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Volunteer Campground Hosts Wanted

Pendleton, OR: Recreation managers on the Umatilla National Forest are recruiting volunteers to spend part of or all of the summer as campground hosts at three popular recreation sites, Jubilee Lake, Olive Lake and Frazier Campgrounds.

Jubilee Lake Campground is the largest campground on the forest, offering 53 individual campsites, four picnic areas and a 2.8 mile accessible hiking trail around the lake. This lakeside campground is located 12 miles northeast of Tollgate on the Walla Walla Ranger District.

Olive Lake Campground features 26 individual sites, two group sites, a boat ramp, two docks, a day use area, and a 2-mile hiking trail around the lake. This campground is located on the North Fork John Day Ranger District about 10 miles west of the town of Granite, OR.

Frazier Campground, also on the North Fork John Day Ranger District, is located 12 miles east of Ukiah, OR on Highway 244. This campground offers 18 individual campsites, four group campsites, a day-use picnic shelter, and provides trailhead access to over 100 miles of OHV trails in the Winom-Frazier OHV complex.

“A camp host helps by providing information on the area and making other campers feel at home,” said Jeff Bloom, Recreation Specialist on the Walla Walla Ranger District. Hosts will visit with other campers and day-use visitors, clean and maintain restrooms, restock supplies, occasionally clean up after a messy camper and carry out a few other tasks. “They keep an eye on things and set a good example for others in the campground,” said Bloom.

Individuals or couples can apply to be hosts. “We often have retired couples apply to the camp host program. They find it the ideal way to spend their summer in a beautiful setting,” said Bloom. Hosts need to be friendly, flexible, and responsible. Host applicants may be subject to a criminal background check.

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Those who apply will need to supply their own tent, trailer, camper, or motor home. Camp hosts will be provided a campsite, usually near the main entryway to the campground. Though the Host program is a volunteer program, a food allowance is offered and hosts will be reimbursed for their propane.

For more information on becoming a Forest Service Volunteer Campground Host or to obtain an application, please contact:

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