



OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
USDA Forest Service
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will soon be filling one permanent fulltime GS-0462-8/9 Lead Forestry Technicians with a duty station in Joseph, Oregon. The vacancy announcement for this position is posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. This is a single vacancy announcement. Those that wish to be considered for this position must apply to the vacancy announcement by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on April 5, 2021. This position is being advertised DEMO and anyone can apply.

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<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/596379100>

Position: Lead Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Prep) GS-0462-8/9

Location: Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Joseph, Oregon

This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of the following potential opportunities:

- Permanent, Competitive Assignment
- Permanent, Lateral Reassignment (for current GS-9 employees)

Questions about this position should be directed to Noah Wachacha (828-736-2876) or (noah.wachacha@usda.gov).

About the Position

The position is established on a Forest Service unit where the incumbent serves as a team leader that performs timber sale preparation duties including timber sale unit layout, timber cruising, timber marking, cruise design as well as preparing contracts and appraisals. The incumbent will be responsible for supervising 1 Permanent PSE Forestry Technician and a 1-2 person (1039) marking crew and will ensure completion of all work required prior to offering timber sales for bid.

The Forest encompasses 3 Ranger Districts, the Whitman, La Grande and the Wallowa Mountains Office (WMO) and one National Recreation Area all of which have significant workloads. The Whitman, WMO and La Grande pre-sale shops operate as a Forest Timber Program. Pre-sale employees will be required assist in completing work/projects on all 3 districts. Day and overnight travel will be required periodically to assist with this workload depending on priority.

Major Duties

- Prepares final contract and sale packages.
- Prepares final appraisals for timber sale and stewardship projects.
- Cruise design
- Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) member on NEPA Projects
- Layout of timber sale unit boundaries in accordance with environmental assessments, silvicultural prescriptions, wildlife needs, stream protection and other related resource needs.
- Oversees that proper methods are used to determine acreage by traverse, map or aerial photograph methods and Global Positioning System (GPS).
- Prepares sale area maps.
- Oversee and assist timber crew with timber cruising, timber marking, and layout.
- Provides technical assistance to specialists in the development of complex logging plans and preliminary road location.
- Interprets complex silvicultural prescriptions and marking guides to designate timber harvest. Brings to the attention of responsible individuals situations on the ground which are inconsistent with the prescription or marking guide.
- Develops and drafts cruise plans. Applies instructions issued in a cruise plan. Provides field instruction to apprentice cruisers in fundamental timber measuring practices, cruise methods, and techniques.
- Performs other multifunctional work, as assigned, in other areas of resource management such as wildlife, resource planning, and fire management.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

The Forest

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>

The Community

Enterprise, Oregon is located in one of the most scenic spots in Oregon and has population of approximately 2,000 residents. Enterprise is located on Highway 82, about a one-hour drive from La Grande, Oregon, just off Interstate 84, and two hours from Pendleton, Oregon to the west and two hours from Lewiston, Idaho to the north on Highway 3. Nearby are two smaller communities, Lostine and Wallowa.

The elevation is 3500 feet, annual precipitation is about 18", and snow is common from November through March though accumulations are rarely greater than 1 foot. Recreational opportunities abound with such activities as golfing, fishing, biking, boating, hunting, and beautiful scenery. Both the Blue Mountain and Wallowa Mountain chains are located in the county.

Enterprise is a rural full-service community with a hospital, K-12 School, 5 motels, and 9 churches. House and apartment rentals range from \$500 per month and up and are in short supply. Utility rates tend to be low. Prices for three to four-bedroom homes range from \$100,000 to \$200,000 plus. No government housing is available on a year around basis.

More information about the Enterprise and Joseph communities can be found at www.wallowavalley.com.