



**USDA Forest Service**  
**Pacific Northwest Region**

**Willamette National Forest McKenzie River Ranger District**

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## OUTREACH NOTICE

### VACANCY INFORMATION NOTICE

### OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT

**Prevention Technician, GS-0462, 6/7**  
**Willamette National Forest**  
**McKenzie River Ranger District**  
**McKenzie Bridge, Oregon**

The McKenzie River Ranger District is advertising one permanent, full-time, Prevention Technician, GS-0462, 6/7. The duty station is McKenzie River Ranger District in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the potential applicant pool of this position. *This is only an Outreach. The position will be flown at a later time*

#### ABOUT THE POSITION:

This position functions as Fire Prevention for the McKenzie River Ranger District. This position will supervise/lead 2 prevention patrols, 2 lookouts, and 1 logistics position. This position requires that you have a background in pre-suppression, suppression and fuels management. Serves as a first line supervisor of 2 temporary prevention patrols, 2 temporary lookouts and 1 temporary logistics with full range of supervisory duties. Responsible for providing leadership in accomplishing fire management objectives. Responsible for the day-to-day operation of the prevention patrols, lookouts and logistics, prepares schedules and work plans, and sets work priorities. Provides for crew safety and welfare and implements a training program in compliance with applicable requirements. Establishes and maintains relationships with Lookout Organizations. Fire prevention duties would include being a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). Assist in presenting the role of fire in ecosystems management, educational programs with both internal and external customers. Coordinate fire prevention programs in local schools and the use of Smokey Bear within the forests protection area. Participate in special events such as parades, fairs, festivals etc. Other duties include fuel, and prescribed burning work as well as other resource management activities. Applicants should be highly motivated self-starters with a strong interest in developing knowledge and skills as part of a complex and dynamic fire and fuels program. Minimum red card qualifications are ICT4T and Single Resource Boss. The position also requires the incumbent to have a valid State Drivers License.

#### THE DUTY STATION

The position will be stationed in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

#### ABOUT MCKENZIE RIVER RANGER DISTRICT

**McKenzie River Ranger District**, 57600 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, 541-822-3381. The beautiful McKenzie River Hwy is a 100 mile long corridor stretching between Sisters to the east and Springfield to the west. Renowned for fishing, the McKenzie River supports spring Chinook salmon, winter steelhead and summer steelhead as well as native rainbow, cutthroat and bull trout. The high lakes have been planted with brown and brook trout, making the McKenzie River Corridor an outdoor sports paradise. The West Cascades National Scenic Byway, has some of the most spectacular scenery in Oregon. The area includes the popular Terwilliger Hot Springs, Sahalie Falls, Clear Lake, and Hoodoo Ski Area. Visit the website

<http://www.el.com/to/mckenzierivervalley/>

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## **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY OF MCKENZIE BRIDGE**

**McKenzie Bridge** is one of nine small communities located in the McKenzie river valley between the cities of Eugene and Bend. The community of Blue River is located about 13 miles from the Ranger Station. Services found in these two communities include restaurants, lodging, groceries, gas, churches and a medical clinic. Daily bus service from the Eugene area to the Ranger Station is available for more complete shopping or entertainment needs.

Grades K through 12 are taught at the McKenzie School District in Blue River.

The climate in the area is typical for the west side of the Oregon Cascade Mountain Range. The average rainfall is 65 inches annually, occurring mostly from October to April. The Ranger Station is located at 1600 feet elevation and sees snow on occasion during the winter months. At higher elevations, winter snows accumulate and persist until mid-summer. Summertime temperatures range from the high 80's to the mid 50's, with lows in the 30's in the higher elevation.

Housing opportunities are available in the McKenzie Valley within easy commuting distance. Prices vary in each area; but folks can expect to pay from \$500-1000 per month for rentals depending on needs. Home prices are moderate and there are some options for home purchases ranging in price from \$160,000 to \$450,000+.

The District may have government housing available near the ranger station compound in McKenzie Bridge; rates range from \$560-\$735 per month.

The McKenzie River initial attack resources currently consist of:

- One twenty person hand crew
- Two Model 80 engines
- Two prevention patrols
- Two staffed lookouts

## **ABOUT THE EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY...**

**Eugene/Springfield** 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 154,620 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

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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 and Springfield's housing is plentiful. A three-bedroom, two-bath, 1600 square-foot home will range from \$160,000 to \$220,000. 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 and Springfield are 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.el.com/to/eugene>

For more information on Springfield, contact Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 101 South A Street, Springfield, OR 541) 746-1651 or go to the their web site at <http://www.el.com/to/springfield>

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

Your response to this outreach notice is important in helping us determine the area of consideration for this vacancy announcement.

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone:**

**Current Agency/Region/Forest:**

**Current Title/Series/Grade:**

**If you are 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 Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability** \_\_\_

**Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998** \_\_\_

**Former Peace Corps Volunteer** \_\_\_

**Student Career Experience Program** \_\_\_

**Other** \_\_\_

**Interested applicants, or those desiring further information, should contact Ryan Sullivan at [ryansullivan@fs.fed.us](mailto:ryansullivan@fs.fed.us) and 541-822-7247 no later than September 30, 2009**

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