October 22, 2013

GS-4/5, Soil Scientist Trainee (Pathways)
Permanent Full Time

The Umatilla National Forest and Deschutes National Forest will soon be advertising for two GS-499-4/5, Soil Scientists with a working title of Soil Scientists Trainee. Anyone interested in further information or in receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to Jim Archuleta at jigarchuleta@fs.fed.us or Terry Craig tcraigg@fs.fed.us by November 30th, 2013 or for more information call Jim Archuleta at 541-278-3817 or Terry Craig at 541-549-7748.

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION PLACEMENT SYSTEM LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (e.g., target grade or multi-grade and service-wide, region-wide, government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination.

THE POSITION

This position works directly with a professional soil scientist in the Supervisor’s Office of the training forest (Umatilla or Deschutes NF), to learn about Forest Service soil resource management. The person selected will learn and perform field assessment and mapping exercises to evaluate the types of soils developed in specific project areas, to make interpretations for management of those soils. Leading to the evaluation of past management activities and current effects on those resources and learn to predict future impact and recovery potential. The employee will work with other natural resource specialists to learn their objectives for land management and assist in helping other specialist understand the soils ability to meet management objectives as is or with mitigation. Once training is completed these trainees will be considered for placement on another forest in Region 6 (Oregon or Washington), to serve as that forests soils resource specialist in support of forest planning and projects.

THE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

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

PENDLETON

Located in Umatilla County, Pendleton has a population of approximately 15,000 (swells to 50,000+ during the week of the annual Pendleton Round-up in September). The city is located on I-84 and is a 3+ hour drive from Portland and 3 1/2 hours from Boise.

http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/U_S__States/Oregon/Cities/Pendleton/

Housing
There is no Government housing available. There is good availability of apartment rentals, but rental houses are somewhat limited. There is good availability of houses for sale in a wide range of prices. If you have an interest, please check with us for more detailed information on availability and cost of housing.

Schools
There are five public elementary schools (K-5), one public middle school (6-8), and one public high school (9-12). Also located in Pendleton are Harris Junior Academy (Adventists, 1-10), Lighthouse Christian Academy (United Pentecostal, K-12), and Blue Mountain Christian Academy (1-12). Pendleton is also the home of Blue Mountain Community College.

Medical Facilities
St. Anthony's Hospital, plus a wide variety of physicians, dentists, clinics, chiropractors, etc.

Churches
There are a large number of churches in Pendleton; most denominations are represented.

Shopping
Pendleton is a full-service community with a reasonable variety of shopping opportunities. A wider range of shopping can be found in Tri-cities (Kennewick, Pasco, Richland), Washington, which is a little over an hour away via freeway.

Recreation
There are a good number of city parks, public tennis courts, fields for baseball, softball, soccer, etc. A municipal "water park" with Olympic-size swimming pool, diving pool, wading pools, and water slides. Facilities at Blue Mountain Community College which are available to the public, including swimming, racquetball courts, exercise equipment, etc. Roundup Athletic Club (discounted membership fees to Forest employees) with exercise equipment, swimming, and racquetball. There are many nearby outdoors opportunities such as hunting, fishing, boating and water skiing, hiking, snow skiing, and other forest-related activities. Each September, Pendleton plays host to the world famous Pendleton Round-up, Rodeo and Happy Canyon Pageant.

Clubs and Organizations
Most civic organizations and clubs are represented.
THE DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST

The town of Sisters is located 20 miles northwest of the City of Bend at the bottom slopes of the Cascade Mountains. The District employs about 45 permanent employees and a temporary workforce of 35-50. It is a heavy recreation-use district, both winter and summer, and is dedicated to ensuring watershed and ecosystem health on its 316,161 acres.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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<td>Average Annual Precipitation:</td>
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<td>Closest Commercial Airport:</td>
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SCHOOLS:  Sisters is served by schools from kindergarten through high school and offers some college level community education courses locally through Central Oregon Community College (C OCC) which is located in Bend. COCC offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through the recently opened branch campus of Oregon State University in Bend.

HEALTH CARE:  The Sisters area supports two immediate care facilities, several physicians, dentists, and pharmacists. The Sisters area is served by two hospitals, St Charles Medical Center in Redmond and St Charles Medical Center in Bend.

HOUSING:  There are several rental apartments located within the City limits and new housing subdivisions being developed for single family homes and duplex units. Real estate prices for a three bedroom home range from approximately $150,000 - $infinity and apartments range from approximately $675 - $950 per month.

ANNUAL EVENTS:  Sisters is well known for its annual events, the Sisters Rodeo and Parade (June), Outdoor Quilt Show (July), Antique Faire (August), Folk Festival (September), High Mountain Jazz Festival (September), Sisters Harvest Faire (October), to name just a few. Several annual events also take place on forest lands under special use permit.

More detailed information about the Sisters/Central Oregon area may be obtained from the Sisters Chamber of Commerce web site at http://www.sisterschamber.com/Sisters-Area-Chamber.
OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

Position:

If you are interested in this position, please complete the information below and attach it to an e-mail and return to: Jim Archuleta or Terry Craig. You may also complete the form and send via US Postal Service mail to:
Umatilla NF, 72510 Coyote Road, Pendleton, OR 97801 or fax 541-278-3974 Atten: Jim Archuleta
Or
Deschutes NF., Sisters RD, PO Box 249, Sisters, OR 97759 or fax 541-549-7746 Atten: Terry Craig
Please reply no later than November 30th, 2013.

Name: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Tell us how we can contact you:

Postal Mail Address:
________________________________________________________
Street city state zip code

E-Mail Address: __________________________ Office Phone: __________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES ____ NO ____

IF YES: Current Agency and location: ____________________________________________

Current title/series/grade: ______________________________________________________

Type of Appointment: ____ Permanent ____ Term ____ Temporary

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

____ Person With Disabilities ____ Veterans Recruitment Act ____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability ____ Student Career Experience Program
____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ____ Other

Briefly describe why you will be a quality candidate for this position:

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.