
Outreach Notice



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Supervisors Office – Baker City, Oregon
Whitman RD – Baker City, Unity & Halfway, Oregon
La Grande RD – La Grande, Oregon
Eagle Cap RD – Enterprise, Oregon
Hells Canyon NRA – Enterprise, Oregon and Clarkston, WA
Wallowa Valley RD – Joseph, Oregon
Blue Mountains Interagency Dispatch Center–La Grande

TEMPORARY SEASONAL POSITION VACANCIES:

The Whitman Ranger District with duty stations in Baker City, Unity & Halfway, Oregon: La Grande Ranger District in La Grande, OR: Wallowa Mountains Office (Eagle Cap RD, Wallowa Valley RD and Hells Canyon NRA), Enterprise, OR: Wallowa Valley Ranger District, Joseph, OR & Hells Canyon NRA Clarkston, WA: Will be seeking temporary seasonal employees for the 2015 field season.

We anticipate the Vacancy Announcements will be open from February 4 through February 10, 2015. This Outreach will be updated as the “To Be Determined” announcements are created.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications for these positions are being processed through an on-line system at <https://www.usajobs.gov/>

The following positions are also being recruited for the Whitman RD in Baker City, OR.

GS-0462-06 Recreation	15-TEMP-R60462-6-REC-DT-PM
GS-0462-02 – Forestry Aid - Timber	15-TEMP-R60462-2-AID-DT-PM

Contact for the above listed positions are:

Recreation	Timber
Andy Steele	John Jesenko
541-962-8543	541-523-1980

The following positions are being recruited for the La Grande RD:

GS-0802-03 – Engineering Aid	To Be Determined
GS-0802-04 – Engineering Technician	To Be Determined

Contact for the above listed position:

Mark Gomez
(541) 962-8591

The Wallowa Mountains Office in Enterprise, OR is recruiting the following:

GS-0462-04 Trails	15-TEMP0462-R6-4-TRLS-DT-PG
GS-0025-03 – Park Ranger	15-TEMP-R6PARK-S3-DT-PM

Contact for the above listed positions:

Sweyn Wall
(541) 263-0883

The Hells Canyon NRA in Halfway, OR is recruiting the following:

GS-0025-03-PARK RANGER	15-TEMP-R6PARK-S3-DT-PM
GS-0303-03-INFORMATION ASSISTANT	15-TEMP-R60303-3-ASST-DT-PG

Contact for the above listed positions:

Mike Ball
(509) 758-0616

The Hells Canyon NRA in Clarkston, WA is recruiting the following:

GS-0025-03-PARK RANGER	15-TEMP-R6PARK-S3-DT-PM
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Contact for the above listed positions:

Mike Ball
(509) 758-0616

The Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team in Baker City, OR is recruiting the following:

GS-0404-04 Biological Science Tech Natural Resources	To Be Determined
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Contact for the above listed positions:

Mike Ball
(509) 758-0616

Community Information

Baker City, OR

The Whitman Ranger District Office, is located in historic Baker City, is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon on the old Oregon Trail. Surrounded by the Elkhorn, Blue, and Wallowa Mountain ranges, Baker has an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. It is located on Interstate 84 within 2.5 hours of the Tri Cities (Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick, Washington) to the northwest, and within 2 hours of Boise, Idaho to the southeast. Baker City is a full service community with a population of approximately 10,000. Baker City has medical facilities consisting of one hospital, a number of medical doctors, dentists, opticians, and chiropractors, a nursing home and two assisted living facilities; churches of most religious denominations; educational facilities include a high school, a middle school, four elementary schools, private and Christian schools, kindergarten, and preschool. Eastern Oregon University, which is located in La Grande, Oregon, is within commuting distance of Baker City (approx 45 miles).

Rental rates for 3-4 bedroom houses range from \$700 and up, and are typically in short supply. Apartment and duplex rental rates range from \$400 and up. Utility rates tend to be in the average to low range. Prices for 3 to 4 bedroom homes range from \$140,000 to \$300,000. Please check Baker City

<http://www.bakercity.com/main.htm> for more information on the community and housing. Cultural and community opportunities include Crossroads Art Center, live theater performances, Community Choir, Oregon Trail National Historic Interpretive Center, museums, art galleries, annual Miners Jubilee Celebration, and many other community activities, events, clubs, and lodges. Downtown Baker City is a National Historic District.

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. Winter temperatures average in the low to mid 30's and summer temperatures average in the mid to high 80's. There are many recreational activities and sites in the area including Little League, adult baseball 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, snowmobile trails, picnic areas and campgrounds.

There is no Government Housing available in Baker City.

Halfway, OR

Halfway, Oregon is the location of the Pine Work Center Whitman Ranger District. Halfway is located approximately 54 miles east of Baker City on HWY 86. Halfway has a population of around 400 and has 4 very distinct seasons. Summer is generally warm (highs in the 90's, occasionally topping 100) and dry in the valley. Falls are cool at night/warm in the day with intermittent rain periods but mainly dry. Winter brings snow (3 feet is normal, 4-5 feet is not uncommon in the valley), with low temperatures dropping below zero for several days each year. Spring brings cool nights and warm days with occasional rain/snow showers. Businesses in town include a store, two gas station/hardware stores, two restaurants/bars, a medical clinic, numerous churches of various denominations and numerous other small stores. The nearest larger town is Baker City 54 miles away (approximately 1 hour drive). Beyond that is LaGrande, OR (2 hours drive), Ontario, OR or Pendleton, OR (3+ hour drive), and Boise, ID (4+ hour drive). Outdoor recreational activities of various types are available in all seasons. For more information visit <http://www.hellscanyonchamber.com>

Homes range from \$125,000 to \$300,000. Rental opportunities are very limited. Government Housing might be available.

La Grande, OR

The La Grande Ranger District Office, one of the locations this position could be located is in the city of La Grande and is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon on the old Oregon Trail. La Grande, Oregon is a full service community with a population of approximately 12,000. It offers public and private schools ranging from preschool to Eastern Oregon University. La Grande is located in the Blue Mountains on the Historic Oregon Trail at 2700 feet with average annual temperatures between 50-55°. Located on Interstate 84 La Grande is 3 hours from Boise, Idaho and 2 hours from Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, Washington. La Grande has one hospital, many doctors, dentists, opticians and chiropractors, churches of most denominations. For additional information visit the website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/>

Recreational opportunities include; big and small game hunting, fishing, hiking in the Eagle Cap and Elkhorn mountains and proximity to Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area. There are also two small-developed ski areas, snowmobile and ATV trails, and lakes with boating and water-skiing.

There are affordable and available house and apartment rentals starting at \$350. Prices for homes range from \$80,000 - \$300,000. There is no Government Housing available in La Grande

Enterprise, OR

Enterprise, Oregon is located in one of the most scenic spots in Eastern Oregon and has an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. Enterprise is located on Highway 82, about a one hour drive from La Grande, Oregon, just off Interstate 84, and two hours from Pendleton, Oregon to the west and two hours from Lewiston, Idaho to the north on Highway 3. The population of Enterprise is approximately 2,000. Enterprise is a full service community, providing a brand new hospital with several local physicians and specialists and a 32 bed nursing home facility.

Nearby are the smaller communities of Joseph, Lostine and Wallowa. The Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Eagle Cap Ranger District and Wallowa Valley Ranger District warehouse and workcenter is located in Enterprise, which is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon. Both the Blue Mountain and Wallowa Mountain chains are located in the county. The Wallowa Mountains are often referred to as the "Little Alps of Oregon".

House and apartment rentals range from \$500 per month and up, and are in short supply. Utility rates tend to be low. Prices for three to four bedroom homes range from \$100,000 to \$200,000 plus. Real Estate information can be found at www.wallowavalley.com

Government housing might be available on the Eagle Cap and Wallowa Valley RDs.

Unity, OR

Unity is the location of the Unity Work Center, Whitman Ranger District. Unity is a small community with a population of about 100. Services are limited but do include a small grocery, gas station, and restaurant post office and school (K-12).. Major services are located in Baker City (50 miles), Ontario, OR (84 miles), and Boise, ID (140 miles Homes for sale are very limited, and range from \$125,000 to \$300,000. Rental opportunities are also very limited. The Forest Service maintains permanent and seasonal housing on the Unity Work Center compound which may be available.

Unity is a small ranching community located at the transition from great basin sage county to the timbered mountains of the the Blues. Recreational opportunities include; big and small game hunting, fishing, hiking in the in the Monument Rock Wilderness and exploring the historic mining and ranching areas surrounding area. Public transportation is not available – employees with access to personal transportation will have significantly more opportunity to explore/enjoy the area.

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About Hells Canyon:

Hells Canyon, North America's deepest river gorge, encompasses a vast and remote region with dramatic changes in elevation, terrain, climate and vegetation. Carved by the great Snake River, Hells Canyon plunges more than a mile below Oregon's west rim, and 8,000 feet below snowcapped He Devil Peak of Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains. There are no roads across Hells Canyon's 10-mile wide expanse, and only three roads lead to the Snake River between Hells Canyon Dam and the Oregon-Washington border.

Most of the older rocks we see in the canyon came from underwater volcanoes when Hells Canyon's terrain glued themselves to North America about 150 million years ago as a result of tectonic plate movement. Vast areas were later covered with successive lava flows, as recently as 6 million years ago. Uplifting from deep in the earth's core formed the Seven Devils and Eagle Cap Mountains, a process that continues today. The canyon itself is a result of both uplifting and erosion. There have been recent basalt flows and you will also see limestone formed on the ocean floor, ancient lavas, alluvial deposits, and the remains of primitive swamps that grew on the island surfaces.

What is a National Recreation Area? A national recreation area is a special area designated by Congress for use and enjoyment by the public for recreation, with certain objectives. The 652,488 acre Hells Canyon National Recreation Area is managed by the USDA Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Housing:

House and apartment rentals range from \$550 per month and up, and are in good supply. Utility rates tend to be low. Prices for three to four bedroom homes range from \$125,000 to \$250,000 plus. No government housing is available in Clarkston, Washington or Lewiston, Idaho.

Medical:

In the Lewis-Clark Valley there are two major hospitals, 36 Physicians, 24 Dentists, 12 Optometrists, 11 Professional Clinics, and 28 other Health Care Professionals.

ABOUT THE FOREST: The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is 2,521,280 acres ranging from 875 to 9,845 feet above sea level. Plant life varies from desert-like countryside of Hells Canyon to the alpine vegetation of the Eagle Cap Wilderness and Seven Devils Mountains. Generally, winters are cold and snowy, spring and fall are mild, and summers are hot and dry. There are seven Ranger Districts with additional offices in Clarkston, Washington and Riggins, Idaho. The Forest lands include: Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness, Monument Rock Wilderness, North Fork John Day Wilderness, and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. For additional information visit our web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w>).