



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Forest Service
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is outreaching for a 120-day temporary promotion for a GS-0462-5/6/7 Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) with a duty station in La Grande, Oregon. The Forest would also be interested in offering a lateral reassignment to qualified applicants.

Locations: Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
(1) La Grande, Oregon (La Grande Ranger District)

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of the following potential opportunities:

- 120-day Temporary Promotion
- Lateral reassignment, (GS-7 0462 Forestry Technician (TSP) (18/8, PSE)

Questions about this position should be directed to Lisa Laufenberg-Soward (541-962-8542), lisa.laufenberg-soward@usda.gov or Noah Wachacha 541-523-1222 or noah.wachacha@usda.gov

The link to this notification can be found on the Forest Service out reach database at :

<https://apps.fs.usda.gov/hrm/outreach/Outreach?id=7B5F45EF8C014C6CA148C9653FF1A596>

Major Duties of the Position

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a very active timber program producing up to 50,000 CCF per year. The incumbents will serve as Sale Prep Forestry Technicians conducting implementation for timber sales and stewardships projects. This work will include timber marking, cruising, boundary marking, boundary posting, GPS traverses and keeping track of paint inventories. Additionally the incumbents will be responsible for assisting with leading and overseeing the summer marking crew.

The Wallowa-Whitman is transitioning from a District Presale Program to a Forest Timber Presale Program. The Forest encompasses 3 Ranger Districts, Whitman, La Grande and the Wallowa Mountains Office and one National Recreation Area all of which have significant workloads. Day and overnight

travel to each of these locations will be required periodically to assist with marking, cruising and layout in order to help the Forest attain the FY timber target.

Other Duties

- Layout of timber sale unit boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments, silvicultural prescriptions, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource needs.
- Ensures that proper methods are used to determine acreage by traverse, map or aerial photograph methods and Global Positioning System (GPS).
- Oversee and assist timber crew with timber cruising, timber marking, and layout.
- Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber harvest. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals, situations on the ground which are inconsistent with the prescription or marking guide.
- Applies instructions issued in a cruise plan. Provides field instruction to apprentice cruisers in fundamental timber measuring practices, cruise methods, and techniques.
- Performs other multifunctional work, as assigned, in other areas of resource management such as wildlife, resource planning, wildland fire and prescribed fire.
- Participates in the hiring, management, and evaluation of the seasonal work force. Leads the assignment, supervision, and monitoring of work assignments of the marking crew while reporting on progress to timber and silvicultural higher level professional staff as assigned, needed, or required.
- Serves as COR and/or inspector on specific contracts as assigned and/or supervises force account projects. Contracts could include marking contracts, reforestation/TSI/planting contracts

The Forest

The Forest covers more than 2.3 million acres ranging from 875 to almost 10,000 feet above sea level. Plant life varies from desert-like countryside of Hells Canyon to the alpine vegetation of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Generally, winters are cold and snowy, spring and fall are mild, and summers are hot and dry.

The Forest lands include Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness, Monument Rock Wilderness, North Fork John Day Wilderness, and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. For additional information visit our web site <http://fsweb.f16.r6.fs.fed.us/>.

The Forest hosts three districts in the communities of La Grande, Enterprise and Baker City. There are two satellite offices located in Riggins, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington. The Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center is located in La Grande and is staffed by employees from the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests and Oregon Department of Forestry. The Forest Leadership Team is

comprised of three district rangers, a deputy district ranger, five staff officers (customer service, engineering, natural resources, public affairs, and fire), as well as the Deputy Forest Supervisor, and Forest Supervisor.

For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest access the Forest Website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>

La Grande Community

La Grande, Oregon is the county seat of Union County and home to Eastern Oregon University. La Grande lies in the Grande Ronde valley surrounded by the Blue Mountains and the Wallowa Mountains. La Grande is home to approximately 12,500 residents and is a full service community with a regional hospital, K-12 public schools, restaurants, shopping, entertainment and churches of various denominations. The La Grande Ranger district employs approximately 50 full-time employees and prides itself on teamwork and family that fosters healthy cooperation and interaction amongst employees. Professionals working at La Grande Ranger District include fire, wildlife and fisheries, archeology, engineering, botany, GIS, range, recreation, and planning. In addition, the district is home to the La Grande and Union Interagency Hotshot fire crews. During the summer months, an additional 100+ seasonal employees are hired for work on fire, recreation, range, timber, and fisheries field crews. Unique attributes of the La Grande Ranger District (LGRD) include the Oregon Trail Interpretive Park at the Blue Mountain Crossing where visitors can observe and walk along some of the best preserved portions of the historic Oregon Trail. The LGRD also encompasses the Starkey Experimental Forest and largest elk study area in the country. The district supports research related management studies and projects in conjunction with the La Grande Forestry and Range Sciences Lab. Given the districts central location in the Blue Mountain tri-forest (Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur) area and co-location with other government agencies, partnership opportunities abound. It is not unusual for employees to share the expertise with personnel from the Bureau of Land Management, neighboring national forests, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, National Marine Fisheries, US Army Corps of Engineers and US Fish and Wildlife during the course of the work day. The following websites provide additional information about the area and forest.

<http://union-county.org/>

<https://www.visitunioncounty.org/>

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman/>

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Forestry Technician Timber Sale Prep
GS-0462-05/06/07 La Grande, Oregon

Please respond by March 14, 2023

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

CURRENT POSITION:

Agency: USFS BLM Other

Type of Appointment: Permanent Temporary Term Other

Position Title: _____

Series and Grade: _____

Home Unit: _____

I am interested in a non-competitive lateral reassignment

If not a current or former 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 w/30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteer

- Resource Assistant/Public Land Corps Authority
- Other _____

Return this form to: Lisa Laufenberg-Soward, lisa.laufenberg-soward@usda.gov or Noah Wachacha noah.wachacha@usda.gov

Thank you for your interest in our position!