



OUTREACH NOTICE
UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST
WALLA WALLA RANGER DISTRICT
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

"Caring for the Land and Serving People"



September 24, 2020

GS-462-05/06/07 Forestry Technician (Sale Prep Crew Foreman)
Tour Of Duty-18 pp Guaranteed
Duty Station: Walla Walla, Washington

The Umatilla National Forest will soon be filling one permanent-seasonal (PSE) position which will be advertised as a GS-0462-05/06/07 Forestry Technician (Sale Prep Crew Foreman). The target grade for this position is at the GS-07 level, but it may be filled at a lower grade. This position is a permanent-seasonal position (minimum guarantee of 18 pay periods). The position will be selected to serve as part of the North Zone Timber organization with duties on the Walla Walla Ranger District. The position will be located in Walla Walla, WA. No government housing is available.

This outreach is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov under announcement number **20-R6-10921802-DP-AM**. This is a DEMO vacancy announcement open to all interested candidates. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the announcement by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on October 16, 2020. Interested applicants must identify Walla Walla, WA as a duty station for which they want to be considered for employment.

Anyone interested in this opportunity is encouraged to submit the outreach response form (at the end of this document) to Lindsay Lockard or respond via the FS Outreach Database by October 16, 2020. For more specific information about the position, please contact Lindsay at 509-522-6043 or lindsay.lockard@usda.gov.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

This position serves as timber sale preparation crew leader supervising up to five crewmembers. Plans and carries out established types of timber cruises or surveys to estimate the quantity of commercial timber by determining sample cruise pattern; selecting sampling method; collecting and refining data; summarizing results, including preparation of maps and reports when there are complicating factors such as varied types and conditions of timber stands, a variety of products and defect types, or different cutting practices. Determines type and intensity of cruise needed, calculating volumes, quality, and cull and breakage percentages. Prepares slash proposal and sale area improvement plans.

Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber for harvest. Lays out timber sale boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments and other instructions, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management, silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource considerations. Determines acreage by traverse, map, or aerial photograph methods or Global Positioning System (GPS). Uses computer applications including GIS systems to prepare timber sale appraisals, maps, and written reports of all sale inspections and follows up on deficiencies.

Incumbent may serve as Contract Inspector (CI) or Harvest Inspector (HI) on specific contracts. Ensures that all contract provisions are enforced and that proper measures are taken to protect or enhance values in accordance with contract objectives.

Actively supports the civil rights program on the unit and communicates this support to subordinates. Cooperates in developing and carrying out unit wide affirmative action efforts and those described in the Service-wide affirmative Action Plan that affects the unit.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The duties of this position require that the incumbent engage in field work during all seasons of the year. While engaged in such work, the incumbent will encounter temperature extremes, rough walking surfaces, active logging operations, steep terrain, rain, wind and snow.

LOCATION:

Walla Walla Ranger District is one of four districts on the Umatilla National Forest. The district is just under 500,000 acres located in both Oregon and Washington. The district supports different species of fish, engage in numerous ecosystem restoration activities, a commercial timber program, maintains grazing allotments for cattle, participates in local model watersheds, maintain trails, campgrounds, roads, perform reforestation and timber stand improvement activities, maintains a strong native seed programs, implements large scale prescribed fire projects, and more.

The Walla Walla Valley is nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, on the sunny side of Washington State. An “oasis in the desert,” the valley has an abundance of trees, many of them record trees for the State, and 300 days of sunshine a year. The average annual rainfall is less than 20” per year and there are four distinct seasons. Cultural and community events are more numerous than one would expect in an area of 55,000 people. Whitman College, a prestigious liberal arts and sciences college, maintains a beautiful campus near the downtown of Walla Walla. In nearby College Place, Walla Walla College, operated by the 7th Day Adventist Church is also highly regarded. Walla Walla Community College is an accredited public two-year college that also offers several degree programs in partnership with Washington State University. Together, these institutions offer many options for undergraduate or graduate degrees, and contribute to the vitality of the community. Several wineries and vineyards have established in the area in recent years, and more continue to open. There is commercial air service from Walla Walla, and a new airport opened in 2001. Additional flights are available from Pasco, about a 55-minute drive from Walla Walla.

Recreational opportunities and facilities in the area include water sports on the nearby Snake and Columbia Rivers, fishing, skiing at two downhill areas on the District, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, big and small game hunting, excellent bicycling, paths for jogging, walking, or skating, YMCA, YWCA, various local racquetball and health clubs, 2 golf courses, live theatre, and camping.

Walla Walla is a full service community. There are excellent shopping, restaurants, theaters, parks, hospitals and clinics. The town has a well-developed transit system and great schools. For more information about the Walla Walla area a web site to visit is: <http://www.wwachamber.com/>

More community information:

Medical Facilities: 2 Hospitals, 7 clinics, over 100 doctors and dentists.

Schools: 9 Elementary, 2 Junior Highs, 2 High Schools, 1 Community College, and 2 Colleges

Churches: 42 in local area (50 in Walla Walla County)

Clubs/Organizations: Over 330 local clubs and organizations.

Housing:

- Government: None available.
- Local to Rent: All types available.
- Local to Purchase: Available. The area median home price is about \$150,000. (2006)

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

**Forestry Technician (Sale Prep Crew Foreman)
GS-0462-05/06/07 Permanent Seasonal (18/8)
Duty Station: Walla Walla, Washington**

Applications are due October 10, 2020 at www.usajobs.gov under announcement number

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Submittal of this outreach response is optional.

Name: _____
Email Address: _____ Telephone No: _____
Mailing Address: _____

For current Forest Service employees:

Agency Employed With: _____
Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary Other
Current Region/Forest/District: _____
Current Series and Grade: _____
Current Position Title: _____

If not a current permanent (Career or Career Conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- Person with Disabilities
- Veteran's Reemployment Act
- Disabled Veteran's with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
- Resource Assistant/Public Land Corps Authority
- Other (please specify) _____

Return this form to: Lindsay Lockard, lindsay.lockard@usda.gov, by October 16, 2020.

Thank you for your interest in our position.

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