OUTREACH NOTICE

Deputy District Ranger GS-0340-12
Middle Fork Ranger District
Willamette National Forest
Westfir, Oregon

The Middle Fork Ranger District will soon be advertising one permanent, full-time GS-0340-12 Deputy District Ranger position. The duty station will be Westfir, Oregon. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform the potential applicant pool of this position.

If you are interested in this position please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to Duane Bishop at: dfbishop@fs.fed.us no later than November 23, 2012.

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.

ABOUT THE POSITION:
This position serves as a line officer with responsibilities for the district natural resource and planning programs, as well as overall district management to accomplish the variety of district programs. This position serves as management assistant to the District Ranger.

The natural resources department is comprised of the NEPA Planning group as well as program areas for Soil, Water, Fisheries, Wildlife, Botany and Heritage resources. The department’s programs are complex and include aspects such as 1) a significant water quality monitoring program; 2) an integrated resource restoration program which includes aquatics, roads and terrestrial components; 3) a complex and integrated timber sale planning program; 4) a significant workload of surveying, monitoring and consulting on, and protecting habitat for threatened, endangered, sensitive and Survey and Manage species, as well as sites for historic and pre-historic cultural resources; 5) working with sub-regional engineering organization on road planning, stabilization and decommissioning; 6) ongoing, as well as increasing efforts in establishing and developing partners to help in design and implementation of our work on many program levels.

ABOUT THE DUTY STATION:
The Middle Fork Ranger District covers around 750,000 acres making it the largest district on the Willamette National Forest. Currently there are about 80 permanent employees on the district with all disciplines represented including Forest Products, Fire Management, Engineering, Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Operations and Administration.

The district encompasses the North, and main forks of the 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 ensures that there is always a diversity of projects. The district has numerous

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projects through the year and currently manages 3,000 miles of road, 623 miles of trail, and has 900,000 public visits per year.

ABOUT THE OAKRIDGE / WESTFIR COMMUNITY…

The sister cities of Oakridge (pop. 3,240) and Westfir (pop. 280) are within a 10 minute drive of the Middle Fork Ranger District Office. Both towns are nestled among tree-covered hills and located along two forks of the Willamette River. The communities support an elementary, middle and a high school. Services include medical clinics, dentist, one grocery store, a gas station, several restaurants, a hardware store, post office, library, a public golf course, several churches, police and fire. The nearest metropolitan area is Eugene, Oregon, approximately 45 miles west of Oakridge / Westfir.

Real estate prices in Oakridge vary, but in general are between $75,000 and above $175,000. Rentals run around $400 to $700 per month.

For more information, call the Oakridge / Westfir Chamber of Commerce at 541-782-4146 or visit their website at: http://oakridgechamber.com.

ABOUT THE LOWELL COMMUNITY…

Lowell is located 22 miles west of Oakridge. This small community (pop. 1,040) is located near Dexter Reservoir with a marina, nice park and opportunities for water sports. There is an elementary and high school, 2 gas stations, a small variety store, and a café. Most people use Eugene for their shopping and medical needs.

ABOUT THE EUGENE COMMUNITY...

Eugene is located in the Willamette Valley, with the Cascade Mountain Range to the east and the Coast Range to the west. It is about 110 miles south of Portland, Oregon. The elevation is 426 feet. The population is about 150,325 within the City of Eugene, and 50,150 in adjacent Springfield.

The average temperatures range from 36.9 F to 48.6 F in December, and 51.2 F to 82.2 F in August. Average yearly rainfall is 46.6 inches, which occurs primarily from October to April. Significant snowfall is rare.

There is 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. There are eleven golf courses in the area. Some of the local events include: Eugene Celebration, Bach Festival, and Springfield Filbert Festival. The City is home to symphony, opera, ballet, modern dance organizations and several theater groups. Eugene is known as the "Track and Field Capital of the United States."

Medical Services are provided by Sacred Heart and McKenzie-Willamette Hospitals, which provide a wide range of medical services. There are numerous physicians of all specialties in the area. The area includes three public school districts and numerous private schools. Public institutions offering higher education are the University of Oregon and Lane Community College.

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Eugene's housing is plentiful. A three-bedroom, two-bath, 1,600 square-foot home will range from $200,000 to $300,000. The average rental price for a 3-bedroom home is $700-900 per month and the average apartment/duplex rents for $500-700 per month. Eugene is a full service community with numerous retailers.

For more information on Eugene, contact the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, 1401 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR, (541) 484-1314 or go to their web site at: http://www.el.com/to/eugene

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this vacancy please contact Duane Bishop, District Ranger at (541) 782-5320 or dfbishop@fs.fed.us.
Willamette National Forest Outreach Response Form

Attn: Duane Bishop

Title of Position: Deputy District Ranger – Middle Fork Ranger District

Pay Plan, Series, Grade: GS-0340-12

Response Information

Name:

E-mail Address:

Phone:

Are you a current federal employee? Yes_____ No_____

Agency________________________

Location_______________________

Current Position, Series, and Grade________________________

Status (Permanent or Temporary Appointment)________________________

Describe skill level and interest:

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