

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region



Outreach Notice Klamath National Forest *Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District*

Temporary Hiring Opportunities Biological Science Technician (Wildlife)

The Klamath National Forest is seeking qualified applicants to fill a temporary, full-time Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) GS-0462-05 position located at the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District in Happy Camp, California. Vacancy announcement 22-TEMP2-R5-0021-5DT-SB is posted on the USAJobs website (www.usajobs.gov) on August 16, 2021 and will close on August 23, 2021. Government-provided housing may be available. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. "How to apply" information is posted below. This position will start in January 2022.

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DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POSITION

- The work performed is traditional hands-on wildlife work.
- The incumbent performs any of the assignments listed below related to all types of wildlife, including small mammals, birds, carnivores, megafauna, fish, reptiles, amphibians, etc.
- Frequently, there is an integrated approach to address resource management issues, where the incumbent works as a member of a team to collaboratively achieve mutual goals and objectives.
- Individually, or as part of a team, performs established wildlife-related assignments.
- Assignments involve constructing or completing habitat project work such as: watershed development, fencing, or clearing areas to establish food that is more desirable or cover habitat.
- For example, assesses habitat environments, requirements, and inhabitants of wildlife; collects and accumulates data through a variety of techniques; examines information, and develops reports of results with suitable recommendations.
- Collects facts for development of wildlife management plans and coordination of wildlife needs for environmental analysis reports.
- Incumbent supports avian community studies. Conducts field surveys of birds requiring specialized experience identifying birds by sight or sound. Performs assignments which involve sampling forest vegetation using dbh tape and clinometer.

- Collects data following a prescribed protocol. Identifies multiple species by sight or sound. May assist in capture and banding birds. Navigates on public and private road systems without direct supervision.
- Locates off-road study sites using compass, topographic maps and/or GPS unit. Records field data in a legible manner. Enters field data onto a computer database. May assist in proofing and editing data forms and databases.
- Maintains field equipment and vehicles in good working condition. As required, camps at remote locations on National Forest land.
- Performs complicated test following standard procedures for the full range of support work in the wildlife management program.
- Assignments involve collecting and analyzing; developing reports on the characteristics and quality of the samples of the field test; and developing accurate records and making presentation of findings.
- Depending on the duties assigned, the incumbent may be required to have normal color vision, normal hearing and have a valid state driver's license.

How to apply: Applicants must access the vacancy announcements through USAJobs – <http://usajobs.gov/> . Applicants must establish a profile and build or upload a resume in the USAJobs site. For assistance in navigating USAJobs, reference the following site: https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page. Once you have established your profile and resume, that data will be used in all future applications without the need to re-enter. It is recommended that applicants complete the on-line resume and attach a document/resume with past supervisors' contact information to expedite reference checks. Applicants are required to recertify their application every 60 days. Applicants will need to attach any required supporting documents (transcripts, DD-214 to claim Veterans Preference, etc.) for each job applied to – they are not automatically added to your application from your profile. If your application documents are too large (more than 3MB) to upload into USAJobs, you can convert your documents into a Portable Document Format (PDF) file to reduce the file size. You can search for this position by typing the vacancy announcement number 22-TEMP2-R5-0017-5DT-CB in the search tool. Please read the entire vacancy announcement carefully and follow all directions. Applicants respond to a series of questions to determine core eligibility and minimum qualifications. Your responses will be evaluated along with experience described in your resume. Any level of knowledge, skills, abilities and competencies claimed in the assessment questionnaire must be supported and documented in your resume and attachments.

Veterans are encouraged to apply on the USAJobs web site where Veterans Preference is applied to eligible applicants. Veterans MUST submit a DD-214 if claiming Veteran's Preference.

ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Klamath National Forest covers an area of over 1.7 million acres 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 cooler and wetter areas of the north.

This central position of the Klamath in relation to the Cascade, Sierra Nevada, and Coast Range mountains 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 the planet, 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. In 2010, 2012 and 2013, the Forest was honored to be recognized as accomplishing 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 on 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) for 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 happening on the Klamath.

For more information on the Klamath National Forest, please see our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/>.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

HAPPY CAMP, California, is a community of about 1,000 people located 70 miles west of Yreka, California, 104 miles south and west of Medford, Oregon, and 40 miles south of O'Brien, Oregon. The Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District office is located in the town of Happy camp in the Klamath River valley. Happy Camp has year-round access to Medford and Yreka via paved highway, Interstate 5 and State Highway 96. During the summer months (May-October), Happy Camp is accessible via 40 miles of paved road from O'Brien and Cave Junction, Oregon, via Highway 199. The climate in the area is generally mild. Rainfall averages about 55 inches per year. Temperatures below 15 degrees F are very rare. Snowfall in the valley is normally light and of short duration. The elevation at the Ranger Station is 1080 feet.

There are public schools in Happy Camp for all grades (kindergarten through the twelve). There is bus service between Happy Camp and Yreka twice weekly and the nearest national bus connection is located in Yreka. Medical and ambulance services are available. Other facilities and services available in Happy Camp include automotive service and repair shops, restaurants, motels, river boat guide services, market, general store, clothing store and various other businesses. Recreational activities include hiking, rafting, and hunting elk, black tail deer and black bear, and fishing for salmon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. Happy Camp has a thriving arts community. The following church services are available: Happy Camp Community Bible Church, Catholic, Lutheran, Jehovah's Kingdom Hall, and Latter-Day Saints. Housing costs vary depending on location,

residence size, and acreage, and average \$125,000-\$250,000 for a typical three-bedroom home on a city parcel. Government housing may be available.

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