



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

OUTREACH
460 GS-7/9 Forester Silviculture
Baker City, OR

USDA Forest Service is an equal employment opportunity employer.

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is outreaching for a Forester- Silviculture. This is a PFT position located in Baker City, OR. The Forest is seeking a diverse and qualified applicant pool for this position. **If you are interested in this challenging opportunity, please complete and return the attached outreach form.**

We anticipate using the results of this outreach to guide the advertisement of this position. Likely application periods could begin in November. We will notify the people who respond to the outreach notice when the position is advertised.

Direct any questions about this position to Joe Sciarrino, Whitman District Forester, 541-742-6714, jsciarrino@fs.fed.us.

Description of job responsibilities

This position is the primary assistant to District Forester involved in all aspects of the silviculture program. Including: vegetation data management, silviculture diagnosis, prescription, IDTeam participation, reports to the NEPA process, preparation and administration of service contracts, data input and retrieval from various computer based models/programs (such as FACTS, FSVEG Spatial, Data Analyzer, ARC MAP), field data collection, and unit lay out/GPS.

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 satellite offices located in Riggins, Idaho; Clarkston Washington; and Halfway, Oregon. 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 the three district rangers and one deputy district ranger, the customer services, engineering, natural resources and fire staff officers, 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>

Baker City

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 2.5 hours of the Tri Cities in Southeast Washington (Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick) and 2 hours west of Boise, Idaho. The population of Baker City is approximately 10,000.

House rentals range from \$700 per month and up. Apartment rentals start at \$400. Utility rates tend to be low. Average prices for 3 or 4 bedroom homes range from \$90,000 to \$200,000 plus.

Baker City is a full service community. Eastern Oregon University, which offers 4-year degree programs in 22 areas, is located 45 miles to the west in La Grande, Oregon. Blue Mountain Community College, offering various 2-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 2-year degree programs is located in Ontario, Oregon (65 miles to the southeast). There are 2 elementary schools, 1 junior high school, and 1 senior high school, 3 private or Christian schools, kindergarten and preschool 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.

Baker City has medical facilities consisting of a newly remodeled 40-bed hospital, several local physicians, dentists, opticians, chiropractors and specialists, a nursing home and two assisted living facilities, as well as churches of most religious denominations.

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 Little League, adult softball and bowling leagues, community golf course, YMCA activity center and pool, Anthony Lakes ski area, Union Creek campground,

boating and fishing on Phillips Lake and Brownlee Reservoir, many other fishing lakes and streams, hiking trails, biking, hunting, snowmobiling, 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

Please respond to Outreach by November 31, **2015** if interested in the position.

If you are interested in this position and want to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement, please complete this form and email to: Joe Sciarrino
jsciarrino@fs.fed.us

If you do not have access to electronic mail, please complete the form and mail or fax to: Joe Sciarrino, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 1550 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814 or fax c/o Joe Sciarrino to 541-523-6392.

I am interested and would like to receive a copy of the Vacancy Announcement.

Position Forestry Technician GS-0460-7/9

Duty Location: Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker City, Oregon

Name: _____

Mailing 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
___ VRA ___ PWD ___ Other

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
- _____ Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability
- _____ Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- _____ Student Pathways Program
- _____ Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

_____ Other

How did you receive this outreach notice? _____

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.