



OUTREACH NOTICE

UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

WALLA WALLA RANGER DISTRICT

Walla Walla, Washington

"Caring for the Land and Serving People"



October 14, 2021

GS-0460-07/09 Forester – Small Sales & Special Forest Products

Duty Station: Walla Walla, Washington

The Umatilla National Forest will soon be filling one permanent position which will be advertised as a GS-0460-07/09 Forester (Small Sales & Special Forest Products). The target grade for this position is at the GS-09 level, but it may be filled at a lower grade. This position is a permanent full time position. The position will be selected to serve as part of the North Zone Timber organization with duties on the Walla Walla and Pomeroy Ranger Districts. The duty station is located in Walla Walla, WA. No government housing is available.

Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov. Interested applicants must identify Walla Walla, WA as a duty station for which they want to be considered for employment.

Anyone interested in this opportunity is encouraged to submit the outreach response form (at the end of this document) to Lindsay Lockard or respond via the FS Outreach Database by **November 19, 2021**. For more specific information about the position, please contact Lindsay at 509-522-6043 or lindsay.lockard@usda.gov.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

The incumbent will be supervised by the North Zone TMA and will serve as the North Zone Small Sales and Special Forest Products Forester in the Timber Department. This position coordinates and manages the Small Sales and Special Forest Products program. Work will be performed in the field and the office. Field conditions may vary with temperatures ranging from below zero to above 100 degrees. Extensive driving can be expected, on roads of all types and in all conditions. Working alone, in remote areas, is common. Duties include:

- Planning, implementation and monitoring of firewood and other special forest product sales.
- Preparing all NEPA documents and contracts related to small sales and special forest products, which requires working as part of an interdisciplinary team.

- Coordinating and monitoring all special forest product sales across the zone to ensure consistency and complete necessary documentation and reports.
- Working closely with the zone customer service staff and assisting with the issuance of permits.
- Serves as Certified Cruiser.
- Serves as a Forest Protection Officer checking permits and compliance in the firewood and special forest products areas.
- Other duties related to planning and implementing the zone timber program.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The duties of this position require that the incumbent engage in field work during all seasons of the year. While engaged in such work, the incumbent will encounter temperature extremes, rough walking surfaces, active logging operations, steep terrain, rain, wind and snow.

LOCATION:

THE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

The Umatilla National Forest is in the beautiful Blue Mountains of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington covering approximately 1.4 million acres. Elevations range from 1,600 to 8,000 feet above sea level. The Forest currently employs approximately 170 permanent employees. Forest Headquarters are in Pendleton, Oregon. The Forest contains ceded and usual and accustomed lands of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla and Warm Springs Indian Reservations and the Nez Perce Tribe, and is bounded by tribal, state, federal and private lands that offer excellent opportunities for collaboration with stakeholders for stewardship of a wide range of natural and cultural resources.

The Umatilla NF produces a variety of conifers and a few hardwood tree species that supply firewood, timber and other forest products to neighboring communities. Extensive rangeland is allotted for cattle and sheep grazing, sharing the abundant forage with Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, and white tail deer. Mountain goats occupy the highest points of the Forest. There is habitat for resident bull trout and anadromous steelhead and Chinook salmon. Three designated wilderness areas and two Wild and Scenic rivers lie within the forest boundaries. In addition to an extensive trail network and recreation residences, the Forest is also home to downhill ski areas, cross country skiing trails, and opportunities for snowmobiling at higher elevations. The forest fire/fuels programs are breaking new ground in the use of fire for forest restoration, habitat improvement, and invasive species control.

WALLA WALLA

Walla Walla Ranger District is one of four districts on the Umatilla National Forest. The district is just under 500,000 acres located in both Oregon and Washington. The district supports different species of fish, engages in numerous ecosystem restoration activities, supports a commercial timber program, maintains grazing allotments for cattle, participates in local model watersheds, maintain trails, campgrounds, roads, perform reforestation and timber stand improvement activities, maintains a strong native seed programs, implements large scale prescribed fire projects, and more.

The Walla Walla Valley is nestled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, on the sunny side of Washington State. An "oasis in the desert," the valley has an abundance of trees, many of them record trees for

the State, and 300 days of sunshine a year. The average annual rainfall is less than 20" per year and there are four distinct seasons. Cultural and community events are more numerous than one would expect in an area of 55,000 people.

Whitman College, a prestigious liberal arts and sciences college, maintains a beautiful campus near the downtown of Walla Walla. In nearby College Place, Walla Walla University, operated by the 7th Day Adventist Church, is also highly regarded. Walla Walla Community College is an accredited public two-year college that also offers several degree programs in partnership with Washington State University. Together, these institutions offer many options for undergraduate or graduate degrees and contribute to the vitality of the community.

Recreational opportunities and facilities in the area include water sports on the nearby Snake and Columbia Rivers, fishing, skiing at two downhill areas on the District, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, big and small game hunting, excellent bicycling, paths for jogging, walking, or skating, YMCA, YWCA, various local racquetball and health clubs, 2 golf courses, live theatre, and camping.

Walla Walla is a full-service community. There are excellent shopping, restaurants, theaters, parks, hospitals and clinics. The town has a well-developed transit system and great schools. For more information about the Walla Walla area a web site to visit is: <http://www.wwchamber.com/>

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

**Small Sales and Special Forest Products Forester
GS-0460-07/09 Permanent Full-Time
Duty Station: Walla Walla, WA**

Optional - outreach responses are due November 19, 2021

Name: _____
Email Address: _____ Telephone No: _____
Mailing Address: _____

For current Forest Service employees:

Agency Employed With: _____
Type of Appointment: Permanent Term Temporary Other
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 hired under any of the following special authorities?

- Person with Disabilities
- Veteran's Reemployment Act
- Disabled Veteran's with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act Of 1998
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
- Resource Assistant/Public Land Corps Authority
- Other (please specify) _____

Return this form to: Lindsay Lockard, lindsay.lockard@usda.gov, by November 19, 2021.

Thank you for your interest in our position.

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