



## Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

### OUTREACH NOTICE

## District Silviculturist – Permanent Full Time Position and 120-Day Detail GS-0460-11

### Wallowa Mountains Office, Joseph Oregon

Wallowa Valley and Eagle Cap Ranger Districts  
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

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**GS-460-9/11 Forester (Silviculture) The Vacancy opens 12/7/22 and closes on 12/13/22.**

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**23-R6-GVA-11751724-G-BE**

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USAJOBS URL  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/693171800>

### **Duty Station: Joseph, Oregon**

The North Zone of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is seeking applicants for a GS-0460-11 Silviculturist position in Joseph, Oregon. We are looking for interest in a 120 day time imited promotion and seeking applicants for the permanent postion. This position serves two Ranger Districts and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area across 1.3 million acres of National Forest in Northeast Oregon and Western Idaho. The Silviculturist is the primary planner, designer, and team lead of all vegetation management projects on the zone. The position in close collaboration with the timber presale program based at the Supervisor's Office in Baker City. Currently, the Zone is planning a landscape scale vegetation management restoration project set to be scoped over the winter, and is implementing several existing vegetation management projects. The unit is home to seven Congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area and Oregon's largest Wilderness, the Eagle Cap. This is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of an incredible team in an unbeatable location!

### ***The Position***

This position serves as a member and/or lead of the interdisciplinary team performing routine work as a silviculturist on vegetation management, fuels reduction, and watershed restoration focused projects.

The position provides silvicultural expertise in the development of projects for multiple resource objectives. During project planning the incumbent conducts site visits and collects field data as necessary to develop a range of proposed silvicultural activities to meet a variety of land management objectives. Post project decision, prescriptions, maps, and marking guides are developed and disseminated to fuels and timber presale resources in a coordinated implementation effort. Inspection of tree marking and/or post-sale award of DxD or DxD sales are another routine component of the position. Coordination of sale improvement plans under a KV authority or similar service work in stewardship contracts are also created for each timber sale project. Currently the District has two open IRTC stewardship projects, one IRSC stewardship projects, one 2400-6T timber sale, and two additional IRTCs that have been prepped for sale. The position works cooperatively with The Northern Blues Forest Collaborative, State, Tribal, and other non-governmental groups from pre-scoping through post decision implementation of these projects. Typical engagement with these partners includes development and public speaking on project field trips and/or in-person meeting or virtual meetings.

Other duties include FACTS and FSVEG database management, oversight of planting, seedling survival and stocking surveys, non-commercial thinning implementation, cone crop surveys, seed orchard maintenance, progress towards certification, and other duties as assigned.

### ***The Forest***

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is one of the largest forests in Region 6 with four 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, Enterprise, and Baker City. There are two satellite offices located in Riggins, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington. The Blue Mtn 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>

### ***About the Joseph and Enterprise area...***

**Joseph** Oregon is nestled near the base of the Wallowa Mountains in the Northeast corner of Oregon. Joseph has a K-12 charter school, with additional elementary and high schools in nearby towns of Enterprise and Wallowa. Wallowa County offers exceptional outdoor recreation and cultural opportunities with a full calendar of community events such as Chief Joseph Days, Hells Canyon Mule Days, Alpenfest and the Joseph Fly-In to name a few. Check out the Wallowa County Chamber website for a full list of events. The community is known for its world class bronze foundries and local art galleries. Residents here have a special pride in their community, and a friendliness that makes Wallowa County an easy place to call home. The population of Joseph is approximately 1,000 and the elevation 4,150 feet.

**Enterprise** Oregon is the county seat of Wallowa County. It is a rural community with population of about 2,000 and is a full-service community with a hospital, K-12 school, 5 motels, and 9 churches. The hospital and local clinics provide several local physicians and specialists for the community. The town's elevation is 3,500 feet, with an annual precipitation of about 18 inches. Snow is common from November through March although accumulations do not typically exceed 1 foot in depth at any given time.

For more information about Joseph and Wallowa County follow these links:

<https://josephoregon.com/>

<http://www.wallowacountychamber.com/>

**We want to hear from you!!** Please send interest response form along with resumes to Wallowa Mountains Office District Ranger, Brian Anderson [brian.t.anderson@usda.gov](mailto:brian.t.anderson@usda.gov) or 208-727-7190.

***OUTREACH INTEREST RESPONSE FORM***

I am interested in the **Silviculturist** position on the Wallowa Mountains Office.

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Agency Employed with:

Type of Appointment:

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 rehired under any of the following special authorities?

Persons with disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's readjustment: \_\_\_\_\_

Disabled veterans with 30% compensable disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's employment opportunities act of 1998: \_\_\_\_\_

Student career experience program: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us why you are interested in this position and special skills/strengths you would bring to the position.

TO: Wallowa Mountains Office District Ranger, Brian Anderson [brian.t.anderson@usda.gov](mailto:brian.t.anderson@usda.gov) or 208-727-7190.