OUTREACH NOTICE

Forester, Full-time Permanent

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION

The Department of Natural Resources for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) is seeking qualified applicants for a professional forester position. This is a full-time permanent position located in Pendleton, OR. The incumbent would be responsible for enhancing and sustaining Tribally significant First Food sources through various forest management activities including: assisting in timber sale preparation and administration, non-commercial thinning contract development and administration, timber stand improvement, reforestation, and the planning and implementation of prescribed fire.

The position was advertised on June 22, 2017 and will be open until filled, with the first screening of applications will be on August 1, 2017. The vacancy announcement and application materials for this position are posted on the CTUIR public website at http://ctuir.org/forester.

THE POSITION

The forester reports to the supervisory forester and is part of a team of 4 foresters and several seasonal technicians with the goal of ecologic and economic management of forest resources for the beneficial owners. Some common tasks assigned to the forester are:

- preparing plans associated with timber sale layout and design.
- working alone and as part of a team as timber sale officer.
- preparing plans and contracts for non-commercial forest thinning.
- collecting field data related to stand conditions and assist inventory forester with contract inspections.
- providing feedback and assists with the development of silvicultural treatments.
- frequent use of ArcGIS software for planning, spatial analysis, creating and editing and attribute data.
Description of CTUIR Forest Resources

There are approximately 20,000 acres of managed forest on the Umatilla Indian Reservation (UIR), all of which is located on the western slope of the Blue Mountains in Eastern Oregon. Forest types range from dry ponderosa pine to moist mixed conifer with pine, larch, Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine, true fir, and spruce at higher elevations. Like much of the dry forests in the western US, the UIR has been subjected to over a century of fire suppression and modest levels of management activity. There is a strong commitment and ample opportunity to guide future succession toward stand conditions which are more historically relevant and sustainable.

LOCATION AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Pendleton, OR is full-service service community with a population of approximately 17,000 located immediately west of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The Umatilla River flows through the heart of town and Main Street is dotted with local shops and restaurants. Pendleton is home of the famous Pendleton Roundup, a week-long celebration of western culture and rodeo events. Pendleton also has a thriving arts community not limited to the Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts, Pendleton Center for the Arts, and Oregon East Symphony.

HOUSING

Pendleton has a limited number of rental apartments and rental homes available. The real estate market is stable and with fair prices, especially considering costs of other Oregon communities. The outlying communities of Pilot Rock, Athena, Adams, and Helix offer more rural options for those not wanting to live in a ‘bigger’ town.

SCHOOLS

A variety of pre-schools and day-care centers are available in addition to elementary, junior and senior high schools. Blue Mountain Community College has a major campus in Pendleton and has a range of AA, AS, and certificate degrees available.

RECREATION NEAR PENDLETON, OR

We are situated near the western boundary of the Umatilla National Forest and within a short drive of the Wallowa/Whitman National Forest and about 2 hours from Mt. Hood and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Eastern Oregon hosts some of the best hunting opportunities in the State including white-tailed and mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, upland birds, waterfowl, wild turkey, and black bear. The area also has year-round fishing for various native and sport fish on everything from mountain headwater streams to the main-stem Columbia River. Other mountain recreation opportunities include river running, backcountry and resort skiing (at Anthony Lakes Resort), backpacking, trail running/hiking, mountain biking, and much more. Pendleton also has a number of city parks, including a river walk along the Umatilla River.

For more information about the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation can be found at www.ctuir.org. Contact Richie Gardner at richardgardner@ctuir.org or 541-429-7225 if you have specific questions about this position.