The Klamath Tribes  
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OPEN: 10/17/23  
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EXEMPT X  
NON-EXEMPT __

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: FORESTER I

RESPONSIBLE TO: Forest Manager

SALARY: Step Range: 25-44; Full Benefits  
Salary Range: $56,024 - $98,238  
Hourly Range: $26.93 - $47.23

CLASSIFICATION: Professional-Management, Regular, Full-Time

LOCATION: The Klamath Tribes  
501 Chiloquin Blvd.  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

BACKGROUND: N/A

POSITION OBJECTIVES

The primary purpose of this position is to perform professional forestry work in support of the Forestry Program. This position emphasizes field related activities and planning support to the Forest Manager. The Forester I will work under the direction of the Forest Manager on issues relating to Forest Management, Natural Resources and Special Forest Use concerns of the Tribes. At least half of the incumbent’s time is field oriented.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Lead all project pre-sale activities, including unit designation, acreage determination, mapping, etc.

2. Design and implement timber sale cruises.

3. Write silvicultural prescriptions.
4. Implement forest restoration projects and activities.

5. Prepare timber appraisals for a variety of timber products.

6. Assist the Forest Manager in implementing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Forest Service and the Klamath Tribes, for all actions, projects or issues originating from the Fremont-Winema National Forest that may affect Tribal resources, rights or interests.

7. Participate in the NEPA planning process as assigned by the Forest Manager.

8. Monitor environmental impacts of forest restoration activities.

9. Provide direct supervision to department staff to ensure adherence to Tribal and department standards, deadlines, and procedures; correct errors or problems, as identified. Review records or reports pertaining to activities to monitor work activities and evaluate staff performance.

10. Prepare and issue work schedules, deadlines, and duty assignments for department staff.

11. Evaluate employees' job performance and conformance to regulations and recommend appropriate personnel actions. Discuss job performance with employees to identify causes and issues and work on resolving problems.

12. Make recommendations to management concerning such issues as staffing decisions or procedural changes.

13. Train forestry staff on the concepts and application of the Tribal forest management plan.

14. Develop and implement on-the-job training plans for subordinates and temporary employees.

15. Maintain accurate and orderly records and files.

16. Provide reports and correspondence for the Forest Manager as required or requested.

17. Like all employees of the Klamath Tribes, the incumbent will be called upon to accomplish other tasks that may not be directly related to this position, but are integral to the Klamath Tribes’ broader functions, including but not limited to, assisting during Tribal sponsored cultural, traditional, or community events that enable the successful operation of programs and practices of The Klamath Tribes as aligned with The Klamath Tribes’ Mission Statement. Some of these tasks may be scheduled outside of regular work hours, if necessary.

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SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

Work is performed under the general direction of the Forest Manager. The Forest Manager makes assignments based on Tribal goals and current direction. Tasks performed may be specific to existing management direction or with regard to Tribal cultural and subsistence resource requirements. The employee plans and carries out the successive steps of work plans and assignments independently within existing policies, instructions, previous training, and professional experience. Major or new issues are referred to the supervisor who is available for advice and assistance in unprecedented or unusual situations. Incumbent must display a high degree of initiative in carrying out his or her duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

Knowledge of the ecological requirements of Tribal subsistence resources and ability to quantify ecological threshold using appropriate tools, education and professional training.

Proficient utilization of such commonly used computer software programs as Excel, Word, and ArcMap (GIS), as well as experience with Forest Projection System (FPS) inventory software and Avenza Maps phone app.

Ability to learn the boundaries of the former reservation and adjacent areas that impact Tribal resources.

Ability to understand, interpret and implement the Klamath Tribes Forest Management Plan.

Knowledgeable with, or ability and desire to learn, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning and process.

Knowledgeable with, or ability and desire to learn, Stewardship contract and agreement processes.

Must have good public relations and interpersonal relationship skills. The incumbent will meet with a variety of individuals in a professional manner, using tact, diplomacy, mature judgment, while providing Tribal perspective.

Ability to perform work in efficient and timely manner, and accomplish tasks following specific procedures and in accordance with established policies, procedures, professional practices and scientific accuracy.

Ability to communicate and instruct utilizing both written and oral skills. This requires above average knowledge of grammar.
Ability to coordinate and supervise employees by assigning and reviewing work.

Ability to work in inclement weather and rugged terrain.

Skill and ability to operate a vehicle in adverse weather (e.g. snowy conditions) and on rugged forest roads.

Self-motivated with a desire for job advancement.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION

Minimum Qualifications: Failure to comply with minimum position requirements may result in termination of employment.

- **REQUIRED** to possess a Bachelor Degree in Forestry or other closely related discipline (Must submit copy of diploma or transcripts with application.)

- **REQUIRED** to have a minimum of two (2) years field experience in traditional forest management activities (forestry experience obtained while in/out of school session qualifies, whether full or part time employment).

- **REQUIRED** to have a minimum of one (1) year supervisory experience (may include crew leader or similar types of oversight of subordinates).

- **REQUIRED** to have computer experience and working knowledge of computer software, and Microsoft Office products. Emphasis will be in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and work in a networked environment.

- **REQUIRED** to have experience and working knowledge of Avenza Maps phone app.

- **REQUIRED** to have GIS experience.

- **REQUIRED** to be physically able to work irregular hours in extreme weather conditions for extended periods of time.

- **REQUIRED** to be physically able to hike off trail for long distances while carrying equipment and performing manual labor; including bending, lifting, stretching and stooping.

- **REQUIRED** to possess and maintain a valid Oregon Driver’s License, (out of state applicants must receive ODL within 90 days of hire), have good driving record and be insurable by The Klamath Tribes’ vehicle insurance policy. (Must submit copy of driver license with application.)
• **REQUIRED** to adhere to The Klamath Tribes Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace policy.

• **REQUIRED** to accept the responsibility of a mandatory reporter of abuse and neglect of infants and children, people who are elderly or dependent, individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities or residents of nursing homes and other health care facilities. This includes reporting any evidence of physical injury, neglect, sexual or emotional abuse or financial exploitation.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

• Experience with Stewardship contracts and agreements, and other traditional forestry related contracts such as timber sale, pre-commercial thinning, chipping, reforestation, etc.

• Silvicultural prescription writing experience.

• Working in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning process.

• FPS experience.

**INDIAN PREFERENCE**

• Indian and Tribal Preference will apply, as per policy. *(Must submit tribal documentation with application to qualify for Indian Preference).*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This position description is intended to provide an overview of the requirements of the position. It is not necessarily inclusive and the job may require other essential and/or non-essential functions, tasks, duties, or responsibilities not listed herein. Management reserves the sole right to add, modify, or exclude any essential or non-essential requirement at any time with or without notice. Nothing in this job description, or by the completion of any requirement of the job by the employee, is intended to create a contract of employment of any type.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Submit The Klamath Tribes *Application for Employment* with all requirements and supporting documentation to:

The Klamath Tribes  
ATTN: Human Resource  
P.O. Box 436  
Chiloquin, OR 97624
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO PROVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRIBAL POSITIONS.

Please Note: If requirements are not met, i.e., submission of a resume in lieu of a tribal application or not including a required certification, your application will not be reviewed and will be disqualified.

Indian Preference will apply. In accordance with Klamath Tribal policy, priority in selection will be given to qualified applicants who present proof of eligibility for “Indian Preference”.

Applications will not be returned.

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
I have reviewed this position description and have been provided a copy. I understand that The Klamath Tribes reserves the sole right to modify this position description at any time, with or without notice.

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