



OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA FOREST SERVICE Region 5 - Pacific Southwest Region Klamath National Forest

Forestry Technician Fuels Management Technician GS-0462-10/11

The Klamath National Forest will soon be filling up to 3 permanent full time position one at each of the 3 Ranger districts, Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District at Happy Camp, California; Salmon/Scott Ranger District at Fort Jones, California; and the Goosenest Ranger District at Macdoel, California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity. A list of qualified candidates will be requested on October 18, 2009. Applications can be made on <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> under announcement numbers PERM-OCR-462-10/11-FUEL-DP and PERM-OCR-462-10/11-FUEL-G until that time. Please be sure to list Happy Camp, Fort Jones, and Macdoel as a location of interest. Please see the following pages for information on the position, the Klamath National Forest and the community.

About the position:

This position reports to the District Ranger and is responsible for coordinating the fire/fuels management program and fire hazard reductions operations for the district. Serves as Acting District Ranger, as assigned, with full responsibility for coordinating and directing the activities of the Unit. Performs as a member of the Ranger District Staff. The Klamath is one of the .25 forests and regularly hosts national incident management teams. The country here is complex and challenging for both wildland firefighting and prescribed burning. If you want to be involved with all aspects of managing an active fire/fuels management program then the Klamath is the place for you. We have a dynamic fire team on the forest so you would get to work with the best of the best. This is a secondary firefighter position under 5 USC 8336© (CSRS) and 8412(d) (FERS). Prior wildland firefighting experience is required.

About the Forest:

The Klamath National Forest covers an area of 1,700,000 acres located in Siskiyou County in Northern California and Jackson County in Oregon. The Forest includes all or part of five wilderness areas; Marble Mountain, Russian, Trinity Alps, Red Buttes and Siskiyou. Trailheads are numerous, and hikes range from easy to arduous. If it's a wilderness experience you seek, the Klamath is the place to come. The Klamath is subdivided into 5 ranger districts which are managed by 3 District Rangers.

The Klamath National Forest offers 28 campgrounds, hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing. With the Klamath, Salmon, and Scott Rivers meandering from one end of the Forest to the other, recreationists have found a playground that can meet the desires of all. This beautiful Forest is a haven for campers, hikers, wildlife watchers, hunters, fishermen, mountains bikers, white water enthusiasts and naturalists.

The Forest also helps to meet local and national needs for a variety of natural resources. Proactive vegetation management is an important element of caring for our public lands, and the professional staff of the Klamath leads the way by setting the standards for others to follow. With that, the preservation of biological diversity, and the sustainment of forest health are important to us.

About the Community:

YREKA, California (pronounced Y-Reeka) has been designated as 48th in the top one-hundred small communities in the U.S. and is located twenty-two miles south of the California/Oregon border along Interstate 5. Yreka is a quiet little city located in an area rich in history and generous in natural resources, nestled in the northern most corner of the majestic Shasta Valley. Serving as the county seat of Siskiyou County, geographically the fifth largest county in the state, Yreka is the largest full service community between Ashland, Oregon and Redding, California. The population base provides support for professional services, medical facilities, all governmental offices and a full range of retail businesses which make Yreka the trade center for the county. Yreka is abundant in its intrinsic beauty and enjoys the diversity of all four seasons.

Yreka is home to several retail shopping areas, many restaurants, auto service stores and 14 motels. Several primary and secondary schools, a high school, and a modern hospital are located in Yreka. Housing costs vary depending on location, residence size, and property, averaging \$180,000-\$250,000 for a typical 3 bedroom home on a city parcel. Rental housing for a typical 3 bedroom home starts at about \$1000/month. Medford, Oregon is an easy 45 minute drive and has a full array of large retail and warehouse shopping centers and home improvement centers. The airport in Medford is full service.

Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant and include fishing, hunting, camping, boating, whitewater rafting, Nordic and Alpine skiing, golf, and just about any other outdoor activity imaginable. Two ski parks, Mt. Ashland and Mt. Shasta, are each about 1 hour away. Several golf courses are within Siskiyou County and nearby counties. The coast and beaches are about 3 hours away. Trout, salmon and steelhead fishing are nearby. Duck and goose viewing and hunting occur in the nearby Klamath Basin and Tulelake Wildlife Refuge. Two large reservoirs, Shasta and Trinity Lakes, are about 1 hour away. Cultural events include Siskiyou Performing Arts in Yreka, the nationally acclaimed Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, and the Britt Festival in Jacksonville, OR. Crater Lake National Park, Oregon Caves National Monument and Lava Beds National Monument are about 1 1/2 hours away.

The **Goosenest Ranger District** office is located in the Butte Valley, 3.5 miles south of Macdoel on State Highway 97 in Siskiyou County, California. The office is 35 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon and 15 miles south of Dorris, California. The total population of Butte Valley is 2,500.

The Goosenest Ranger District administers 341,000 acres of the total 514,000 acres within the district boundary. Of the remaining acreage, the Butte Valley National Grassland, designated in 1991, is on 18,500 acres, while the Bureau of Land Management administers 5,000 acres. There is about 150,000 acres of private land within the ranger district boundary.

The **Salmon-Scott River Ranger District** main office is located in Fort Jones, California. The District is bisected by the Salmon River on the south and the Scott River on the north and has three wilderness areas, the Trinity-Alps, Russian and Marble Mountain wilderness areas and includes approximately 585,000 acres.

Scott Valley is a small, rural area dependent on agriculture and forest products. It encompasses several small communities, the largest being Etna and Fort Jones. The total population is about 5,000, much of which commutes to Yreka for work. Scott Valley is primarily served by Highway 3, connecting it to Yreka about 25 minutes away.

Yreka High School serves the Yreka area. Etna High School serves the Scott Valley area. There are several elementary and middle schools within these areas. College of the Siskiyous, a two year community college is located in Weed with a satellite campus in Yreka.

Fairchild Medial Center is located in Yreka. There are several private doctor and dentist practices, including several specialties. There are also some family clinics including Scott Valley Rural Health Clinic. Scott Valley offers a basic selection of automotive, motels, restaurants, banking, food and hardware stores and services. The Yreka area offers a fairly complete selection of shopping and service needs including a small mall on the south end of town. Additional choices and specialty stores are 1 to 1 1/2 hours away at Ashland, Medford and Redding.

The Happy Camp and Oak Knoll Ranger Districts are co-managed with offices in Happy Camp, Klamath River and Seiad Valley. The duty station will be in Happy Camp.

The unit includes approximately 600,000 acres including 100,000 acres of the Marble Mountain and Siskiyou Wildernesses. The country is beautiful, mountainous and rural. The management unit is staffed by approximately 70 employees and an additional 70 temporary employees during the summer. The employees are an energetic staff who are constantly developing creative ideas to get work accomplished. The unit works closely with rural communities and the Karuk Tribe of California.

Population: Approximately 1,000; (approximately 48,000 in the county)

General location: 70 miles west of Yreka, California, 104 miles south and west of Medford, Oregon

Economic conditions: Happy Camp historically has been a logging town. Changes in Forest Service harvest levels, as well as economic conditions, have limited logging and lumber manufacturing activities. Currently this scenic, rural area attracts recreation related tourism, now playing a significant part in the area's economy complimented by a recent influx of retirees and selfemployed individuals. A few agricultural and mining operations are also located in the area.

Housing: Housing costs vary depending on location, residence size, and property, averaging \$125,000 for a typical 3 bedroom home on a city parcel. Rental units are limited.

Schools: The public schools in Happy Camp service all grades, kindergarten through the twelfth grade. School bus service to and from school is provided for children living in most outlying districts.

Hospitals: Medical services are available in Happy Camp during regular business hours on weekdays and the community is serviced by Redding Medical's air ambulance for transporting patients by air to Medford, Oregon, and Redding, California or other medical services. There is also a hospital in Yreka and a local ambulance service.

More information about the forest can be found on the Klamath National Forest website:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/> More information about Yreka can be found at the Yreka Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.yrekachamber.com/>

FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE WORKFORCE REDUCTION PLACEMENT SYSTEM LIST WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION AND CTAP/ICTAP CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

For any technical questions regarding the above position, please contact Maxine Kolu at 530-841-4441 or mkolu@fs.fed.us or Ken Paul at 530-841-4442 or krpaul@fs.fed.us

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

(Please return by September 25th, 2009)

Position: **Forestry Technician Fuels Management Technician GS-0462-10/11**

Location: **USDA Forest Service – Klamath National Forest, Yreka, CA**

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential pool of interested parties for this position. A list of qualified candidates will be requested on October 16, 2009. Applications can be made on <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> under announcement PERM-OCR-462-10/11-FUEL-DP and PERM-OCR-462-10/11-FUEL-G numbers until that time. Please be sure to list **Yreka** as a location of interest. **Submit this form to pmelum@fs.fed.us or fax to P. Melum at (530) 841-4571.**

Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Agency Employed with: USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER ____

Type of Employment *if* Current Federal Government Employee:
____Permanent ____Temporary ____Term____VRA ____PWD____Other

Current FS Region/Forest/District (if applicable): _____

Current Series and Grade (if applicable): _____

Current Position Title: _____

How did you hear about this position? Organization Name _____
Agency Contact Person _____ Other _____

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
- ____ OTHER _____

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST