging. This position would be a project lead, responsible for overseeing timber sale contract preparation.

This work involves:

- Logging systems layout and design (skyline, tractor, conventional, and helicopter)
- Overseeing/developing the marking guides and timber cruise
- Coordinating with specialists to meet resource objectives and protect sensitive resources
- Preparing field maps
- Organizing project data and tracking project progress
- Identifying treatment boundaries
- Mapping units with high accuracy GPS units
- Tree marking
- Measurement of trees to calculate timber quality, defect, and volume.
- Other resource or fire duties as qualified and assigned.

Some travel will be required for this position.

## **About the Gold Beach Ranger District**

Located in southwestern Oregon, the Gold Beach Ranger District offers amazing, year-round recreation, including five wild and scenic rivers, over 200 miles of hiking trails, five federally designated wilderness areas, and a range of camping opportunities from the highly developed campgrounds along the lower section of the Rogue River to dispersed campsites deep in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness.

The Siskiyou area embodies the most complex soils, geology, landscape, and plant communities in the Pacific Northwest. World-class wild rivers, biological diversity, remarkable fisheries resources, and complex watersheds define the Siskiyou. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is the most floristically diverse National Forest in the country with some extraordinary botanical resources. A few well know “special” species are *Darlingtonia (cobra lily)* and coastal redwood trees.

This area is unique in habitat for some special status species (Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, northern spotted owls, marbled murrelet, mardon skipper, red tree vole) as well as species which are popularly hunted or fished (black-tailed deer, elk, steelhead). Along with hunting and fishing, wildlife and plant viewing are other popular activities.

The district has an active timber sale program, selling about 8-20 MMbf per year between the Gold Beach and Powers Ranger Districts. This volume comes primarily from thinning managed plantations and thinning in natural stands. Primary harvest species include Douglas-fir and western hemlock. Logging systems are often complex because of variable topography, soils, and many streams.

Be prepared for steep, rugged, and beautiful country!

The Gold Beach Ranger District Office is in Gold Beach, Oregon, right on the Pacific Ocean. The office has views of the ocean from most west facing offices. Most employees live in Gold Beach (~2000 people, Curry County seat), Brookings/Harbor (~6000-7000 people, about 30-40 minutes from the office), or Port Orford (~1200 people, about 30 minutes from the office). There are about

35 permanent employees on the Gold Beach Ranger District with almost all the positions zoned to cover Gold Beach (~500,000 acres) and Powers (~200,000 acres) Ranger Districts.

The climate is typical of southwestern Oregon-mild, moist winters and warm dry summers with summer temperatures ranging from the 70s to the 90's. Rainfall averages 63 inches per year from October to June. Snow is normal on the district during the winter and usually occurs at 1,000 feet and higher elevations. The topography ranges from moderate slopes to steep, rugged slopes. Small drainages, ridges, bluffs, and waterfalls are abundant.

In general, the District supports excellent stands of old-growth and mature second growth Douglas-fir in association with western hemlock, Port-Orford-cedar, western redcedar, true firs, and many species of hardwoods. The District also hosts a variety of ground vegetation and brush species, including pacific rhododendron, salal, sword and bracken fern, manzanita, and huckleberry. The scenic diversity on this District is outstanding.

Southern Oregon's Glendale to Powers Bicycle Recreation Area is a 74-mile paved bicycle route that begins in Glendale and leads the rider through some of the most breath-taking scenery in Southern Oregon.

### **Gold Beach Area Information**

Located on the Wild Rivers Coast of southern Oregon, Gold Beach (population 2,282) is situated in Curry County (pop. 22,000) at the mouth of the Rogue River. The Rogue River provides some of the best salmon fishing and whitewater rafting opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. Other popular recreational activities include beach combing, biking, hiking, surfing, kite boarding, and windsurfing. The climate is generally mild, with summertime temperatures in the mid-60s. Winters are cool and wet, and snow is common in the mountains. Average annual rainfall is 80 inches. This area is often referred to as "the sunniest place on the Oregon Coast." More information about the Gold Beach area may be found at [goldbeach.org](http://goldbeach.org) or [hometownlocator.com](http://hometownlocator.com).



### **About the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest**

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers 1.8 million acres in southwest Oregon and northwestern California, primarily in the watershed of the Rogue River. Located in southwest Oregon, along the California/Oregon state line and bordering the Klamath National Forest to the south, the Fremont-Winema Forest to the east and the Umpqua National Forest to the north, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest ranges from the crest of the Cascade Mountains west to the Siskiyou Mountains and nearly to the Pacific Ocean. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers almost 1.8 million acres and is unique in its botanical diversity, largely due to the bisection of the South Cascades and Siskiyou Mountain Ranges.

The Forest is also home to an incredible abundance of Wild and Scenic Rivers (over 200 designated miles among the Rogue, Chetco, Illinois, Elk and Smith Rivers), seven wilderness areas (350,000 acres), outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources and ruggedly breathtaking landscapes of mountains, rivers, and lakes with occasional meadows.

The Rogue River National Forest (until 1932 called the Crater National Forest) was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. The name Rogue River commemorates the Takelma Indians, whose defense of their homeland let early day French-Canadian trappers to call them les Coquins, "the Rogues." The Siskiyou Forest Reserve was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905, and the Reserve was designated as the Siskiyou National Forest in 1907. The name Siskiyou is a Cree Indian word for bob-tailed horse (bestowed in 1828 by French Canadians working for the Hudson Bay Company).

The Forest itself is composed of two distinct geological provinces – the Cascade Range and the Siskiyou Mountains. The Cascade Range is dominated by snowcapped volcanic peaks such as 9,495- foot Mt. McLoughlin located within the Sky Lakes Wilderness on the High Cascades Ranger District. The Siskiyou area embodies the most complex soils, geology, landscape, and plant communities in the Pacific Northwest. World-class wild rivers, biological diversity, remarkable fisheries resources, and complex watersheds define the Siskiyou. The Rogue River-Siskiyou is the most floristically diverse National Forest in the country with some extraordinary botanical resources. The unique character of the landscape has led to the designation of over 340,000 acres of the Forest as wilderness, and over 200 miles of streams as National Wild and Scenic Rivers. Wilderness areas managed all or in part by the Forest include: Sky Lakes, Rogue-Umpqua Divide, Red Buttes, Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou, Wild Rogue, Grassy Knob and Copper Salmon. National Wild and Scenic Rivers include: Upper Rogue, Illinois, North Fork Smith, Chetco, Elk, and Rogue.

The Forest Supervisors office is co-located with the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, OR and is adjacent to the Rogue Valley International Airport. The Forest administers five ranger districts. On the west side of the forest, the Gold Beach Ranger District office is in Gold Beach and the Powers Ranger District office is in Powers. On the east side of the Forest, the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District office is in the community of Star in the Applegate Valley; the High Cascades Ranger District office is co-located in Prospect and Butte Falls; and the Wild Rivers Ranger District is co-located in Cave Junction and in Grants Pass at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

The forest leadership team manages a large and complex resource management program, including over 2 million recreation visitors per year, 30 to 40 MMBF of timber harvest per year and a significant wildlife and fisheries programs recognized for collaborative aquatic restoration projects. Several volunteers and partners associated with forest collaborative and restoration work have received national and regional recognition for their efforts. Natural resource management interest is high in the local and diverse rural and urban communities, representing opposing ends of the socio-political spectrum, from environmental advocacy groups to historically active mining communities.

The large natural resource program requires an extensive forest infrastructure, consisting of approximately 5,500 miles of roads, 133 road bridges, over 1,500 miles of trails, 326 developed recreation sites including the Mount Ashland Ski Area, 9 major administrative sites, including the Medford Air Tanker Base, the Siskiyou Rappel Base, and the J. Herbert Stone Nursery, one of the largest nurseries in the nation.

For additional Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest information, click [here](#).

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## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS VACANCY**