



Outreach Notice

PSE-GS-0404-5/6/7

Biological Technician (Fisheries)

Region 6, Malheur National Forest, BMRD

The Malheur National Forest, Blue Mountain Ranger District, will soon be advertising for (1) PSE 13/13 - GS-0404-5/6/7 Biological Technician (Fisheries) position with a duty station in John Day, Oregon.

If interested, please fill out the outreach form at the bottom of this document and respond by **Thursday April 23rd, 2015** to Allen Taylor, District Fish Biologist, allentaylor@fs.fed.us.

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 (i.e., service-wide, government-wide). Responses received from this outreach notice will be used to make this determination. Those interested in further information may contact the unit's contact person listed above.

All interested applicants will be notified of the vacancy announcement number and closing date when it becomes available. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information:

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

The Position:

Exciting opportunities for fisheries conservation await the incumbent fishery biologist! This position serves in the administration of fishery habitat in coordination with other resources, and works under the guidance of senior fisheries staff. This position inventories and evaluates stream conditions as well as analyzes previous stream surveys to determine quantity and types of fish habitat. This member of our team collects, manages, and analyzes field data on fish and their habitats for whole watershed restoration planning and implementation. Field work may require considerable physical exertion, including walking moderate distances on steep and rough terrain carrying heavy equipment (less than 40 pounds) and often wading in streams. This position prepares or provides input on a variety of written reports or environmental analyses, including documents for NEPA analysis. Skills in word processing and geographic information systems software to analyze, interpret, and display aquatic data and information are fundamental.

This is a permanent seasonal position with a minimum of 13 pay periods (6 months) of service per year. Additional pay periods may be available dependent on workload and budget.

FOREST OVERVIEW: The Malheur National Forest encompasses nearly a million and a half acres of wilderness, rangeland, and general forest in the majestic Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. It sustains a diversity of vegetation ranging from juniper-sagebrush woodlands and bunchgrass grasslands to high elevation alpine forests of subalpine fir and whitebark pine. Extensive tracts of ponderosa pine, western larch, Douglas-fir, grand fir and lodgepole forests occur between the juniper/grassland foothills and alpine peaks. Elevations range from 4000 feet to 9038 feet atop beautiful Strawberry Mountain. The majority of the Forest lies in Grant and Harney counties, with portions in Baker and Malheur counties. State Highway 395 bisects the Forest north-to-south, and State Highway 26 from east-to-west. The Forest has 3 ranger districts at this time; Blue Mountain Ranger District and Prairie City Ranger District in the north, and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District to the south.

The Forest contains habitat for native summer steelhead and spring Chinook, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, and redband trout. Undammed along its entire length, the John Day River is the second longest free-flowing river in the contiguous US, and the longest in Region 6. The Middle Fork of the John Day River, the headwaters of which are located mostly on the Blue Mountain Ranger District, is a regional priority for aquatic restoration. The District has an active and accelerating aquatic restoration program with several priority projects in both the planning and implementation phases.

ABOUT THE AREA: The upper John Day River Valley is home to the majority of the 8000 residents of Grant County. John Day/Canyon City constitutes the primary population "center" (est. Pop. 2500) and county seat. It is a full service community with a hospital, medical and dental offices, elementary, junior high and high school, restaurants, motels, grocery and drug store, Bed and Breakfasts, city swimming pool and historical museums. There is a County airport with a local flying club, fairgrounds, 4-H opportunities, soccer, baseball, and softball leagues. Prairie City east of John Day (est. Pop. 1000) has one elementary, junior high and high school, a dental office, several restaurants and coffee shops, Historic Hotel Prairie, a drug and merchantile, Bed and Breakfasts, and the historical Sumpter Valley Railroad Museum. The surrounding countryside is a combination of forested mountains, high desert plateaus, and rolling prairie. Both communities, John Day and Prairie City, lie at the head of the Mainstem John Day River Valley and at the base of the beautiful Strawberry Mountains Wilderness. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting (elk, deer, upland birds), fishing and boating (several lakes, streams, and two Wild and Scenic Rivers), over 600 miles of recreational trails (hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, horseback, and snowmobile), camping (29 campgrounds), and beautiful uncrowded spaces for those seeking peace and solitude.

The closest urban centers include Baker City, Oregon (1 ¼ hours northeast), La Grande, Oregon (2 hours northeast), Bend, Oregon (3 hours west), Boise, Idaho (3 hours east) and Pendleton, Oregon (3 hours north).

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MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST
OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
POSITION TITLE: Fish Biologist – GS-0404-5/6/7 PSE
FOERST: Malheur National Forest
UNIT: John Day,OR

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E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE:	
UNIT OF INTEREST:	

CURRENT STATUS:

Agency:	<input type="checkbox"/> USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Type of Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Term	<input type="checkbox"/> VRA	<input type="checkbox"/> PWD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Former Peace Corps Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pathways Internship Program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Thank you for your interest

Please return your completed form to district contacts by email or surface mail by **April 23rd, 2015**

Surface Mail:	Malheur National Forest Blue Mountain Ranger District Attention: Allen Taylor P.O. Box 909 John Day, Oregon 97845
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