



OUTREACH NOTICE

ROGUE RIVER-SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST



FORESTER (TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT) GS-0460-11

Permanent, Full-Time

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is filling a Permanent, Full-Time, Forester - Timber Management Assistant position (GS-0460-11). This is a zoned position with work on the Powers, Gold Beach, and Wild Rivers Districts. The duty location will be Powers or Gold Beach, OR. Government housing may be available.

INTERESTED CANDIDATES: The application period is now open. To apply, click [here](#) or visit [USAJobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov) and search for 20-R6-OCR-FS2281-11G. Select Powers and/or Gold Beach, OR as your preferred duty location(s). **Applications due June 21, 2020 by 8:59 PM PST (11:59 PM EST).**

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform perspective applicants of the opportunity. The [Permanent outreach](#) will remain open until the application period closes. Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

If you have questions about the position, please contact District Ranger Kathy Allen at (541) 439-6201, or via email kathy.m.allen@usda.gov.

About the Position

This supervisory position has responsibility for the planning, implementation, and administration of the timber management program across the west zone, including:

- Establishing timber sale program and production goals, setting priorities, and laying out work schedule;
- Participating in project planning process and NEPA;
- Overseeing and reviewing logging plans, timber sale contracts, and appraisals;
- Supervisory and leadership role for zoned timber preparation employees;
- Coordinating crews and workflow across the 3-district zone;
- Working with district rangers, specialist, subordinates, and Supervisor Office staff to coordinate and communicate effectively.

The Klamath and Siskiyou Mountains are rugged terrain, so be prepared to work on steep slopes! The position is supervisory.

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Gold Beach and Powers Ranger Districts

Located in southwestern Oregon, the Gold Beach and Powers Ranger Districts offer amazing, year-round recreation, including five wild and scenic rivers, over 200 miles of hiking trails, five federally-designated wilderness areas, and a range of camping opportunities from the highly-developed campgrounds along the lower section of the Rogue River to dispersed campsites deep in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Both Districts encompass about 700,000 acres of National Forest System lands.

The Siskiyou area embodies the most complex soils, geology, landscape, and plant communities in the Pacific Northwest. World-class wild rivers, biological diversity, remarkable fisheries resources, and complex watersheds define the Siskiyou. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is the most floristically diverse National Forest in the country with some extraordinary botanical resources. A few well known “special” species are *Darlingtonia (cobra lily)* and coastal redwood trees.

This area is unique in habitat for some special status species (Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, northern spotted owls, marbled murrelet, mardon skipper, red tree vole) as well as species which are popularly hunted or fished (black-tailed deer, elk, steelhead). Along with hunting and fishing, wildlife and plant viewing are other popular activities.

These two districts have an active timber sale program, selling about 8-20 MMBF per year between the two districts. This volume comes primarily from thinning managed plantations and thinning in natural stands. Primary harvest species include Douglas-fir and western hemlock. Logging systems are often complex as a result of variable topography, soils, and many streams.

Be prepared for steep, rugged, and beautiful country!

The Gold Beach Ranger District Office is in Gold Beach, Oregon, right on the Pacific Ocean. The office has views of the ocean from most west facing offices. Most employees live in Gold Beach (~2000 people, Curry County seat), Brookings/Harbor (~6000-7000 people, about 30-40 minutes from the office), or Port Orford (~1200 people, about 30 minutes from the office). There are about 30 permanent employees on the Gold Beach Ranger District with almost all the positions zoned to cover Gold Beach (~500,000 acres) and Powers (~200,000 acres) Ranger Districts.

The Powers Ranger Station is approximately one mile north of town and is one of five ranger districts on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The Forest covers nearly 1.8 million acres, 139,128 of which are administered by the District. Elevation of the District varies from near sea level to 4,300 feet. The elevation at Powers is 300 feet.

The climate is typical of southwestern Oregon-mild, moist winters and warm dry summers with summer temperatures ranging from the seventies to the nineties. Rainfall averages 63 inches per year from October to June. Snow is normal on the district during the winter and usually occurs at 1,000 feet and higher elevations. The topography ranges from moderate slopes to steep, rugged slopes. Small drainages, ridges, bluffs and waterfalls are abundant.

In general, the District supports excellent stands of old-growth and mature second growth Douglas-fir in association with western hemlock, Port-Orford-cedar, western redcedar, true firs, and many species of hardwoods. Throughout the District, a variety of ground vegetation and brush species exist. These include pacific rhododendron, salal, sword and bracken fern, manzanita and huckleberry. The scenic diversity on this District is outstanding.

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Southern Oregon's Glendale to Powers Bicycle Recreation Area is a 74-mile paved bicycle route that begins in Glendale and leads the rider through some of the most breath-taking scenery in Southern Oregon.

Gold Beach Area Information

Located on the Wild Rivers Coast of southern Oregon, Gold Beach (pop. 2,282) is situated in Curry County (pop. 22,000) at the mouth of the Rogue River. The Rogue River provides some of the best salmon fishing and whitewater rafting opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. Other popular recreational activities include beach combing, biking, hiking, surfing, kite boarding, and windsurfing. The climate is generally mild, with summertime temperatures in the mid-60s. Winters are cool and wet, and snow is common in the mountains. Average annual rainfall is 80 inches. This area is often referred to as "the sunniest place on the Oregon Coast". More information about the Gold Beach area may be found at goldbeach.org or hometownlocator.com.



Powers Area Information

Powers is in the southwestern corner of Oregon, approximately 75 miles west of I-5 and 50 miles east of the Pacific coast. It is nestled in a valley ringed by steeply forested mountains of the Coast Range, and retains the close-knit, small-town character of a Pacific Northwest logging community. Powers is a small community of about 750 people. It is 21 miles to the next nearest town which is Myrtle Point and 30 miles from the Coos County seat, Coquille.

Principal industries include timber, ranching and recreation. The road south follows the South Fork of the Coquille River entering the Rogue River - Siskiyou National Forest 4 miles from town.

The nearest medical facility is the Myrtle Point Medical Center, in Myrtle Point, Oregon and the closest hospital is in Coquille, Oregon.

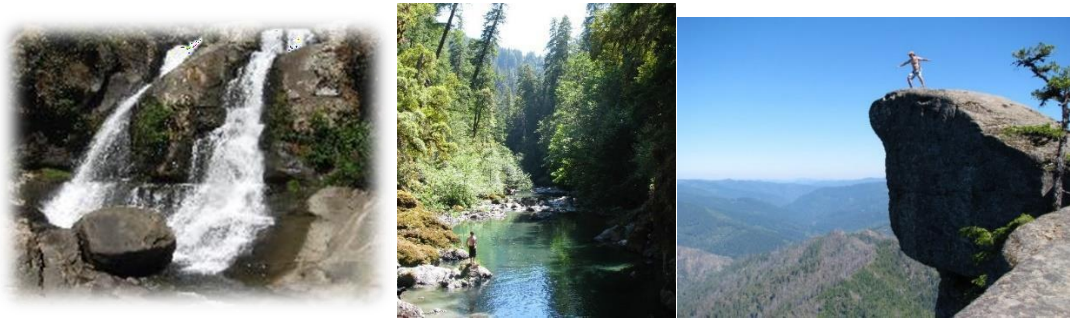
Services in Powers include a store and cafe. Childcare facilities are not available. There are several churches in local communities. The school system consists of a grade school (grades K-6) and a high school (grades 7-12). Southwestern Oregon Community College is in North Bend, 53 miles away. Local housing rentals average \$1000 per month, when available. Housing purchases start at approximately \$150,000.

There are several points of interest on the Powers Ranger District including: Big Tree (the world's largest Port Orford-cedar), five year-round campgrounds, and several Wildernesses. The district is well known for its tremendous salmonid fisheries and wide range of wildlife species.

The area around Powers offers excellent opportunities for outdoor recreation. Deer and elk hunting are excellent, as is salmon and steelhead fishing in the Elk River, Sixes River and the South

Fork of the Coquille River. The world-famous Rogue River is approximately 35 miles south of Powers via the Agness Road. Powers County Park is located 3/4 miles north of Powers. It has tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; a baseball field; fishing; boating (electric trolling motors permitted); camping and RV spaces with water and electrical hookups; and picnic shelters with water and electrical facilities.

The climate is typical of Western Oregon, mild-moist winters and warm-dry summers, with temperatures in the 70's and 80's. Rainfall averages about 63 inches a year. Snow is normal on the Powers Ranger District at elevations above 1,000 feet. The town's elevation is approximately 300 feet.



About the Wild Rivers Ranger District

The Wild Rivers Ranger District is known for its wild rivers, botanical diversity, old growth forests, and rugged character. Located in beautiful Southwest Oregon, it extends from west of the city of Grants Pass to the middle of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness, from Northern California to the Rogue River and the lower portion of the Applegate Valley. Major access routes are Interstate 5 and Highway 199. It is situated in the center of remote forest lands with the Kalmiopsis Wilderness in the north and west, the Siskiyou and Red Buttes Wilderness in the south, and many sparsely roaded acres in between.

The terrain varies from 1000' elevation up to 6000' along the California border. Douglas fir, incense cedar, white oak, madrone, black oak, white fir, ponderosa pine, and sugar pine dominate the forested slopes at lower elevations, with western hemlock, Douglas fir, White fir, and several kinds of cedars abundant in the higher areas. Much of the diverse landscape is the result of the Siskiyou Mountain range's geologic diversity and age.

About the Communities

Cave Junction is 12 miles north of the California border 30 miles southwest of Grants Pass is home to the *Wild Rivers Ranger Station*. With a population of 1,900 it is the major town in the beautiful Illinois Valley.

The area offers hiking, fishing, rafting, kayaking, bicycling, sledding and much more. In the mountains you can camp, hunt, hike or explore the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area where the plant life is a botanical wonder. Nearby golf courses include the Grants Pass Golf Club an 18-hole semi-private course and the Illinois Valley Golf Course, A 9-hole par 36 course located in Cave Junction. Near Cave Junction is the state's first national monument, the Oregon Caves.

The Pacific Coast is about a one-hour drive from Cave Junction and the Wild Rivers Ranger Station. The coast boasts tide pools, beautiful beaches, and plenty of lodging and restaurants. On the way, travelers will pass through the Redwoods National Park.

The weather in the winter is cool and wet with temperatures ranging from the mid 20's to mid 40's
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and summers are warm and dry with temperatures mainly in the 80-100-degree range. The average rainfall is about 45 inches. It snows in the higher elevations, but the valley floor gets snow about once or twice in the winter and rarely lasts more than a day or two. **Housing:** Home prices are from \$175,000 and up, and rents are from \$985 and up for a 3-bedroom, 2-bath home. No government housing is currently available. **Medical Facilities:** Both Grants Pass and Cave Junction offer primary care professionals, pharmacies, optometrists, dentists, chiropractors, and other health services. Three Rivers Medical Center, located in Grants Pass, is the regional hospital. **Education:** The Three Rivers School District and Rogue Community College serve both Grants Pass and Cave Junction along with a handful of private schools.

For additional community information, browse:

cavejunctionoregon.us
grantspassoregon.gov
tripadvisor.com

Grants Pass, with a population around 37,579, is in the heart of the Rogue River Valley and is home to the *Grants Pass Interagency Office*. The town is located along Interstate 5, in Josephine County (population 83,306) at an elevation of 935 feet and is in southern Oregon about 60 miles north of the California border.

Downtown Grants Pass has earned a National Historic District distinction because of its historic buildings and homes. The town is the gateway to the legendary Rogue River, one of the original wild and scenic rivers. Folks who love to fish, raft, jet boat, and kayak will enjoy the diverse recreation opportunities in the area.

Grants Pass is in the “sun belt” of southern Oregon. The climate is mild. Average annual maximum temperature is 68.0, annual minimum 40.9 degrees. Average annual precipitation is 29.5 inches. Snowfall is minimal with 2.3 inches per year average.

The town has 10 elementary schools, 3 Middle Schools, 3 High Schools, and Rogue River Community College. There are also several private, parochial, independent, vocational, and pre-schools. Southern Oregon State College, a four-year institution is located nearby in Ashland.

There are about 77 churches in Josephine County representing most denominations.

Medical Services are offered at Three Rivers Hospital, a full-service community owned health care facility. A wide range of services not usually found in a small rural community are offered.

The community has a wide range of housing prices and styles to choose from.

For additional community information visit visitgrantspass.org.

The Supervisors Office is in Medford, a full-service community (population 81,780). Medford is approximately 273 miles south of Portland, Oregon, and approximately 310 miles north of Sacramento, California. High temperatures range from 46 to 90 degrees during their respective seasons.

Medford is located in Jackson County, Oregon. As of July 1, 2012, the city had a total population of 76,462 and a metropolitan area population of 208,545, making the Medford Metropolitan statistical

area the 4th largest metro area in Oregon.

For more information on the area:

- [City of Medford](#); or
- [Medford Jackson County Chamber of Commerce](#); or
- [Wikipedia.org](#)



About the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers 1.8 million acres in southwest Oregon and northwestern California, primarily in the watershed of the Rogue River. It encompasses parts of the Cascade Mountains, Siskiyou Mountains, and Oregon Coast Range. The Forest is recognized for its biological diversity, scenery, and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Located in southwest Oregon, along the California/Oregon state line and bordering the Klamath National Forest to the south, the Fremont-Winema Forest to the east and the Umpqua National Forest to the north, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest ranges from the crest of the Cascade Mountains west to the Siskiyou Mountains and nearly to the Pacific Ocean. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers almost 1.8 million acres and is unique in its botanical diversity, largely due to the bisection of the South Cascades and Siskiyou Mountain Ranges.

The Forest is also home to an incredible abundance of Wild and Scenic Rivers (over 200 designated miles among the Rogue, Chetco, Illinois, Elk and Smith Rivers), 7 wilderness areas (350,000 acres), outstanding fisheries and wildlife resources and ruggedly breathtaking landscapes of mountains, rivers and lakes with occasional meadows.

The Rogue River National Forest (until 1932 called the Crater National Forest) was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. The name Rogue River commemorates the Takelma Indians, whose defense of their homeland let early day French-Canadian trappers to call them les Coquins, "the Rogues". The Siskiyou Forest Reserve was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1905, and the Reserve was designated as the Siskiyou National Forest in 1907. The name Siskiyou is a Cree Indian word for bob-tailed horse (bestowed in 1828 by French Canadians working for the Hudson Bay Company).

The Forest itself is composed of two distinct geological provinces – the Cascade Range and the Siskiyou Mountains. The Cascade Range is dominated by snowcapped volcanic peaks such as 9,495-foot Mt. McLoughlin located within the Sky Lakes Wilderness on the High Cascades Ranger District. The Siskiyou area embodies the most complex soils, geology, landscape, and plant communities in the Pacific Northwest. World-class wild rivers, biological diversity, remarkable fisheries resources, and complex watersheds define the Siskiyou. The Rogue River-Siskiyou is the

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most floristically diverse National Forest in the country with some extraordinary botanical resources. The unique character of the landscape has led to the designation of over 340,000 acres of the Forest as wilderness, and over 200 miles of streams as National Wild and Scenic Rivers. Wilderness areas managed all or in part by the Forest include: Sky Lakes, Rogue-Umpqua Divide, Red Buttes, Kalmiopsis, Siskiyou, Wild Rogue, Grassy Knob and Copper Salmon. National Wild and Scenic Rivers include: Upper Rogue, Illinois, North Fork Smith, Chetco, Elk, and Rogue.

The Forest Supervisors office is co-located with the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, OR and is adjacent to the Rogue Valley International Airport. The forest administers five ranger districts. On the west side of the forest, the Gold Beach Ranger District office is in Gold Beach and the Powers Ranger District office is in Powers. On the east side of the forest, the Ashland Ranger District office is located in the community of Star in the Applegate Valley; the High Cascades Ranger District office is co-located in Prospect and Butte Falls; and the Wild Rivers Ranger District is co-located in Cave Junction and in Grants Pass at the Grants Pass Interagency Office.

The forest leadership team manages a large and complex resource management program, including over 2 million recreation visitors per year, 30 to 40 MMBF of timber harvest per year and a significant wildlife and fisheries programs recognized for collaborative aquatic restoration projects. Several volunteers and partners associated with forest collaborative and restoration work have received national and regional recognition for their efforts. Natural resource management interest is high in the local and diverse rural and urban communities, representing opposing ends of the socio-political spectrum, from environmental advocacy groups to historically active mining communities.

The large natural resource program requires an extensive forest infrastructure, consisting of approximately 5,500 miles of roads, 133 road bridges, over 1,500 miles of trails, 326 developed recreation sites including the Mount Ashland Ski Area, 9 major administrative sites, including the Medford Air Tanker Base, the Siskiyou Rappel Base, and the J. Herbert Stone Nursery, one of the largest nurseries in the nation.

For additional Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest information, click [here](#).

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