



## Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

### **OUTREACH NOTICE –PERMANENT APPOINTMENT**

#### **Tri-Forest Tribal Liaison**

**GS-0301-11**

**Baker City, OR**

**USDA Forest Service is an equal employment opportunity employer.**

The Northern Blues national forests (Malheur National Forest, Umatilla National Forest and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest) are looking to permanently fill a Tri-Forest Tribal Liaison position. This position is located at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest's Supervisor's Office in Baker City. This Position ensures that tribal interests and rights are considered and integrated across program areas and that government-to-government relations between Tribes and Forest Service Administrative Units are conducted in compliance with applicable laws, Executive Orders, and Agency policy. The position serves as the technical advisor to the three Forest Leadership Teams on tribal relations and tribal consultation, and reports to the Wallowa-Whitman Deputy Forest Supervisor.

Interested candidates should direct any questions about this position to the Customer Service Staff Officer, Sharon Brooker ([Sharon.brooker@usda.gov](mailto:Sharon.brooker@usda.gov)). By **June 25, 2021** please submit **your response document below and resume** by emailing them directly to [Sharon.brooker@usda.gov](mailto:Sharon.brooker@usda.gov).

#### ***The Position***

This new position advises the Forest Leadership Teams in the initiation, development, coordination, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the Forests' tribal relationships and relations. The incumbent will facilitate, lead, and advise on tribal relations and coordination for complex projects, land actions, and plans involving laws including the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), American Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The incumbent will develop positive relationships with tribes to facilitate the consultation process and to further potential partnerships with tribes; evaluate sensitive issues and

recommend steps to solve them; and assist in providing tribal participation in Forest Service activities.

The position will attend tribal meetings and events; adapt agency guidelines, regulations and policy to tribal situations; and will be responsible for developing contacts within concerned tribes that facilitate government-to-government relations between agency decision-makers and members of tribal government. The incumbent will assist with the development and implementation of partnership opportunities, outreach and educational programs, Cooperative Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding with tribes and will provide guidance on protocol.

The position assists hiring managers with the identification of recruitment opportunities; serves as a point of contact and liaison with Tribal organizations to provide information; and assists with employment, volunteer and work study options with special emphasis on increasing Native representation in the workforce.

Additionally, the position serves as the Forests' primary staff point of contact for developing and maintaining relationships with Tribes; maintains the Forests' input to the USDA Tribal Consultation Database; serves as the Forests' subject matter expert in providing information, training, and assistance to personnel working with American Indian and/or Alaska Native tribes and Alaska Native Corporations; and assists the Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager in the responsibilities and activities, including end-of-year reporting.

### ***The Forests***

The **Malheur National Forest** in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon is administered from the Forest Supervisor's Office in John Day, Oregon, and three Ranger Districts.

The 1.7 million acre Forest has diverse and beautiful scenery including 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.

For more information about the Malheur National Forest, access the Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur>

The **Umatilla National Forest** 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. The Forest currently employs approximately 170 permanent employees.

Hunting and fishing make up almost 50 percent of the recreation use on the Umatilla NF. Camping, picnicking, boating, hiking and horseback riding 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.

For more information about the Umatilla National Forest, access the Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla>

The **Wallowa-Whitman National Forest** is one of the largest forests in Region 6 with three Ranger Districts and one National Recreation Area. The Forest covers more than 2.3 million acres in three states and nine counties. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a diverse program with high recreation use, several listed species, all or portions of four wilderness areas, grazing, mining, and a large fire program.

The Forest hosts three units in the communities of La Grande, Joseph, 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 the Oregon Department of Forestry. The Wallowa-Whitman's Forest Leadership Team is comprised of three district rangers, a deputy district ranger, four staff officers (Customer Service/External Relations, Engineering, Natural Resources and Fire), as well as the Deputy Forest Supervisor, and Forest Supervisor.

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

### ***The Community***

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 1/2 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.

House rentals range from \$1000 per month and up. Apartment rentals start at \$800. Utility rates tend to be low. Average prices for 3 or 4 bedroom homes range from \$100,000 to \$250,000 plus.

Baker City is a full service community. Eastern Oregon University, which offers four-year degree programs in 22 areas, is located 45 miles to the west in La Grande, Oregon. Blue Mountain Community College, offering various two-year degree programs is located in Pendleton, Oregon (95 miles to the northwest) and has a Remote Learning Center in Baker City; and Treasure Valley Community College, offering various two-year degree programs is located

in Ontario, Oregon (65 miles to the southeast). There are two elementary schools, one middle school, and one 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 three 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

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete this form and send to [sharon.brooker@usda.gov](mailto:sharon.brooker@usda.gov) or respond to the Outreach Notice in the Outreach Database:

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com?id=EE48E5D1BCCE44C4BDC96296EBBFC060>

I am interested and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement for the following position:

**Position Title/Series/Grade: Tri-Forest Tribal Liaison, GS-0301-11**

**Location: Region 6, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker City, Oregon**

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current title/series/grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently a Federal employee?** YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

IF YES: Current Agency and location:

Type of Appointment: \_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_ Term \_\_\_ Temporary

**If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee** are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

Person With Disabilities \_\_\_ Veterans Readjustment \_\_\_ Former tPeace Corps Volunteer

Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability \_\_\_ Student Career Experience Program

Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 \_\_\_ Other

**How did you receive this outreach notice?** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy!