

OUTREACH NOTICE



Forest Environmental Coordinator
GS-0401-12
Colville National Forest
Colville, WA



The Colville National Forest will soon be advertising for a permanent full-time forest environmental coordinator. This position was previously advertised as a forest environmental coordinator / wildlife program manager. It has been restructured to remove the wildlife program manager duties. This position serves as the coordinator for NEPA, CEQ, NFMA, FOIA, and Appeals and Litigation and is stationed out of the Supervisors Office in beautiful Colville, Washington. The purpose of this outreach is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to assess the level of interest in the position. Please let us know if you would like to see this position advertise as a GS 11/12 so that you could be eligible to compete.

The Forest has a diverse and dynamic program in resource management and is known for being at the cutting edge of innovation in its community partnerships and collaboration. Here on the Colville National Forest, we place a high value on our relationships with each other, sister agencies, tribes, and local communities. Our talented and dedicated employees are among the best you'll find anywhere. We are looking for an individual skilled in, committed to, and

passionate about collaboration, shared leadership, and new ways of doing business. If you're the kind of leader who enjoys innovation and teamwork, this may be the place for you!

This natural resource specialist is supervised by the Natural Resource Staff Officer. As the forest environmental coordinator, the incumbent provides program managers and NEPA coordinators with technical leadership and guidance concerning interpretation and implementation of environmental policies.

We're looking for someone with the interest, creativity, and aptitude to help lead the forest in its natural resource mission. If you have a deep commitment to land stewardship, lots of energy, and extraordinary leadership skills and want to work in a setting where you can *truly* make a difference, this may be the job for you!

The position is a permanent full-time position with a duty station of Colville, Washington. This position will soon be advertised via <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. For more information please contact:

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About the Colville National Forest

Tucked into the northeastern corner of Washington State and nestled at the foot of the northern Rockies, the Colville National Forest is an exquisite landscape of forested mountains, clear mountain streams and fertile valleys. The 1.1 million acre forest was shaped over 10,000 years ago by Ice Age glaciers that carved three major valleys: the Columbia, Sanpoil-Curlew, and Pend Oreille River valleys. The mountains and valleys that comprise the lush northeast corner of Washington roll like waves on the high seas. Three waves of mountains run from north to south, separated by troughs of beautiful valleys. These ranges, the Okanogan, Kettle River and Selkirk are considered the eastern edge of the Okanogan highlands and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

The Forest has three Ranger Districts: Three Rivers Ranger District, Newport/Sullivan Lake Ranger District and the Republic Ranger District. Each unit tends to have distinctly different zones, each with its unique climate, topography, and vegetation. Each district office is located in one of the major river drainages: the Sanpoil-Curlew River Valleys, the Kettle-Colville-Columbia River Valleys, and the Pend Oreille River Valley. Topography is varied, ranging from rounded mountain slopes at low elevations to high peaks and basins above 7,300 feet in elevation.

The ecology of the Colville is highly diverse with forests ranging from ponderosa pine and Douglas fir on drier sites to western red cedar, western hemlock, western white pine and a variety of deciduous species on wetter sites. The Forest also has a significant expanse of lodgepole pine and the famously beautiful western larch. Approximately 25% of the Forest was

burned in the infamous wildfires of 1910. The Colville is home to a tremendous variety of wildlife including whitetail and mule deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and black bear. Rare sightings are also possible of the threatened grizzly, Canada lynx, and endangered woodland caribou. Another amazing site is the large number of bald eagles that winter along the major rivers and nest in the vicinity.

The Colville National Forest has been selected to provide the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree in 2013. The “People’s Tree” will come from the picturesque Colville National Forest, and will grace the lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C during 2013 holiday season.

Colville and Surrounding Area

The community of Colville is the county seat of Stevens County, located in the northeastern corner of Washington, 40 miles south of the Canadian border and approximately 65 miles north of Spokane. Colville is an outdoor enthusiast’s paradise. Its treasures include an abundance of recreational opportunities minutes from your front door. Lakes, rivers, streams, and miles of trails can be found in all directions. Within a short drive, you’ll find a national scenic highway, numerous golf courses, boating on Lake Roosevelt NRA, wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, hiking and paddling. If winter sports are your passion, the area has abundant downhill and cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and backcountry opportunities. Even more adventures await in the nearby landscapes of north Idaho and southern British Columbia.

The Colville Chamber of Commerce’s slogan is “Discover Our Good Nature.” The community boasts a number of active civic groups, a performing arts theater in nearby Kettle Falls, an “eat local” food movement, community supported agriculture, a community garden, and farmers markets that routinely achieve ‘Best in State’ status. The community is also known for its excellent library and parks and recreation programs, including summer reading programs, swimming programs, and a full slate of summer youth programs.

Shopping and services are abundant in this rustic, yet eclectic and vibrant downtown. When shopping is the topic in Colville, the saying “Colville has everything you need and most of what you want” typically applies. Colville has three grocery stores, including a Walmart Super Center, a movie theater, many regionally known restaurants, two full-service auto dealerships, and numerous other small businesses. If you can’t find what you’re looking for in Colville, Spokane (65 miles) and Coeur d’ Alene, ID (97 miles) offer extensive shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Spokane is also a major medical center servicing the inland northwest and offers access to a wide range of specialists and several top ranking hospitals. Spokane’s international airport is serviced by seven carriers with connections to a number of major hub airports. An airport shuttle operates between Colville and Spokane twice a day.

The population of Colville is approximately 5,000, with a larger trade area of an additional 30,000 people living in smaller communities. The major employers include Boise Cascade, Stimson Lumber, Vaagen Brothers Lumber, Hearth & Home Technologies, Colmac Coil, Hewescraft Boats, Walmart, Colville School District, U.S. Forest Service, Stevens County, Mt.

Carmel Hospital, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, City of Colville, and NE Washington Rural Resources.

Colville offers five public schools, K-12, including an award winning high school and two private schools. Colville School District is also part of an innovative program to assist home schoolers with their education through a combination of activities, online work, and classroom time. Colville houses a branch of Spokane Community College which offers both credit and non-credit classes.

Community health facilities include a new \$34 million dollar hospital with a complete staff of physicians, surgeons and a variety of specialists. The area also has numerous dentists, two assisted care facilities, and two nursing homes.

Colville sits at 1,635 feet in elevation and while located at a high latitude (48°32"), the area enjoys four distinct, beautiful seasons with temperature ranges (in Fahrenheit) from a median low of 24.5° to a median high of 75.7°. Temperatures in the summer often rise into the 90s in the daytime, but cool to the 60s after dark for pleasant sleeping. The average precipitation is approximately 17" of rain and 48" of snow with some precipitation occurring nearly every month. The average length of the growing season in and around Colville is 140 days, ranging from May to October. The sun shines at least 55% of the time and winds are gentle, averaging about six miles per hour.

There is no question about it; Colville is a wonderful place to live, work and play! For more information, contact the Colville Chamber of Commerce at (509) 684-5973 or check the website at <http://www.colville.com>.

OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM

If you are interested in applying for this position and want to receive updates of the position's status, please complete the attached outreach form and send electronically (khoneycutt@fs.fed.us) or mail to the Colville National Forest, 765 S Main St, Colville, WA 99114, Attn: Karen Honeycutt, or fax to 509-684-7280. Please respond by **April 22, 2013**.

I am interested in the following position:

Position Title/Series/Grade: **Forest Environmental Coordinator, GS-401-12**
Location: **Region 6, Colville National Forest**

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes _____ No _____

If yes:

Current title/series/grade: _____

Current agency and location: _____

Type of Appointment:

Permanent _____ Term _____ Temporary _____

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

Person with Disabilities: _____ Veterans Readjustment: _____

Former Peace Corps _____ Disabled veteran w/30% _____

Volunteer: _____ Compensable Disability: _____

Pathways Program: _____ Veterans Employment _____

1988: _____

Other: _____

Please briefly share why you have an interest in this position: