Malheur National Forest

Outreach Notice
GS-0102-07
PSE-18/8
Archaeology Technician
Region 6, Malheur National Forest

The Malheur National Forest, will soon be filling two GS-0102-07 Archaeology Technician, PSE-18/8 positions with duty stations in Prairie City and Hines, OR. Note: Permanent Seasonal Employee positions work 18 pay periods and are then placed into non-pay status for 8 pay periods. This Outreach Notice is open to current employees and non-employees alike. Please respond accordingly. 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 vacancy announcements (area of consideration, service-wide, government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be used to make this determination.

Anyone interested in further information or in receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens is advised to complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to the contacts listed no later than February 28, 2013.

Prairie City Ranger District
Attn: Kay Shelnutt
PO Box 337
Prairie City, OR 97869

Emigrant Creek Ranger District
Attn: Pete Cadena
265 Highway 20 South
Hines, OR 97738

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on USAJOBS, the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov
The Position:

- Advises other employees on methods of cultural resource inventory and provides written instructions, research materials and supplies to all involved in planning and operation of natural resource activities. This position serves as a crew work leader.
- Analyzes archeological data in order to prepare reports. Makes recommendations to be used in "determinations of effect" and "determinations of eligibility" by the archaeologist. Compiles and reports information about the nature and extent of known cultural resources.
- Adapts ground search strategies as determined by specific project requirements i.e., terrain, vegetation cover, and time frames. Applies scientific methods to survey parcels of land to determine likely sites of archeological interest. Prepares Cultural Resource Inventory reports and site forms.
- Enters site and inventory information into databases and onto GIS maps. Responsible for the preparation of archeological and historical information to create interpretive materials for display and dissemination.
- Monitors archeological projects to ensure sufficiency of fieldwork. Conducts inventories of Forest cultural resources in areas of proposed Forest Service projects.
- Researches reference materials such as State and National Register files, historic documents, archeological reports, maps and aerial photos, and interviews source individuals concerning project areas.
- Insures that archeology work assignments are carried out in a safe and timely manner according to established standards and procedures.
- Reviews work in progress to see that standards for pre-field research, survey design, site recording, graphics, and final report are being met.

LOCATION: The Prairie City Ranger District is located on Highway 26 in Prairie City, Oregon, 13 miles east of John Day, Oregon. The Emigrant Creek Ranger District is located on Highway 20 in Hines, Oregon, about 63 miles south of John Day, Oregon.

ABOUT THE AREA:

Prairie City. At the base of the beautiful Strawberry Mountain Range, lies the town of Prairie City (est. Population 1100). It has elementary, junior high and high school, a dental office, restaurants, Historic Hotel Prairie, an antique store, 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, Prairie City and John Day, lie at the head of the John Day River Valley, the last major undammed tributary of the Columbia River. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting (elk, deer, upland birds), fishing, hiking, mountain biking/cycling, camping, beautiful scenery, winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. It offers wide open, uncrowded spaces for those seeking peace and solitude. 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. Population 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, 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.

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).

Hines. The Emigrant Creek Ranger District office is located on the south side of the Burns/Hines community. Burns/Hines is considered the gateway to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (36 miles) and the Steens Mountains located south of town (50 miles). The Strawberry Mountains Wilderness (50 miles) and Malheur National Forest are located north and west of town. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting (elk, deer, antelope, upland birds, waterfowl), fishing, horse riding, birding (especially during Spring migration), hiking, mountain biking/cycling, rock hounding, camping, dramatic scenery, history, winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. The approximate population of Burns/Hines is 4300. It is a full service community with a hospital, medical and dental offices, elementary, junior high, and high school, two large grocery stores, hardware and ranch supply
stores, clothing stores, several restaurants and large motels, two drug stores, several fitness centers, bed and breakfasts, city swimming pool, and public library. Extension campuses for both Treasure Valley Community College and Eastern Oregon University are located in the community. The closest urban centers include Bend, Oregon (2 hours west), Ontario, Oregon (2 hours east), and Boise, Idaho (3.5 hours east).

**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 North 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, the highest of which is Strawberry Mountain at 9041 feet. 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 Highway 26 from east-to-west. The Forest has three Ranger Districts: Blue Mountain, Prairie City to the north, and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District to the south. If you love uncrowded outdoor recreation, you’ve just found your new home. The area boasts over 600 miles of recreation trails (hiking, horseback, mountain bike, snowmobile, and cross-country skiing); 29 campgrounds; fantastic boating and fishing on numerous rivers, streams, and lakes, including two Wild and Scenic Rivers; great hunting opportunities abound; beauty and solitude in the Strawberry Mountain and Monument Rock Wilderness areas; journey into ancient Oregon at the National Park Service-John Day Fossil Beds - recreation opportunities abound in Grant and Harney Counties!

**Other Community Information**

**Prairie City**
Average housing price: $150,000-$200,000
Populations: John Day 3,000, Prairie City 1,100
Access: Hwy 395 and Hwy 26
Active Parks and Recreation Department
Unique museums
Community swimming pool in John Day

**Hines**
Average housing price: $90,000-$110,000
Population: Burns 2806, Hines 1563
Access: Hwy 395 and Hwy 20
Comprehensive health care services
Civic Organizations
Weekly newspaper
Two radio stations
Cellular, telephone, cable, and satellite access
Senior Citizen Center
Counseling Center
17 active churches
Youth Club
Golf Course
Summer swimming pool

**Websites for further information:**
Malheur National Forest: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/
Grant County Chamber of Commerce: http://www.gcoregonlive.com/
Harney County Chamber of Commerce at: http://www.harneycounty.com/
**MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST OUTREACH NOTICE FORM**

**POSITION TITLE:** Archaeology Technician–GS-0102-07  
**UNIT:** Malheur National Forest  
**DUTY STATIONS:** Hines and Prairie City, OR

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- People with Disabilities
- Veterans Readjustment Authority
- Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability
- Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Former Peace Corps Volunteer
- Student Career Experience Program
- Other

**Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!**

Please return your completed form to contacts listed below by Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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