



**HIRING: FULL TIME
MAINTENANCE/HANDY PERSON
ON-SITE HOUSING INCLUDED**

About Us

Malheur Field Station is a nonprofit campus tucked away in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. We host nature-lovers, birders, school groups, and people who seek the darkest night skies.

We're small, yet mighty, mission-driven, and incredibly grateful to the people who keep this place running smoothly.

About the Role

We are seeking a broadly skilled, hard-working, and mission-driven Maintenance & Facilities Handyperson to join our small team and help care for our buildings, infrastructure, and grounds.

This is a hands-on role for someone who enjoys problem-solving, taking initiative, and improving a place that supports environmental conservation, students, birders, dark-sky watchers, and nature-loving visitors from around the country.

This position is ideal for someone who appreciates the quiet, beauty, and solitude of rural living, enjoys doing meaningful work outdoors and indoors, and is excited to make a long-term contribution to a unique nonprofit field station.



Key Responsibilities

You will be responsible for general maintenance, repairs, and improvement projects across the field station's facilities. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Building & Facility Maintenance
- Perform routine repairs on buildings, cabins, and infrastructure
- Handle basic carpentry, drywall repair, painting, and general upkeep
- Conduct plumbing repairs and troubleshoot common issues
- Assist with electrical maintenance within appropriate safety and code limits
- Maintain and repair appliances, fixtures, doors, windows, and roofs
- Trades & Equipment Operation
- Operate vehicles and equipment including trucks, utility vehicles, and forklifts
- Safely use hand tools, power tools, ladders, and shop equipment
- Maintain workshops, storage areas, and tools in an organized manner
- Grounds & Infrastructure
- Assist with water, sewer, and basic utility system troubleshooting
- Support general groundskeeping (as needed) around buildings, pathways, and common areas
- Participate in station improvement projects, upgrades, and construction tasks
- Work closely with the Station Manager and housekeeping/assistant staff
- Communicate clearly about ongoing needs, issues, and project progress
- Help maintain a positive, supportive, and hard-working team culture



What We're Looking For / Skills & Experience

- Broad hands-on experience in general maintenance, carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical basics, or related trades
- Ability to diagnose problems and complete repairs with quality and care
- Comfortable operating trucks, lifts, or heavy equipment (or willing to learn)
- Reliable, self-motivated, and committed to doing quality work
- Positive attitude and easy to work with
- Willingness to learn new skills and expand your capabilities
- Strong work ethic and pride in improving buildings and systems
- Ability to work independently in a remote setting

What We Offer

- Salary of \$40,000
- On-site housing & all utilities - valued at \$18,000
 - no rent, no bills, no stress.
- Contribution and access to our health care policy
- A quiet, beautiful desert landscape outside your front door.
- A small, supportive team that values humor, reliability, and kindness.
- A job where your work truly makes a difference every single day.



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How to Apply

Please send the following:

- A brief resume (or list of relevant experience)

Answers to these questions:

- Why are you interested in this position?
- Have you ever lived in a rural area in nature? If so, why do you want to live here? If not, why do you think you'd be comfortable living here?
- 2-3 references

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