



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

OUTREACH NOTICE

Fisheries Biologist – Term Position

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Whitman Ranger District, Baker City, OR

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Aspiring Fisheries Biologists – Are you looking for an opportunity to build your professional experience and skills as a fishery biologist supporting multiple use management of our national forests?? If so, the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest wants to hear from you! We are looking for enthusiastic candidates to help support planning efforts in forest management, fuels, range and minerals projects on the south zone of the forest. This position is instrumental in helping the Forest move on-going planning projects forward and meeting forest, region and agency priorities. The duty station for this permanent full time NTE opportunity is located in beautiful and historic Baker City, Oregon (<http://www.visitbaker.com/>). Position will provide a minimum tour of 2 years and may be extended for up to 5 years depending upon future budgets, performance and work needs.

Please Respond by February 12, 2021 in the Outreach Database (<https://fsoutreach.gdci.com>) if you are interested in this opportunity. **Please note the following when you respond:**

- To best inform how we move forward with the opportunity, please include pertinent information from your most recent resume, or sufficient details of your applicable work experience in your response.

For more information about the position, contact Whitman District Hydrologist, Bob Hassmiller at 541-620-4940 or at robert.hassmiller@usda.gov.

The Position

This position serves as a member of an interdisciplinary team performing routine work as a fisheries biologist in support of a range of multiple use planning including vegetation management, fuels reduction, livestock grazing, recreation and minerals focused projects.

Position provides biological input into the fish habitat management program and assists in development of fishery management plans; ensures compliance with portions of fishery management plans; coordinates limited studies of fishery populations; and prepares a variety of written reports or limited environmental analyses. This includes gathering, compiling, and analyzing data to determine fish habitat needs; determining key spawning, rearing, recommending solutions to special issues or problems involving fishery resources; and

determining the need for and designing of fish habitat improvement projects; developing project plans for inclusion in Forest program of work; and studying and recommending solutions to special coordination problems involving fish habitat protection.

Works cooperatively with State, Tribal, and Federal fish and water quality management agencies. This includes gathering information for stream and lake management plans, surveys of fish occurrence, mapping key fish habitat for suitability and determining the need for fish habitat enhancement or restoration.

Participates on interdisciplinary teams and prepares environmental analysis reports in assigned functional area. Develops biological evaluations for threatened, endangered and sensitive species for review by journey level biologists.

Serves as leader of fish habitat improvement projects and habitat inventory and monitoring programs. Participates in fishery monitoring program activities by making observations, gathering data, and reporting findings.

Responsible for assigned areas of public relation activities, such as speaking at meetings and participation in field trips.

Responsible for reporting fish habitat management programs accomplishments.

Participates in studies and plans proposed resource management activities, and coordinates and/or implements approved resource management plans such as habitat restoration or enhancement projects.

Develops standard plans for evaluating fisheries and riparian habitat. Studies and recommends solutions to special coordination problems involving fish habitat protection.

Prepares environmental analysis reports as needed, and develops biological evaluations for threatened, endangered and sensitive species.

Performs other duties as assigned.

The Forest

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is one of the largest forests in Region 6 with four Ranger Districts and one National Recreation Area. The Forest covers more than 2.3 million acres in three states and nine counties. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has a diverse program with high recreation use, several listed species, all or portions of four wilderness areas, grazing, mining, and a large fire program.

The Forest hosts three units in the communities of La Grande, Enterprise, and Baker City. There are two satellite offices located in Riggins, Idaho and Clarkston, Washington. The Blue Mtn Interagency Dispatch Center is located in La Grande and is staffed by employees from the Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests and Oregon Department of Forestry. The Forest Leadership Team is comprised of three district rangers, a deputy district ranger, five staff officers (customer service, engineering, natural resources, public affairs, and fire), as well as the Deputy Forest Supervisor, and Forest Supervisor.

For more information about the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest access the Forest Website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>

About the Baker City area...

Surrounded to the west by the Elkhorn Mountains and to the northeast by the Wallowa Mountains, Baker City has an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. It is located on Interstate 84 within 2 hours of the Tri Cities in Southeast Washington (Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick) and within 2 hours of Boise, Idaho. The population of Baker City is approximately 10,000.

House rentals range from \$800 per month and up. Apartment rentals start at \$600. Utility rates tend to be low. Average prices for 3 or 4 bedroom homes range from \$150,000 to \$200,000 plus.

Baker City is a full service community. Eastern Oregon University, which offers 4-year degree programs in 22 areas, is located 45 miles to the west in La Grande, Oregon. Blue Mountain Community College, offering various 2-year degree programs is located in Pendleton, Oregon (95 miles to the northwest) and has a Remote Learning Center in Baker City; and Treasure Valley Community College, offering various 2-year degree programs is located in Ontario, Oregon (65 miles to the southeast). There are 2 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school located in Baker City. The School District has a record of educational excellence. Overall, results from the Oregon Statewide Assessment show that students in the Baker School District are above the state averages. In addition, there are 3 private or Christian schools available.

Baker City has a newly remodeled 40-bed hospital with several local physicians, dentists, and specialists available.

Cultural opportunities include live local theater, vocal and instrumental performances, art galleries, Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, history museums, Miner's Jubilee, and a full calendar of special community events. The newly expanded Baker County Library contains 91,000 volumes with access to library resources statewide and an interlibrary loan system that provides access to an unlimited number of publications nationwide.

Baker City enjoys a dry climate with four distinct seasons. The weather changes from snowfall in the winter to warm dry days in the summer. Recreational opportunities abound with such activities as golfing, fishing, biking, skiing, boating, hunting, and beautiful scenery. Located on the Forest are the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, several wilderness areas, numerous lakes, and 58 campgrounds and picnic areas.

We want to hear from you!! Please send interest response form along with resumes to Whitman District Hydrologist, Bob Hassmiller at 541-620-4940 or at robert.hassmiller@usda.gov by **February 12, 2021**.

OUTREACH INTEREST RESPONSE FORM

I am interested in the **Fisheries Biologist** position on the Whitman Ranger District.

Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Agency Employed with:

Type of Appointment:

Current Region/Forest/District:

Current Series and Grade:

Current Position Title:

If not a current permanent (Career or Career-Conditional) employee, are you eligible to be rehired under any of the following special authorities?

Persons with disabilities: _____

Veteran's readjustment: _____

Disabled veterans with 30% compensable disability: _____

Veteran's employment opportunities act of 1998: _____

Student career experience program: _____

Other: _____

Please tell us why you are interested in this position and special skills/strengths you would bring to the position.

PLEASE RESPOND BY February 12, 2021

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