Outreach Notice
PFT-GS-0404-09/11
North Zone Wildlife Biologist
Region 6, Malheur National Forest, BMRD

The Malheur National Forest, Blue Mountain Ranger District, will soon be advertising for (1) PFT - GS-0404-09/11 North Zone Wildlife Biologist 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 May 08, 2013 to Dave Halemeier, District Ranger, dhalemeier@fs.fed.us, or June M. Galloway, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, jgalloway02@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 desired 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:
✓ Serves as a Zoned Wildlife Biologist for two Forest Districts on the Malheur National Forest, with the work performed on the Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts.
✓ Locates, quantifies, and maps wildlife habitat, riparian and aquatic habitats, plant communities, successional stages, snag habitat densities, raptor habitats, and unique habitats such as cliffs, talus, bog or marsh, etc.
✓ Participates as a member of a high performance Interdisciplinary (IDT) team and works constructively with IDT members.
✓ Writes complex biological evaluations (NEPA) for forest management projects with limited oversight.
✓ Participates in wildlife resource data storage and retrieval needs, including maintenance of the wildlife database and GIS.
✓ Provides input to the Supervisory Wildlife Biologist on maintenance and/or improvements to wildlife habitat in relation to management activities.
May serve as a work leader to temporary employees.

Assists Supervisory Wildlife Biologist in development of plans for maintenance or construction/revegetation for direct wildlife habitat improvement projects.

Cooperates with and coordinates data collection and other activities with other agencies, groups, or individuals that may also have pertinent wildlife habitat information for an area of proposed management activity, as directed by the Wildlife Biologist.

**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 is located at the interface between the Great Basin and the Columbia Plateau cultural areas and contains significant cultural resources related to both cultures. It has one of the highest site densities in the Pacific Northwest with over 5,000 archaeological and historic sites documented to date. The dominant prehistoric sites are obsidian lithic scatters associated with the thirteen distinct obsidian sources located on the Forest. Historic sites associated with gold mining, ranching, railroad logging and Forest Service administration are also present. The Forest has an active and well supported Passport In Time volunteer program with a dedicated pool of regular volunteers.

**ABOUT THE AREA:** John Day and Prairie City: At the base of the beautiful Strawberry Mountain Range, lies the town of Prairie City (est. Pop. 1000). It has one elementary, junior high and high school, a dental office, several restaurants and coffee shops, Historic Hotel Prairie, an antique store, a drug and mercantile, 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, snow shoeing 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. 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.

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

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If you are not currently a permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- 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**

Please return your completed form to district contacts by email or surface mail by May 8th, 2013

| Surface Mail: | Malheur National Forest  
|              | Blue Mountain Ranger District  
|              | Attention: Dave Halemeier/June M. Galloway  
|              | P.O. Box 909  
|              | John Day, Oregon 97845 |