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Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice
Klamath National Forest
Supervisors Office

PERMANENT FULL-TIME
FOREST TRAINING OFFICER (FIRE MANAGEMENT)
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The Klamath National Forest will soon fill a Forest Training Officer position in Yreka, California. This notification is being circulated and re-outreached to inform interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Please see the following information on this position and apply on the USAJobs.gov website https://www.usajobs.gov/. Please check USAJobs frequently because the timeframe and availability to apply is a short window. It is expected to come out in May or sooner.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION:

Provides instruction on a variety of topics in fire and aviation safety.

Applies technical methods and procedures related to fire and/or aviation operations and to managing agency programs. Performs a wide variety of limited aviation operations projects incorporating diverse technical knowledge.

Assists in developing Regional and local fire and/or aviation management curriculum, courses, and training materials. Develops course objectives, including instructional and performance objectives; prepares and develops course content and format; plans instructional aids and test measurements or designs them as needed for course and student evaluating; and makes short and long-range updates and changes in the package as necessary to maintain validity and currency.

Serves as a coordinator for Interagency, Regional, and local fire and/or aviation management courses and workshops. Prepares announcements, specific instructional and performance objectives, selects instructors and instructional materials.

Serves in a variety of fire assignments and details as qualified and needed to maintain qualifications and credibility in profession. Makes on-the-job fire suppression and incident management training evaluations by serving as overhead team member on project wildfires and independently viewing fire suppression activities.

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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 southern Oregon. The Forest is divided into two sections separated by the Shasta Valley and the Interstate 5 highway corridor. In the mountains to the west, the terrain is steep and rugged while the east side has the relatively gentler, rolling terrain of volcanic origin. With elevations ranging from 450 to 8,900 feet above sea level, the Forest is one of America’s most biologically diverse regions, situated in a transition region between the hotter and drier areas of the south and the colder and wetter locale of the north.

This central position of the Klamath in relation to the Cascades, Sierra Nevada, Coast Range and the Great Basin has fostered complex climatic patterns and led to an unparalleled diversity of plant life found nowhere else in California. More species of conifers live near or in the Klamath’s Marble Mountain and Russian Wilderness Areas than anywhere else on earth. An astounding 17 conifer species co-exist within one square mile! The Forest is also home to one plant that lives nowhere else on earth, the Siskiyou Mariposa Lily.

The program of work for the Forest is centered on the restoration of fire adapted ecosystems. We have an active and strongly integrated vegetation management and fuels program that works to protect communities, infrastructure and critical wildlife and fisheries habitat. We work with local communities, Fire Safe Councils, and interested groups and individuals in developing projects using Healthy Forest Restoration Act authorities. In 2010, the Forest was honored to be recognized as having treated the greatest amount of hazardous fuels reduction acres in the Pacific Southwest Region.

The appropriate management of naturally occurring wildfire across the Forest is also an important program component. The Klamath is known as a leader in using wildfire to benefit landscape conditions as well as having a highly skilled and experienced fire suppression workforce.

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. There are 200 miles of river system for rafting and 152 miles of wild and scenic rivers in the Forest. The Forest has 28 campgrounds, and world-class 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 offers virtually everything (except crowds) to the outdoor enthusiast.

The management of area streams and rivers, and range, botanical, heritage, cultural and mineral resources rounds out the active and interesting programs included on the Klamath.


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 governmental 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 a four season climate.

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. A two year Community College maintains a satellite campus in Yreka and the main campus in Weed is about 30 minutes away. 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 $800/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, Oregon. Crater Lake National Park, Oregon Caves National Monument and Lava Beds National Monument are about 1 1/2 hours away.

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