

OUTREACH NOTICE MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

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GS-0102-5/7 Archaeology Tech Permanent Full Time Positions

Emigrant Creek Ranger District, Prairie City Ranger District

Announcement Number - 23-R6-GVA-11751077-DP-TR

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Open: 2/1/2023 Closes: 2/7/2023

Malheur National Forest is filling several GS-0102-5/7 Archaeology Tech positions. Potential locations include Hines and Prairie City, OR. This announcement is being flown demo, open to the public. All are encouraged to apply.

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Anyone interested in the position should apply online at USA Jobs no later than February 7th, 2023

GS-0102-5/7 – Archaeology Tech

(Duties listed at the full performance level)

- Analyzes archeological data in preparing reports, for situations where precedents are not fully
 applicable. Makes recommendations to be used in "determinations of effect" and "determinations of
 eligibility" by the archaeologist. Compiles and reports information about the nature and extent of
 known cultural resources.
- Adapts ground search strategies as determined by specific project requirements i.e., terrain, vegetation
 cover, and time frames. Applies scientific methods to survey parcels of land to determine likely sites of
 archeological interest.
- Prepares Cultural Resource Inventory reports and site forms. Enters site and inventory information into databases and onto GIS maps. Responsible for the preparation of archeological and historical information to create interpretive materials for display and dissemination. Monitors archeological projects to ensure sufficiency of fieldwork.
- Conducts inventories of Forest cultural resources in areas of proposed Forest Service projects. Researchers reference materials such as State and National register files, historic documents, archeological reports, maps and aerial photos, and interviews source individuals concerning project areas.

- Ensures that archeology work assignments are carried out in safe, timely manner according to established standards and procedures.
- Reviews work in progress to see that standards for pre-field research, survey design, site recording, graphics, and final report are being met.
- Advises other employees on methods of cultural resource inventory and provides written instructions, research materials and supplies to all involved in planning and operation of natural resource activities. Generally, serves as a crew work leader.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Malheur National Forest encompasses 1.7 million acres of wilderness, rangeland, and general forest in the majestic Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. It sustains a diversity of vegetation ranging from juniper-sagebrush woodlands and bunchgrass grasslands to high elevation alpine forests of sub-alpine fir and white bark pine. Extensive tracts of ponderosa pine, western larch, Douglas-fir, grand fir, and lodge pole forests occur between the juniper/grassland foothills and alpine peaks. Elevations range from 4,000 feet to 9,038 feet atop Strawberry Mountain. The majority of the Forest lies in Grant and Harney counties, with portions in Baker, Crook, and Malheur counties. U.S. Highway 395 bisects the Forest north-to-south, and U.S. Highway 26 from east-to-west. The Forest has three Ranger Districts: Blue Mountain and Prairie City to the north, and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District on the southern portion of the forest.

The Forest provides the headwaters of the Middle, Main, and South Forks of the John Day River system which provides habitat for the largest remaining wild runs of salmon and steelhead. Threatened and endangered wildlife species include Chinook salmon, Summer steelhead, bull trout, and bald eagles. The Forest manages two Wildernesses and two Wild and Scenic Rivers as well as lands along a State Scenic Waterway. The Forest has the second largest grazing program in Region 6 and is the home of an incredibly rich archaeological resource. This Forest has a high frequency of wildfires in a fire-dominated ecosystem, with a correspondingly large fire and aviation program that includes a rappel base and a single engine air tanker base.

Strategically, the Forest is a leader in the Region for collaborative partnerships. Over the past 7 years in partnership with our two collaboratives, the size of planning areas has expanded and timelines for completing NEPA documents has substantially reduced. Additionally, working in these partnerships the Forest has seized the opportunity to be progressive in treatments using HFRA authorities. The collaboratives formed a Coalition in 2010 and lead the development of a CFLRP proposal that was one of 10 in the nation to be chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture for multi-year funding opportunities. Over the next 8 years, the Forest has the opportunity to use this program to implement an "all lands" approach for restoration on almost 700,000 acres of the Forest. Building on the success of our Vegetation centric collaborative, the Forest is working to expand our collaboritives model to include the Range Program.

The complexity of the natural resources is matched by complexity of relationships and interactions with other entities. The southern Ranger District of the Forest is engaged in a Service First project with the Burns District of the Bureau of Land Management, sharing an integrated fire suppression workforce and recreation program. Numerous individual positions are shared among the northeast Oregon Forests. In addition, these three Forests will release their draft Forest Plan later this spring. Economically, the communities in the Malheur National Forest area of influence are extremely resource dependent with minimal opportunities for diversification and resilience. The Forest is located in the traditional territory of several tribal governments with the strongest ties to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, and the Burns Paiute Tribe. The Forest is also a partner in two shared BLM/FS Resource Advisory Councils; the John Day/Snake RAC to the north and the Southeast Oregon RAC to the south.

FOREST VISION:

Healthy Watersheds

- Whole watersheds are healthy, functional and provide a diversity of native aquatic, wildlife and plant habitats.
- Landscapes are restored and resilient to disturbance regimes and climatic influences. Resulting services and products support sustainable ecosystems.

Vibrant Rural Environments

- Forest-related industries such as restoration services, wood-products, grazing and recreation are sustained to remain viable and responsive.
- Local communities build on historical and traditional cultures, seek opportunities to retain and expand community capacity, and are responsive to new opportunities.

Productive Work Environment

- Well-functioning teams, founded on a safety culture, are respectful, accountable, and effective.
- Employees feel valued as they are trained and mentored to develop their unique contribution to achieving Forest goals.

Guiding Principles

- We accept that the welfare and safety of people is a fundamental responsibility in project planning and mission accomplishment.
- We value diversity of thought, skills and styles in achieving the Forest's vision.
- We efficiently invest financial allocations and manage operational resources for greatest effectiveness.
- We base decisions on the foundations of economics, ecology, and sustainability.
- We promote collaboration and partnerships to improve services and achieve shared goals.
- We enhance organizational function through inclusive conversation and dissemination of information through all levels of the organization.
- We conduct our business respectfully and are accountable for what we do.
- We follow laws, regulations, executive direction, and congressional intent.

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