

# **OUTREACH NOTICE**

# Multiple Initial Attack (IA) Handcrew Positions Willamette National Forest Springfield, Oregon

The Willamette National Forest will soon be filling up to 3, GS-7 handcrew Assistant Supervisor positions, and 5, GS-6 Squad boss positions at multipule duty stations on the forest.

# **ABOUT THE FOREST:**

The Willamette is a large, complex forest, encompassing over 1.7 million acres in Oregon, which stretches for 110 miles along the western slopes of the Cascades. There are four Ranger Districts, an experimental forest, and a diverse, integrated and challenging program of work. It is known for its numerous volcanic peaks, the forested Cascade Range, and three Wild and Scenic Rivers. Gateway communities to the forest include Detroit, Sweet Home, McKenzie Bridge, and Oakridge / Westfir.

The area offers a stunning choice of year round recreation for day-trippers and vacationers alike from



hiking, camping, fishing or skiing in the Cascade Mountains to picnicking or rafting along one of our scenic rivers. There are eight wilderness areas on the forest, which comprise 20% of the Forest landbase. Mt. Jefferson, Diamond Peak, Three Sisters and the Mt. Washington Wilderness Areas are comanaged with the Deschutes National Forest. There are three designated Off-highway vehicle areas on the forest, two nationally designated scenic byways, and several recreation cabin rentals. The Forest special uses program includes two ski resorts, two concession permits for major campground complexes, a marina, numerous outfitters and guides, numerous recreation residences, nationally recognized

mountain bike events, and organizational camps. The Forest manages a recreation fee program, and offers popular dispersed recreation opportunities near water and lakeshores.

The Forest offers an extensive trail system, much of which is mantained by volunteer stewards, and includes the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, and the McKenzie River National Recreation Trail. There are several popular visitor destinations including the Dee Wright Observatory on the Historic McKenzie Highway, Detroit Lake, Waldo Lake, the Opal Creek National Scenic Area, and the Historic Santiam Wagon Road.





#### **ABOUT THE POSITION:**

The positions serve as key leadership postions on the Forests three 20 person IA hand crews. As a leader, the incumbent works to promote a high quality, diverse and supportive work environment.

The Willamette NF is a high complexity fire program encompasing 4 Ranger Districts including 9 engines, three 20 person Type 2 IA crews, an active fuels and perscribed fire program and multiple prevention units and fire lookouts. As a Service First organization the

incumbants may assists with perscribed burinng and fuels treatments on BLM lands.

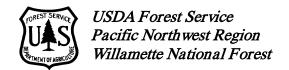
The Forest is seeking a dynamic, energetic persons with demonstrated abilities in fostering a positive work environment while providing leadership to a professional firefighting handcrew. The successful candidates will have strong leadership, communication, organizational and interpersonal skills.

# **DUTY STATIONS:**

# **Detroit Ranger District:**

The Detroit RD manages approximately 300,000 acres including the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness, the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area and Wilderness and the Detroit Lake Reservoir. There are a wide variety of recreation opportunities including: backpacking, fishing, hunting, cross-country and downhill skiing, rafting, canoeing, sailing, bicycling and horseback riding. The Sweet Home RD (190,000 acres) is also included in the suppression responsibilities for the Detroit fire employees for a total of nearly 500,000 acres.

Detroit is located in the Santiam River Canyon, in the heart of the Cascades, approximately 50 miles east of Salem along Highway 22 and 70 miles west of Bend. At one time, Detroit was a logging community, but the primary activity now comes from recreation. Detroit Lake is the most popular lake in Oregon, known for its excellent water skiing, boating, fishing and camping. There are several small communities within easy commuting distance of the Ranger District including Detroit, Idanha, Gates (elementary school), Mill City (middle and high schools, nearest medical facility), Mehama and Lyons. Some employees commute from Salem and Stayton (nearest hospital). Housing is abundant in the canyon; rentals range from \$500-\$800 monthly, home prices begin below \$100,000. Government housing may be available in Detroit.



# McKenzie Bridge

55 miles east of Eugene and 55 miles west of Sisters



#### The location....

McKenzie River RD is about 55 miles east of Eugene up river on the McKenzie Highway 126. This scenic highway offers beautiful views of the McKenzie River and the Oregon Cascades. There are multiple recreation activities and community activities such as fishing; rafting; hiking; backpacking and camping; developed and dispersed camping locations; Hoodoo Mtn. Ski Resort; cross country skiing; OHV riding; bicycling; developed hot springs; golfing; hunting. The Willamette National Forest is known for numerous volcanic peaks, the forested Cascade Range, and outstanding rivers. For more information check our webpage: <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette">http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette</a>.

McKenzie Bridge and Blue River are the small towns on the District. McKenzie Bridge/Blue Rive offers: K-12 school; medical clinic; religious groups/facilities; multiple places for visitors to stay; restaurants such as the Holiday Farm, Rustic Skillet, McKenzie River Café, Takodas; two gas stations; two small grocery stores. Federal housing may be available. Private homes run from \$180,000 + located inland or along the McKenzie River. The Eugene/Springfield city bus service carries residents or visitors from Eugene/Springfield right to the McKenzie River RD. Bus schedules run during business hours and weekends. To learn more about the area visit: <a href="www.eugenechamber.com">www.eugenechamber.com</a>, <a href="www.visitlanecounty.org">www.visitlanecounty.org</a>, <a href="www.eugenechamber.com">www.visitlanecounty.org</a>, <a href="www.springfield-chamber.org">www.visitlanecounty.org</a>, <a href="www.springfield-chamber.org">www.springfield-chamber.org</a>.





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The Middle Fork covers around 750,000 acres making it the largest district on Willamette NF. Currently there are about 90 permanent employees on the district with all disciplines represented including Forest Products, Fire Management, Engineering, Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Operations and Administration. The District adds another 70-80 temporaries each field season. There are large busy programs in every area facilitated by excellent interdisciplinary planning and operations.

The district encompasses the North, and main forks of Middle Fork of the Willamette River. One of the most pristine lakes in the world, Waldo Lake, is found here. There are three wilderness areas; Three Sisters, Diamond Peak and Waldo.

The size of the district insures that there is always a diversity of projects. The district has numerous projects through the year. The district currently plans and offers approximately 45-50 MBF of timber per year, manages 3,000 miles of road and 623 miles of trail, and has 900,000 public visits per year.

# ABOUT THE OAKRIDGE / WESTFIR COMMUNITY...

http://www.oakridgechamber.com.

# ABOUT THE LOWELL COMMUNITY...

http://www.ci.lowell.or.us

# **ABOUT SPRINGFIELD:**

Springfield has a population of a little over 59,000 people. PeaceHealth is the largest employer, and recently opened a new hospital in the area, Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. The Springfield School District is one of the largest in the state, with 4 high schools, 5 middle schools, and 15 elementary schools.

For more information about Springfield: <a href="http://www.springfield-chamber.org/">http://www.springfield-chamber.org/</a> or <a href="http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/">http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/</a>

#### **ABOUT EUGENE:**

Eugene is the second-largest city in Oregon, with a population of a little over 156,000 people. The combined Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan area is the third largest in the state. Eugene, often referred to as "Track Town USA", is home to the University of Oregon, and hosts the Olympic pre-trials for track and field events. Eugene's largest employers are PeaceHealth medical group, the University of Oregon, and the Eugene School District.

For more information about Eugene: <a href="http://www.eugene-or.gov/">http://www.eugenechamber.com/</a>

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# **HOW TO APPLY:**

The Willamette NF is seeking a diverse well qualified applicant pool for the positions listed below. **Apply to the specific announcement number and duty station in USA jobs at: www.usajobs.gov** 

Position	Announcement #	Number of vacancies	Duty stations
Assistant Handcrew Supervisor	OCRP-462-HANDCREW (H) 7G AND OCRP-462-HANDCREW (H) 7DP	1 1 1	Detroit, Oregon West Fir, Oregon McKenzie Bridge, Oregon
Handcrew Squad Leader	OCRP-462-HANDCREW-6G AND OCRP-462-HANDCREW-6DP	2 2 1	Detroit, Oregon West Fir, Oregon McKenzie Bridge, Oregon

# For additional information regarding the vacancy you are interested in, or information about the geographic area please contact:

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Sequoia Gjerde, Handcrew Captain, Middle Fork Ranger District, West Fir, Oregon: <a href="mailto:sgjerde@fs.fed.us">sgjerde@fs.fed.us</a> (541) 782-5322

Nick Beddow, Handcrew Captain, McKenzie Bridge, Oregon: <a href="mailto:nbeddow@fs.fed.us">nbeddow@fs.fed.us</a> (541) 822-7249

Describe skill level and interest:

# Willamette National Forest Outreach Response Form

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