



**OUTREACH NOTICE**  
**MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST**  
Prairie City Ranger District  
Prairie City, Oregon

*"Caring for the Land and Serving People"*



**Malheur National Forest**  
**Prairie City Ranger District**  
**GS-0482-7 Fish Biologist**  
**PSE 18/8**

**POSITION:**

The Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District is currently conducting outreach for a Fish Biologist 0482-7. The position will be filled as a PSE 18/8. Only one position will be filled.

All interested applicants will be notified of the vacancy announcement number and closing date when it becomes available. The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information:

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

**Please share this opportunity within your network or with others you know may be interested.**

For further information on this position, and or to express your interest in this position, please contact William Wall at 541-820-3864. Individuals who are interested in this position are asked to complete and send the attached Outreach Reply form to: [wwall@fs.fed.us](mailto:wwall@fs.fed.us) by **April 10th, 2013**.

**Duties:**

As an advanced trainee, increases knowledge, skills, and abilities in the fishery biology profession. As part of planned career development, works with and assists senior members of the staff in the performance of analytical/scientific assignments. Collects field data on fish habitats and other aquatic resources for preparation of maps and management plans using all types of sampling equipment. Assembles biological data from records to document the results of past fishery and aquatic resource activities. Classifies habitats and determines stream conditions for fisheries. Conducts aquatic habitat/fish inventories. Assists in preparation of documents related to land management planning to evaluate potential effect of road construction, logging, livestock grazing, mineral extraction, fishery management plans, environmental assessments and biological evaluations. May supervise workers or serve as Contracting Officer's Representative for fish habitat improvement projects. Investigates specific cases of fishery habitat damage and recommends alternative restoration actions. Uses basic understanding of hydrology and fluvial processes to make recommendations. Monitors stream flow and fish habitat conditions as needed to determine compliance with Forest Plan Standards and guidelines, contract provisions or other requirements related to fish habitat. Investigates potential effects of water impoundments, diversions, and other water structures and management activities on fisheries. Prepares

well-researched and logically organized presentations related to work assignments. Presents facts, issues, and positions that convey the intended information with the appropriate diplomacy and emphasis.

**LOCATION:**

The Prairie City Ranger District is located in Prairie City, Oregon. The Blue Mountain Ranger District is located in John Day OR.

**FOREST OVERVIEW:**

The Malheur National Forest encompasses nearly a million and a half acres of wilderness, rangeland, and general forest in the majestic Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. It sustains a diversity of vegetation ranging from juniper-sagebrush woodlands and bunchgrass grasslands to high elevation alpine forests of sub-alpine fir and white bark pine. Extensive tracts of Ponderosa pine, western larch, Douglas-fir, Grand fir and Lodgepole pine forests occur between the juniper/grassland foothills and alpine peaks. Elevations range from 4,000 feet to 9,038 feet at the top of beautiful Strawberry Mountain. The majority of the Forest lies in Grant and Harney counties. State Highway 395 bisects the Forest north-to-south and State Highway 26 from east-to-west. The Forest has three ranger districts at this time – Blue Mountain Ranger District, Prairie City Ranger District, both on the north-end, and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District to the south.

**ABOUT THE AREA:**

The surrounding countryside is a combination of forested mountains, high desert plateaus, and rolling prairie. The communities of Prairie City and John Day lie at the head of the John Day River Valley, the river being the last major tributary of the Columbia River that is not dammed. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking/cycling, camping, and beautiful scenery. The area offers unlimited outdoor recreational opportunities including hunting (elk, deer, and upland birds), fishing, hiking, mountain biking/cycling, camping, beautiful scenery, and winter sports such as cross country and back country skiing or snowmobiling. It offers wide open, uncrowded spaces for those seeking peace and solitude.

The upper John Day River valley is home to the majority of the 8,000 residents of Grant County. John Day/Canyon City constitutes the primary population “center” (est. population 2,500) and county seat. It is a full service community with a hospital, medical and dental offices, elementary, junior high and high school, restaurants, motels, Bed and Breakfast, city swimming pool and historical museums.

The communities exhibit a rural culture due to their geographic isolation from urban areas. The closest urban centers include Bend, Oregon (3 hours to the west, Boise, Idaho (3 hours to the east), and Pendleton, Oregon (3 hours to the north).

**FOREST RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Over 600 miles of recreation trails (wilderness, hiking, horseback, mountain bike, ATV, snowmobile and cross-country skiing); 29 campgrounds; streams, ponds, rivers, and lakes; Strawberry Mountain and Monument Rock wilderness areas; Malheur River and North Fork Malheur River Wild and Scenic Rivers; John Day Fossil Beds National Park; other outstanding geologic features and wildlife habitat provide a diversity of experiences. Hunting opportunities abound, whether you prefer a camera, bow, binoculars, or firearm.

For more information on the area, you may contact the Chamber of Commerce at: (541) 575--0547 or website - <http://www.grantcounty.cc>

**Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!**

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<b>OUTREACH NOTICE FORM</b>
<b>POSITION TITLE: GS-0482 Fish Biologist</b>
<b>UNIT: Prairie City Ranger District– Malheur National Forest</b>

<b>NAME:</b>	
<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	

**CURRENT STATUS:**

Agency:	<input type="checkbox"/> USFS	<input type="checkbox"/> BLM	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Type of Appointment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> Term	<input type="checkbox"/> VRA	<input type="checkbox"/> PWD	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Region:						
Forest:						
District:						
Series:						
Grade:						
Position Title:						

If you are not currently a permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Readjustment Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disabled Veterans w/30% Compensable Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998	<input type="checkbox"/>
Former Peace Corps Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Career Experience Program	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return your completed Outreach Notice form to William Wall by <b>April 10th, 2013</b>	
Email:	<a href="mailto:wwall@fs.fed.us">wwall@fs.fed.us</a>
Subject:	District Fish Biologist
Surface Mail:	Prairie City Ranger District Attn: William Wall PO Box 909 John Day OR 97845