

******* OUTREACH NOTICE *******
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is currently advertising the Forest Environmental Coordinator, **GS-401-12 (Interdisciplinary – GS-101, 401, 1301)**. If you are interested in applying for this position, please respond on the enclosed [Outreach Notice Form](#) by **April 15, 2014 to Stuart Woolley at swoolley@fs.fed.us or via hardcopy mail to: Okanogan – Wenatchee NF, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, WA. 98801. The outreach will run concurrent with the advertisement of the vacancy announcement in eRecruit.**

About the Position: This position is located in the Supervisor’s Office and is a member of the Planning/Resources Group. The incumbent serves as the Forest Environmental Coordinator with responsibility for the NEPA, Appeals, Litigation, and FOIA programs. This position works closely with the Forest Supervisor, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Staff Officers, and District Rangers in addition to a group of environmental coordinators on each district.

This position is located on a Forest Service unit and serves as the coordinator and subject matter expert for NEPA, FOIA, and Appeals and Litigation. Incumbent is responsible for the direction and leadership of environmental analysis, the legal and administrative review process resulting from use of the NEPA process, and coordination of Forest responses made under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts.

The Forests: The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest cover approximately 4 million acres. The Okanogan is called the “Sunny Okanogan” and for good reason. Summers are hot and dry, and winters are famous for brilliant clear skies and plenty of snow. The 1,706,000-acre Okanogan portion of the forest has two distinct sides, east and west, referred to as the Methow and Okanogan valleys. Each area is a destination in itself and together they offer days and days of things to do and see. The Okanogan portion of the forest includes the Pasayten and Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wildernesses and is home to the North Cascade Smokejumper Base.

The 2.2 million acre Wenatchee portion of the forest extends about 135 miles along the east side of the Cascade crest from Lake Chelan in the north to the Yakima Indian Reservation in the south. Vegetation varies from grasslands and sage brush to beautiful Ponderosa Pine and Douglas-fir with alpine fir in the higher elevations. Nearly 40% of the Wenatchee’s forest land is designated as wilderness area: The Lake Chelan-Sawtooth, Glacier Peak, Henry M. Jackson, Alpine Lakes, William O. Douglas, Norse Peak and the Goat Rocks.

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Vision:

We are recognized as leaders in forest landscape restoration, which improves the health, resiliency and sustainability of natural systems. We believe restored landscapes provide improved terrestrial and aquatic systems, minimize risk of uncharacteristically severe wildfire, and contribute to local communities and economies, as well as enhance quality of life.

Through our efforts, landscapes will become more resilient to changing climates and disturbances and will behave in a manner that restores natural processes, patterns and functions.

We will work collaboratively and strategically across landscapes to double our restoration footprint within the next 10 years.

We will focus on desired restoration outcomes and measure our success with landscapes that are restored and resilient.

We continue to adapt strategies based on new science, changed conditions and monitoring.

The Forest Restoration Strategy: Numerous scientific studies have shown the 4-million-acre Okanogan-Wenatchee N.F. is experiencing uncharacteristically severe fires, insect infestations, disease epidemics, habitat loss and hydrologic events that cause massive erosion. Climate change will exacerbate these threats in the near future. Scientists generally agree active, landscape-scale restoration is needed if the forest is to become resilient to these threats

Forest Service managers and research scientists have worked hard developing the Okanogan-Wenatchee N.F. Restoration Strategy to address these threats. The Restoration Strategy uses analyses that efficiently examine vast forest landscapes. It also helps managers prioritize finite land management resources, while comparing historic, current and future forest conditions in a warming climate. This streamlines project planning, helping managers to treat more acres faster.

The Restoration Strategy drives project design with defined ecological outcomes, such as reduced fire risk or improved wildlife habitat connectivity. Restoration Strategy activities can include conducting controlled burns, repairing or closing roads, and thinning small or diseased trees. Restoration projects may or may not produce merchantable timber.

Goals

Make our forests and watersheds resilient to disturbances (like fire) and to climate change
Collaborate with a variety of partners and adapt our strategy to new information and changing conditions.

See the links below and at right for more information on the Restoration Strategy. Also at right is a link to definitions of restoration-related terms, some of which are in bold below. You can also download the full 119-page [2012 Restoration Strategy document](#). For more information on implementation of the Strategy, see [this page](#). You can also see our [Projects & Partners](#) or read our [FAQs](#).

Recreation: Recreational opportunities abound in the area. If you are a skier there are three major ski areas within 60 minutes of Wenatchee as well as several small local ski areas. There are various Cross Country ski trails and opportunities for heli-skiing. The forests trail and road systems allow for snowmobiling, horse back riding, mountain biking, trailbike riding and snowshoeing. Wildlife habitat provides a wide array of hunting opportunities from elk, deer and bear to pheasant, chukkar and grouse. Streams, ponds, rivers and lakes harbor several varieties of trout and furnish water sport enthusiasts a fanfare of ventures. Whether it's scenic vistas, para-gliding, rock climbing, kyacking or camping activities you enjoy, the Okanogan and Wenatchee provides abundant opportunities.

The Community: The Wenatchee Valley is nestled on the shores of the mighty Columbia River. It is located in Central Washington just 100 miles southeast of Seattle and 165 miles west of Spokane. The Greater Wenatchee Area has approximately 48,000 residents who enjoy living in a region with four distinct seasons. Housing cost and other local information can be found at <http://www.city-data.com/city/Wenatchee-Washington.html>. The schools, services, museums, health and athletic clubs, hospitals and airports are only part of what makes Wenatchee one of the most desirable places to live, work and play.

Education: The community's higher education needs are met by Wenatchee Valley College, a comprehensive community college featuring two-year degree programs and transfer programs in conjunction with state four-year institutions including Eastern Washington University, Central Washington University and Washington State University. The Wenatchee and Eastmont school districts

serve 9,000 students in 11 elementary schools, two special education schools, four middle and junior high schools, an alternative high school, and two senior high schools, one AAA and one AAAA. In addition to public education, three private religious schools, a Head Start program, and numerous pre-schools and kindergartens serve the area. All the school districts in Wenatchee are proud to offer students ample opportunity for academic and athletic excellence.

Health Care: Central Washington Hospital (located in Wenatchee) is the major health care facility in the region. Central Washington Hospital is more than a community hospital. It is the major medical facility and referral center for North Central Washington. Central Washington Hospital provides quality medical care to residents of North Central Washington - right here at home. Like local schools, businesses and churches, a community hospital is a key resource that enhances the quality of life where we live and work.

Services include inpatient and outpatient surgery, cardiac program, coronary and intensive care, respiratory care, oncology, dialysis, neonatal nursery, home health and hospice, regional trauma emergency department, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services such as cardio-pulmonary, physical, speech, and occupational therapies.

Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, established in 1940, is a large rural healthcare delivery system in multi-specialty group practice with a regional focus and a commitment to serve patient needs by providing the highest quality healthcare and services in an atmosphere of concern and caring. With over 170 physicians providing comprehensive medical and ancillary services, we are the second largest multi-specialty clinic in the Pacific Northwest. Our physicians provide primary care to area residents and also draw patients from throughout the region for specialty care.

Over 60 dentists, hygienists, orthodontists, and dental laboratories serve the Wenatchee area. Wenatchee also has a life flight helicopter stationed at Central Washington Hospital and Executive Flight possesses three jet air ambulances stationed at Pangborn Airport in East Wenatchee.

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Additional Information: For more information about the duties of the position you may contact Stuart Woolley at 509-664-9332.

The Position Descriptions can be found at the following location...

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GS-101/401/1301-12**

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Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.

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