OUTREACH NOTICE

Fire Management Officer GS-0462-10/11
Willamette National Forest
Middle Fork Ranger District
Westfir, Oregon

The Willamette National Forest is advertising one permanent, full-time GS-0462-10/11 Supervisory Forestry Technician (Fire Management Officer) position. The duty station is the Middle Fork Ranger District located in 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 19, 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 is part of the Middle Fork District Leadership Team with primary responsibilities of supervising the fire suppression, fuels and prevention programs. The District plans, prepares and implements an annual Sale Program of approximately 40 MMBF, as well as significant vegetation management contracts for stand improvement and habitat restoration. The district prescribes and implements several project activity generated fuels projects yearly, outreach to local area schools delivering fire prevention information, as well as managing a diverse fire suppression department.

Supervisory duties involve the direct supervision of several employees with grades ranging from GS-6 to GS-9. In addition, this position is an important conduit to communications with the Forest Program Managers as unified budgets and programs of work are developed across the Forest. It’s a challenging position on a large, fast paced district that implements landscape-scale projects!

If you are interested in this position or desire further information about this outreach please contact Duane Bishop, District Ranger, at dfbishop@fs.fed.us or 541-782-5320.

THE DUTY STATION:

The position will be stationed at Westfir, Oregon. Applicants must apply to this location if they wish to be considered. There is no government housing available.

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ABOUT THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST…

The Willamette National Forest 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 and challenging program of work. It is known for its numerous volcanic peaks, the forested Cascade Range, and its outstanding rivers and lakes.

ABOUT THE MIDDLE FORK RANGER DISTRICT…

The Middle Fork Ranger District covers around 750,000 acres making it the largest district on the Willamette National Forest. Currently there are about 85 permanent employees with about 60 to 80 temporary employees each year. Almost all disciplines are 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 project planning and implementation. The district currently plans and offers approximately 40 MMBF of timber per year, manages 2,600 miles of road, 623 miles of trail, has 900,000 public visits per year, and completes over a million dollars in KV projects annually.

Our YCC program is one of the largest non-residential programs in Region 6, hiring 34 to 40 local high school-aged young adults each summer.

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 clinic, one grocery store, two gas stations, several restaurants, a hardware store, post office, library, a public golf course, several churches, police and fire. The nearest metropolitan area is Eugene, Oregon, which is 45 miles west of Oakridge/Westfir.

Real estate prices in Oakridge vary, but in general are between $65,000 and above $150,000. Rentals run around $550 to $700 per month. For more information, call the Oakridge/Westfir Chamber of Commerce at 541-782-4146 or website at: http://www.oakridgechamber.com.

ABOUT THE LOWELL COMMUNITY…

Lowell is located 22 miles west of Oakridge. This small community (pop. 860) is located near Dexter Reservoir with a marina, nice park and opportunities for water sports. There is an

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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 126,325 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-River Bend 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.

Eugene's housing is plentiful. A three-bedroom, two-bath, 1600 square-foot home will range from $220,000 to $250,000. 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 Eugene Chamber of Commerce, 1401 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR. (541) 484-1314 or go to the their web site at http://www.eugenechamber.com/.

FOR MORE INFORMATION…

For more information about the Willamette National Forest visit our website at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/willamette

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Willamette National Forest Outreach Response Form

Attn: Duane Bishop

Title of Position: Fire Management Officer

Pay Plan, Series, Grade: GS-0462-10/11

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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