

PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST

OUTREACH NOTICE

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Feather River Ranger District
Oroville, California



The Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District, will shortly advertise the following position:

There is one permanent position for fulltime employment as District Hydrologist. This position is in the Professional series.

- GS-1315-11 District Hydrologist
- Annual Base Salary Range of \$46,625 to \$73,329.
- This notice describes one permanent, fulltime position, available in Oroville, CA.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION:

District Hydrologist

The position serves as the District Hydrologist and manages the District Hydrology and Soils Program.

Duties Include:

- Serves as interdisciplinary team member for planning of land management activities which could include: silviculture treatments, fuels reduction, wildlife habitat enhancement, watershed restoration, recreation (motorized and non-motorized), minerals, range, and land use permits.
- Carries out studies based on measurements of the occurrence, distribution, quantity and quality of water within the hydrologic cycle in a geographical and time frame of reference; analyzes the data collected. Some computer modeling is performed.
- Carries out studies based on land management effects to Soil Productivity
- Prepares written and oral reports, and makes suggestions and recommendations for inclusion in reports on hydrological and soil study findings.

- Plans and implements the District's watershed restoration program. The current program on the district has approximately \$1 million for planning and implementation during the next 3 fiscal years (2010-2012) with the potential to have increased funding to due other grant sources available in this area.
- Supervises 2 permanent GS-9 hydrologists with a 26/0 appointment, 1 permanent GS-9 hydrological technician with an 18/8 appointment, 1 permanent GS 7 watershed restoration crew leader with a 26/0 appointment, and anywhere from 4 – 24 temporary employees all year.

AREA DESCRIPTION:

The Plumas National Forest encompasses over a million acres of tree-covered mountains, filled with hundreds of high alpine lakes and thousands of miles of clear running streams. Elevations on the forest range from 3,000 to 8,000 feet. The forest has four seasons with warm to hot days and warm to cool nights in the summer, and periodic snowstorms in the winter. Feather Falls, the sixth highest waterfall in the United States, is on the Feather River Ranger District. Oroville is county seat for Butte County. Butte County, one of the original California counties, was founded on February 18, 1850. Its name is derived from the Marysville or Sutter Buttes, which lay within the boundaries of the county when it was created. Butte County is home to 210,500 people living in the cities of Chico, Oroville, Gridley, Biggs, Paradise or other parts of the county. Butte County extends from the Sacramento River to the wooded foothills where the Sierra and Cascade mountain ranges come together. Within a half day or less drive are Lake Tahoe, Reno, Sacramento, Susanville, San Francisco, Redding, California coast, Lake Shasta, Lassen Volcanic National Park and a vast variety of activities and opportunities. Popular activities within Butte County and the Plumas National Forest include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, boating, white water rafting, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and wildlife viewing.

To learn more about Butte County go to: www.experiencebuttecounty.com

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Oroville, CA

Oroville is 1½ hours north of Sacramento and 30 minutes east of Chico. Founded in the 1840's with the beginning of the California Gold Rush, this former "Boomtown" nestled in the foothills of the Plumas National Forest is a picturesque and prosperous community with small-town charm. A full service community of 45,000 people, Oroville is located adjacent to the Feather River and Lake Oroville with a multitude of recreational opportunities. The lake has 167 miles of shoreline and covers 15,500 surface acres. Within 30 minutes of commute are the two full service communities of Chico and Paradise.

Chico is home to California State University and has the diversity and cultural richness one would expect from a “university town”. The town of Paradise is at a higher elevation in the pine trees. Oroville has a large community of retirees from all over California. Because of the warm climate in the Sacramento valley, winter, spring and fall are very comfortable. Summer temperatures can be in the 90’s and 100’s for a number of months each year. Oroville is the county seat of Butte County with all the county offices located there.

There is one hospital in Oroville, one in Paradise and one in Chico. Job opportunities for spouses are very good. There are a number of golf courses in Oroville, Chico, and Paradise. Three health clubs can be found in Oroville, along with others in Chico and Paradise.

Housing rentals in the Oroville area are about \$650-\$750 per month for a 2-bedroom/1-bath house. Housing costs in Oroville range an average of \$180,000 to \$269,000 for a 3-bedroom/2-bath house. Chico and Paradise prices are higher.

To learn more about Oroville, CA go to www.oroillechamber.net

Chico, CA

Chico is located 80 miles west of Quincy, and has an area population of about 95,800. In 2002, Chico was named one of the top 100 “Best Small Art towns”. Rentals for a two-bedroom/one bath home or apartment start around \$1000 per month and Real estate values for a three-bedroom/two bath home start around \$200,000. Chico offers all the amenities of a large city. Major hospitals, university, shopping centers, year round art and cultural entertainment, and job opportunities are just some of what Chico has to offer.

To learn more about Chico go to: www.chicochamber.com

QUESTIONS:

If you have any further questions about the position contact or call:

Kelly Whitsett, District Hydrologist (530)532-7428, kwhitsett@fs.fed.us

If you would like to be notified when the position is advertised, please complete and return the enclosed outreach response form by November 22, 2009 and return it to the email address below or call:

Linnea Hanson, Ecosystem Manager (530)532-7425, lhanson@fs.fed.us

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

Please send the completed attached interest form by November 22, 2009 via
E-mail to lhanson@fs.fed.us or fax it to (530) 532-1210

WATERSHED RESTORATION CREW LEADER, GS-4626/7, PLUMAS NATIONAL FOREST, FEATHER RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: {USFS {BLM {OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: {PERMANENT {TEMPORARY {TERM
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CURRENT: {REGION _____ {FOREST
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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS OUTREACH NOTICE?

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!