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Open Until Filled

EXEMPT X
NON-EXEMPT

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: FORESTER

RESPONSIBLE TO: Lead Forester

SALARY: GS-9 - \$39,753 - \$51,687 Annual/Full Benefits
GS-10 - \$44,346 - \$56,916 Annual/Full Benefits

Starting salary will be determined by funding, experience, and training level and normally is not above the first grade, mid-step range.

CLASSIFICATION: Professional-Management, Regular, Full-Time

LOCATION: The Klamath Tribes
501 Chiloquin Blvd.
Chiloquin, OR 97624

INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this position is to perform professional forestry work in support of the Forestry Program. The Forester will work under the direction of the Lead Forester on issues relating to Forest Management, Natural Resources and Special Forest Use concerns of the Tribes. At least half of the incumbent's time is field oriented.

This position is located in the Natural Resource Department.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Conduct all pre-sale activities, including unit designation, acreage determination, mapping, etc.
2. Design and implement timber cruises and mark timber.
3. Write silvicultural prescriptions.
4. Administer timber sale contracts and other pre-sale and post-sale contracts.
5. Exercise the full range of supervisory duties for department staff and activities. Performs overall work planning, establishes work schedules and priorities, and assigns and reviews work. Personally discusses the progress of the work and problem areas as they arise. Recommends employee status and other personnel changes. Approves leave. Evaluates performance. Identifies training needed and ensures that training opportunities are provided. Resolves complaints or minor grievances, and advises employees on matters related to less than adequate performance. Keeps employees informed of management policies and goals.
6. Assist conducting timber appraisals for a variety of timber products, including timber sales, post and pole sales, firewood, biomass and wood chips.
7. Assist the Lead Forester in implementing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Forest Service and the Klamath Tribes, 2/19/99 (revised 2/17/05), for all actions, projects or issues originating from the Fremont-Winema National Forest that may affect Tribal resources, rights or interests.
8. Assist the NEPA planning process as assigned by the Lead Forester.
9. Assist the Lead Forester with developing the Forestry Program as assigned.
10. Assist the Lead Forester in implementing Stewardship projects with an emphasis on the field aspects of the project.
11. Maintain accurate and orderly records and files.
12. Provide reports and correspondence for the Lead Forester as required or requested.
13. Duties will require driving on rough roads and in inclement weather conditions.
14. Other duties as assigned.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

Work is performed under the general direction of the Lead Forester. The Lead Forester makes assignments based on Tribal goals and current direction. Tasks performed may be specific to existing management direction or with regard to Tribal cultural and subsistence resource requirements. The employee plans and carries out the successive steps of work plans and assignments independently within existing policies, instructions, previous training, and professional experience. Major or new issues are referred to the supervisor who is available for advice and assistance in unprecedented or unusual situations. Incumbent must display a high degree of initiative in carrying out his or her duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the ecological requirements of Tribal subsistence resources and ability to quantify ecological threshold using appropriate tools, education and professional training.

Computer skills required to operate work processing software and spreadsheets, for data analysis. Geographic Information System software experience, important.

Ability to learn the boundaries of the former reservation and adjacent areas that impact Tribal resources.

Ability to learn the Klamath Management Code and answer questions regarding Tribal Treaty Rights.

Ability to learn and maintain a working knowledge of the proposed and ongoing land management activity files, as well as knowledge of the Tribes status on various issues in order to present factual information.

Knowledgeable with, or ability and desire to learn appropriate tools that will quantify ecological thresholds; e.g.; computer mule deer model and its use.

Knowledgeable with, or ability and desire to learn, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning and process.

Knowledgeable with, or ability and desire to learn, Stewardship contract and agreement processes.

Must have good public relations and interpersonal relationship skills. This person will meet with a variety of individuals in a professional manner, using tact, diplomacy, mature judgment, while providing Tribal perspective.

Ability to perform work and accomplish tasks following specific procedures and in accordance with established policies, procedures, professional practices and scientific accuracy.

Ability to communicate with both written and oral skills. This requires above average knowledge of grammar.

Ability to supervise employees by assigning and reviewing work.

Ability to work in inclement weather and rugged terrain.

Skill and ability to operate a vehicle in adverse weather (e.g. snowy conditions) and on rugged forest roads.

QUALIFICATIONS. EXPERIENCE. AND EDUCATION

- BA/BS Degree in Forestry, or related field with forestry as the core curriculum, **REQUIRED.** *(Copy of degree or transcripts must be submitted with application.)*
- Minimum one (1) year field experience in traditional forestry activities such as timber marking and cruising, unit layout, reforestation, pre-commercial thinning, etc, **REQUIRED.**
- Silvicultural experience is preferred.
- Minimum one (1) year supervisory experience, **REQUIRED.** Accumulated one (1) year experience serving as a foreman, squad boss, summer project leader, ect will be considered.
- Experience with Stewardship contracts and agreements, and other traditional forestry related contracts such as timber sale contracts, precommercial thinning contract, reforestation contracts, etc, preferred.
- Experience with NEPA planning and processes, preferred.
- Computer experience, **REQUIRED.** Emphasis will be in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and work in a networked environment. GIS experience preferred.
- GPS experience, **REQUIRED.**
- Must submit to and clear an alcohol/drug screen test, **REQUIRED.** *(Employment will be contingent upon clearing the required alcohol/drug screening test.)*
- Must possess a valid Driver's License, have a good driving record, and be insurable by the Klamath Tribes. Must obtain and maintain a valid Oregon Driver's License within initial 90-day probationary period as a condition of employment, **REQUIRED.** *(Copy of valid DL must be submitted with application.)*
- Indian Preference will apply. *(Must submit proof of Indian Preference with application.)*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This job description is intended to provide an overview of the requirements of the position. It is not necessarily all-inclusive, and the job may require other essential and/or non-essential functions, tasks, duties, or responsibilities not listed herein. Management reserves the sole right to add, modify, or exclude any essential or non-essential requirement at any time with or without notice. Nothing in this job description, or by the completion of any requirement of the job by the employee, is intended to create a contract of employment of any type.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit a Tribal *Application for Employment* with all requirements and supporting documentation to:

**The Klamath Tribes
ATTN: Human Resource
P.O. Box 436
Chiloquin, OR 97624**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO PROVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRIBAL POSITIONS.

PLEASE NOTE: If requirements are not met, i.e., submission of a resume in lieu of a tribal application, or not including a required certification, your application will not be reviewed and will be disqualified.

Indian Preference will apply. In accordance with Klamath Tribal policy, priority in selection will be given to qualified applicants who present proof of eligibility for "Indian Preference".

Applications will not be returned.