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Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest*

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

Fish Biologist, GS-0482-11 Wild Rivers Ranger District

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is currently seeking dynamic individuals interested in being a District Fish Biologist! The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest will be filling a permanent full-time GS-0482/11 District Fish Biologist to be located at one of two potential locations (Grant Pass or Cave Junction). This beautiful and diverse landscape is cherished by the people who live here and the Forest prides itself in developing and maintaining partnerships with the local communities. If you are looking for a place with diverse natural resources and plenty of opportunity to work collaboratively across all landscapes, please respond to the outreach attached.

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement (i.e., service-wide, government-wide). Responses received from this outreach notice will be used to make this determination. *Applicants must indicate Grants Pass and/or Cave Junction, Oregon as their desired location(s).*

For more information about these positions, please contact:

If you are interested in a great opportunity on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF, please contact Susan Maiyo, Forest Fisheries Program Manager at 541-618-2052 (smaiyo@fs.fed.us)

Process to Apply:

You are highly encouraged to complete the outreach response form (last page) and return by March 5, 2014.

All interested applicants will be notified of the vacancy announcement number and closing date when it becomes available. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

THE POSITION

The District Fisheries Biologist applies knowledge and experience effectively of program management, ESA consultation, watershed restoration project planning and implementation, monitoring, as well as, the ability to actively maintain and develop partnerships with organizations and agencies. These abilities are vital to being successful at this position and integral to the aquatic restoration, monitoring and education program on the District and Forest.



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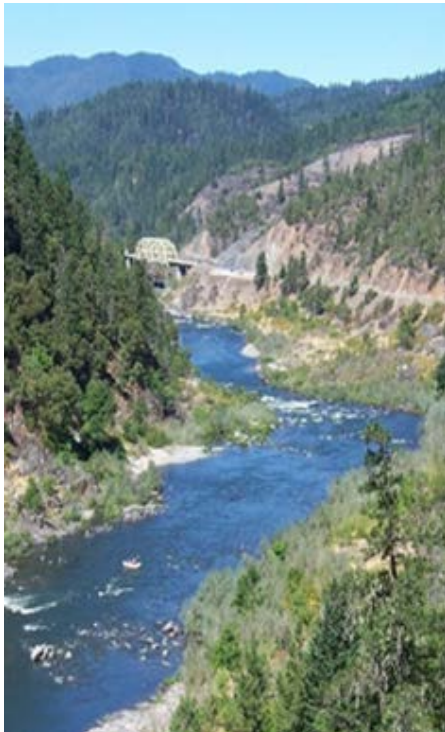


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The position will serve on interdisciplinary planning teams for forest vegetation treatments, fuels treatment, mining operations, road treatments, recreation activities, and other management activities, providing fisheries input on NEPA documents. Skillfully writing biological assessments and evaluations and participating in consultation activities with regulatory agencies for ESA listed fish species is critical. Being knowledgeable of the effects of common land management activities on fisheries resources, skills in identifying and conducting aquatic habitat improvement projects, and ability to use geographic information systems and, spreadsheet and word processing software to effectively analyze, interpret, and display aquatic information are fundamental to the position.

About the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest & Wild Rivers Ranger District

Located in southwest Oregon, along the California/Oregon state line, the Forest ranges from the crest of the Cascade Mountains west to the Siskiyou Mountains and nearly to the Pacific Ocean. One of the



larger Forests in the Pacific NW Region, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers almost 1.8 million acres and is unique in its botanical diversity, largely due to the bisection of the South Cascades and Siskiyou Mountain Ranges. The Forest is home to an incredible abundance of Wild and Scenic Rivers (over 200 designated miles among the Rogue, Chetco, Illinois, Elk and Smith Rivers), 7 wilderness areas (350,000 acres), outstanding fisheries resources and ruggedly breathtaking landscapes of mountains, rivers and lakes with occasional meadows.

The Forest Supervisors office is co-located with the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, OR and is adjacent to Rogue Valley International Airport. The Forest has 5 Ranger Districts (RD): Powers RD in Powers, Gold Beach RD in the communities of Gold Beach and Brookings, Wild Rivers RD in Cave Junction and Grants Pass, High Cascades RD in Prospect and Butte Falls, and the Siskiyou Mountains RD in Ashland and Ruch. The forest includes the J. Herbert Stone Nursery in Central Point and the Supervisor's Office in Medford. The Forest lies predominantly within Coos, Curry, Josephine, and Jackson counties in Oregon, with some lands in Siskiyou and Del Norte counties in California.

Restoring watersheds and aquatic species/biota within the Rogue River and Oregon South Coast.

Nearly all of the National Forest is mountainous, and includes parts of the Southern Oregon Coast Range, the Klamath Mountains, and the Cascade Range. Several volunteers and partners associated with forest collaborative and aquatic restoration work have received national and regional recognition for their efforts. Natural resource management interest is high in the local and diverse rural communities, representing opposing ends of the socio-political spectrum, from environmental advocacy groups to historically active mining communities.

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The Forest fisheries/aquatic resources program has world famous steelhead and salmon fishing in the Wild and Scenic Rogue River; 5 Wild and Scenic rivers have Fisheries Outstanding Remarkable; 1,200 miles of anadromous fish streams; 673 miles of coho salmon habitat; listed fish species under the ESA and MSA; 500 miles of Chinook salmon habitat; 1,800 miles of trout habitat; 25 high elevation lakes stocked with trout and three large warm/cold water lake fisheries; 21 Key watersheds focal areas for anadromous fish protection and recovery under the Northwest Forest Plan; 7,700 miles of streams or 3 miles per square mile; completed Watershed Restoration Aquatic Plans located in five priority watersheds, water source for over 3.3 million acre-feet or one trillion gallons; supplies several municipal and hundreds of domestic water sources; and Water Quality Restoration Plans on water quality limited listed streams are complete on three priority watersheds. There are five fish biologists, two hydrologists and one soil scientist on the Forest.



The Wild Rivers Ranger District encompasses 490,000 acres and is currently staffed with approximately 30 permanent employees and a temporary workforce of about 10-25. The District is located in southwestern Oregon and overall encompasses the east side of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness to the west side of the Siskiyou Mountains. Illinois River watershed, located on the Wild Rivers RD, is designated as a Salmon Stronghold Basin by the North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership. The District has three of the five Forest Wild and Scenic rivers having Fisheries Outstanding Remarkable Values (Illinois River, Rogue River, and North Fork Smith River). It has three of the five Forest priority subwatersheds (East Fork Illinois River, Sucker Creek and Grayback Creek) under the National Watershed Condition Framework for aquatic restoration, creating a highly active restoration program with engaged partners being an integral component of the success of the program.

For additional forest information, browse the Forest Service internet site, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/rogue-siskiyou>

About the Community

Cave Junction is a small town. It is the gateway to the Oregon Caves National Monument and the commercial, service, and cultural center for a rural community of small farms, woodlots, crafts people, and families just living apart from the crowds. The valley is in the basin of the Illinois River Valley and its tributaries. It is nestled in the mountains known as the Siskiyou in the Klamath Range at an elevation of about 1,575 ft. The area is west of the Medford/Ashland and Grants Pass metro areas and about half way between Grants Pass and the Oregon coast on highway 199. There are approximately 17,000 people living in the Illinois Valley.



The average temperature in January is 33F and in July 90F and rainfall amounts to about 61 inches a year. The sun shines 196 days and it rains 108 days on average. The Illinois Valley is frequently

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referred to as the "banana belt" of Oregon. It is fast becoming a favorite year-round vacation land. Here you can enjoy the spectacular beauty of the many rivers, streams, and public forest lands available for hiking, backpacking, fishing and hunting. This picturesque valley lies halfway between Grants Pass and Crescent City, making it a pleasant hour drive to the famous Rogue River or the rugged Oregon Coast. The central location makes it an ideal place to live and a naturally peaceful place to visit. Cave Junction is approximately 30 miles southwest of Grants Pass, Oregon on highway 199.

Grants Pass, with a current population of 34,237 is the Josephine County seat and serves as the major commercial center for the county population of 79,645. Downtown Grants Pass has been designated a National Historic District because of its historic buildings. It is renowned for its numerous antique shops. Grants Pass is a volunteer-oriented community, as shown by our selection in 1997 as one of the thirty finalists nationwide in the "All America City" competition, sponsored by the National Civic League.

Recently, a ten-year project to create a 50 acre community park "for all ages," was completed. The project involved public and private enterprises working together with citizens. Named Reinhart Volunteer park, this \$8M complex boasts baseball diamonds, soccer fields, horseshoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, passive trails, viewing ponds, playgrounds, and picnic and shelter areas created through thousands of volunteer hours and donated services. This project, along with many others too numerous to list, exemplifies the pride of local citizens.

Once a timber-based community, the economy of the Grants Pass area has diversified. A healthy mix of light manufacturing, secondary wood products, retail trade, tourism, recreation and service-based industries provide a broad range of employment opportunities. Medical and retirement facilities also continue to expand.

Home to two school districts, and a number of private schools, Grants Pass also houses the main campus of Rogue Community College. Southern Oregon University is nearby in Ashland.

The world famous Rogue River runs through Grants Pass and provides many recreational opportunities: jet-boat trips, rafting, kayaking, fishing, water skiing, swimming, hiking, and gold panning. In addition, the nearby mountains provide high-mountain recreational experiences, including snow skiing at Mt. Ashland.

Cultural activities center on the Shakespearean Festival in the nearby city of Ashland and the historic town of Jacksonville. Other scenic attractions include: Crater Lake National Park, Oregon Caves National Monument, and the Redwoods that stretch from San Francisco to Southern Oregon. For more information on recreational activities in and around Grants Pass, please visit the Visitor and Convention Bureau site.

For additional Rogue Valley community information, browse:

<http://www.visitmedford.org/>

<http://medford.wliinc3.com/>

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REPLY BY MARCH 5, 2014

District Fisheries Biologist
GS-0482-11

Please complete and **return this form to Susan Maiyo smaiyo@fs.fed.us**, Forest Fisheries Program Manager

I am interested in the **Wild Rivers Ranger District Fisheries Biologist** position:

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Current Agency or Forest:

Current Job Title, Series and Grade:

Work station is at one of two potential location(s) (Grant Pass or Cave Junction). *State your available location (specify which location(s)):*

Comments:

If you are not a status (career or career conditional) permanent employee, please check the following special authorities that you are eligible for:

Reinstatement Eligible _____
Person with Disability _____
Veterans Readjustment _____
Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability _____
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 _____
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