OUTREACH NOTICE
VACANCY INFORMATION NOTICE

GS-0460-7/9 Forester
Willamette National Forest
Sweet Home Ranger District
Sweet Home, Oregon

The Sweet Home Ranger District is advertising one permanent, full-time, Operations Forester, GS-0460-7/9. The duty station is Sweet Home Ranger District in Sweet Home, Oregon. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the potential applicant pool of this vacancy.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:
The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Applicants must select Sweet Home, Oregon as their desired/preferred to be considered for this vacancy. For information about this position, please contact Ken Loree, Supervisory Forestry Technician, kloree@fs.fed.us, 541-367-3490.

ABOUT THE POSITION:
This position is located at the Sweet Home Ranger District Office where the incumbent serves as a Forester. This position serves as an assistant to the Sweet Home Ranger District Operations Supervisory Forestry Technician. Sale administration, sale preparation and silviculture duties will be assigned.

The duties of the position include:
• Interprets and prepares complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate harvest timber. Makes basic land management decisions based on stand exams and other data collected.
• Lays out timber sale boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments and other instructions, considering factors such as transportation system, topography, fuels management, silvicultural objectives, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource considerations. Determines acreage by traverse, map, or aerial photograph methods or Global Positioning System (GPS). Prepares timber sale appraisals and timber sale contract packages, maps, and written reports of all sale inspections and follows up on deficiencies.
• Serves as a Qualified Timber Cruiser and performs routine timber cruising and sample surveys to determine the quantity of timber in a given area by species, type, and quality.
• Participates in sale administration to ensure that silvicultural objectives are met.

ABOUT THE SWEET HOME RANGER DISTRICT:
The Sweet Home Ranger District, on the Willamette National Forest, is located within the Middle and the South Santiam Watersheds in Eastern Linn County. The District manages 190,113 acres of National Forest Lands, which includes two internal Wilderness Areas. There are five developed campgrounds along Hwy 20 and a Summer Home Tract. The average temperatures range from 36.9°
to 48.6° in December and 51.2° to 82.2° in August. Average yearly rainfall is 46.6 inches, which occurs primarily from October to April. Rainfall at the higher elevations on the District exceeds 100 inches per year. There are a wide variety of recreational opportunities available in the area including backpacking, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, rafting and canoeing, sailing, cycling, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

ABOUT THE SWEET HOME COMMUNITY:

Located on the southeastern edge of the beautiful Willamette Valley, the City of Sweet Home; home of the Oregon Jamboree, lies nestled in the foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range not far from the scenic Oregon Coast. It is recognized as the "Gateway to the Santiam Playground" recreational area. Foster and Green Peter Lakes offer boating, fishing and camping for the whole family. The Sweet Home Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest beckons hikers, hunters and campers. The City boasts a steady population of over 7,815 and covers approximately 6.5 square miles. Local industry includes timber and forest products, and small manufacturing companies.

Some of the local events include: Oregon Jamboree, Sportsman’s Holiday, Festival of Music and Fine Arts, Christmas in Sweet Home, and the Singing Christmas Tree.

Approximately 45 miles south of Sweet Home along I-5, is the nearby metropolitan area of Eugene, a full service community with 126,325 in population.

Medical Services are provided by Lebanon Community Hospital, which provides a wide range of medical services. There are numerous physicians of all specialties in the area.

The area includes the Sweet Home public school district. Public institutions offering higher education are the Oregon State University, and Linn-Benton Community College.

For more information about Sweet Home contact the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce at:
1575 Main Street
Sweet Home, OR 97386
Voice: 541-367-6186
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Or go to the their web site at: http://www.sweet-home.or.us

FOR MORE INFORMATION
If you are interested in this position or would like more information about the duties of the position, please contact Ken Loree, Sweet Home Operations Supervisory Forestry Technician, Sweet Home Ranger District, no later than May 20, 2013. Ken can be reached by e-mail at: kloree@fs.fed.us or by calling 541-367-3490.

Responding to this outreach will not result in automatically receiving a copy of the announcement when it opens. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted in the USAJOBS website, the U.S. Government’s official site for jobs and employment information:
http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/