OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT
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Lead Fire Prevention Technician
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One Position to be filled on the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District,
Rogue Rivers-Siskiyou National Forest

Position
Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District plans to fill a Lead Fire Prevention Technician (PFT) position to be in place for the 2014 fire season. The incumbent will work directly for the District AFMO Operations. This position is responsible for establishing contact with forest users, visitors, forest contractors and local residents, providing them with educational information regarding fire danger levels, fire restrictions and reviewing contractors for fire waiver compliance, while also advising of practices to prevent the occurrence of destructive fires. This position will manage the district fire prevention sign plan, sign boards maintenance and proper postings as season progresses. The incumbent is also required to visit campsite use areas to discuss campfire compliance with Forest visitors. This position will operate an agency vehicle with a 75 gallon slip-on water pump unit and respond to and assist in suppressing wildland fires on the district. Therefore, incumbent must be capable of maintaining an Arduous level Red Card by completing the Work Capacity Test at the required 3 miles in 45 minutes with a 45 lb. pack or vest. The incumbent will manage additional Prevention Technicians (seasonal) at the GS- 5 or 6 levels, as well as manage up to two (2) Look-outs on the District and the personnel that staff those Look-outs at the GS-4/5 level.

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Duty Station

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This is an arduous firefighter positions that requires prior wildland firefighting experience.

We are seeking an individual who has:

- Excellent communication skills, both Verbal and Written.
- Current qualifications as a Type 5 Incident Commander.
- Proficiency in wildland fire suppression activities.
- A willingness to take responsibility and set the example.

Application

You are highly encouraged to complete the outreach response form and make contact with the Fire Mgt. Officer of the Siskiyou Mountains R.D.

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This position is a Primary Fire Fighter position under the provisions of 5 U.S.C 8336 (c) and 5 U.S.C. 8412 (d).

This position meets the definition of an Interagency Fire Management Program (IFPM) position, as designated by WO Fire Management. The incumbent must meet the qualifications specified in the Qualifications Standards and Guide.

District Contact Information

If you are interested in these positions or would like additional information, you are encouraged to contact the following individual(s) or complete the attached outreach form and return it either via email or fax.

Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District
Gary Smith, Fire Management Officer, 541-899-3816, gsmith@fs.fed.us
FAX: 541-899-9069

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About the National Forest
The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest covers 1.8 million acres in southwest Oregon with a small portion in northwestern California. It encompasses coastal mountains and Cascade Mountains, with almost the entire route of the Rogue River as it flows to the Pacific Ocean. The Forest is recognized for its world-class rivers, biological diversity, fisheries resources, geology, wilderness areas, watersheds, and year-round outdoor recreation.

The Forest has 5 Ranger Districts (RD): Powers RD in Powers, Gold Beach RD in the communities of Gold Beach and Brookings, Wild Rivers RD in Cave Junction and Grants Pass, Siskiyou Mountains RD in Prospect and Butte Falls, and the Siskiyou Mountains RD in Ashland and Ruch. The forest includes the J. Herbert Stone Nursery in Central Point and the Supervisor’s Office in Medford. The Forest lies predominantly within Coos, Curry, Josephine, and Jackson counties in Oregon, with some lands in Siskiyou and Del Norte counties in California.

For additional forest information, browse:
www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/

About the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District
The Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District is the southern most district on the Rogue River-Siskiyou, located primarily in Jackson County. The District is bordered by the Klamath National Forest to the south, Wild Rivers Ranger District to the west and to the north by Bureau of Land Management and private ownership. It encompasses 255,000 acres of forestland, 53,800 acres of which are in the State of California, Siskiyou County.

The Ashland side of the district is located on two distinctly different mountain ranges. The District is primarily located in the Siskiyou Mountains, with elevations ranging from 7,533 feet at Mt. Ashland, to about 2,000 feet at the district office, near the community of Ruch. The district’s 255,000 acres offer a geologic and vegetative diversity that is unique among National Forests.

The Ashland Watershed, about 14,500 acres, is located within the western portion of the District. The community of Ashland is dependent on this Watershed for its primary source of municipal water supply. Located near the summit of Mt. Ashland on National Forest System Land is Ski Ashland, an alpine ski resort which receives nearly 300 inches of snow annually for a skiing season that normally runs from December through April with daily operations.

The Ashland side of the ranger district offers various hiking and biking trails, campgrounds, lake resort, alpine and Nordic skiing, and snowmobile areas. For more information contact the office of the Ashland Ranger Station @ (541) 552-2900.

The Applegate office is located 14 miles south of Jacksonville in Ruch, Oregon, within the Applegate Valley of the Siskiyou Mountains. The Siskiyou Mountains are unusual because they run east and west to form a bridge connecting the Coast range and the Cascade Mountains. This connection allows plant species from these different regions to meet and intermix. The plant communities range from low elevation (1,600 ft. above sea level) grassland white oak communities to high elevation (7,418 ft. above sea level) alpine meadow communities with mixture of conifer hardwood communities in between. Four conifer species that are rather rare to this area are the Alaska Yellow Cedar, Bakers Cypress, Brewer’s

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Spruce, and the Pacific Silver Fir are found among the sixteen different species of evergreen conifers on the district.

Most of the 20,234-acre Red Buttes Wilderness area is located on the Applegate side of the ranger district. This scenic terrain carved by ancient small glaciers, is composed of weathered peridotite and serpentine, supporting a number of unusual plant species. Within the Red Buttes Wilderness the elevation ranges from 3,000 to 6,894 feet. There are approximately 30 miles of trail of varying degrees of skill levels taking the hiker past lakes, meadows, and breathtaking views. In 1984 Congress designated the Red Buttes area a wilderness.

The Applegate River originates and flows through the ranger district. Anadromous fish species such as silver and Chinook salmon and steelhead, spawn and are reared in the Applegate River before making their way to the ocean via the Rogue River. Wildlife such as deer, turkey, and occasionally elk, and black bear, make their home along the river and within the forestlands and the meadows of the district.

Ten miles up the Applegate River from the ranger station is the Applegate Dam and 988 acre reservoir. Construction was started by the Army Corp of Engineers in 1976 and was completed in 1980. It is the second of three multi-purpose water resource projects authorized for the Rogue Basin. The reservoir provides irrigation and flood protection for the lower Applegate Valley and enhances the fishery through maintaining higher and cooler water levels in the lower river. The lake extends to the California border and a hiking trail follows the 18-mile shoreline. The Forest Service is responsible for the maintenance of the 10 campgrounds, viewpoints, and trail systems around the lake.

The district has a rich history stemming from the gold mining days. It was the sight of several gold boomtowns. A small hill near Applegate Lake was the sight of an archeological dig at a prehistoric Indian encampment. Scattered throughout the district are traces left by early settlers, Indians, and gold miners. The Gin Lin interpretive trail was constructed in 1978 around the remnants of a hydraulic mine owned by an 1880’s Chinese mining boss named Gin Lin. This draws many visitors a year. Today there are approximately 1,000 mining claims within the Applegate Ranger District’s boundaries.

**Communities near the Siskiyou Mountains District:**

*Ashland (pop 20,000)* in Jackson County, is known as the home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Ashland is full of cultural opportunities from theater to fine art to music. There are also various other theatre groups, featuring a wide variety of performances, including musicals, comedy and experimental theatre. Music is everywhere in Ashland, with opera, bluegrass, folk singing and chamber music being only some of the offerings for visitors.

Located approximately 15 miles north of the California border on Interstate 5, Ashland is close to Crater Lake National Park, the headwaters of the Rogue River. Ashland is also close to the southern Oregon coast. Everywhere you look; there are reminders of the past, from pioneer vintage buildings to Victorian houses. Ashland has many bed and breakfasts, several in fine old Victorian homes. Ashland has many forms of outdoor recreation within easy reach. Mt. Ashland offers 23 ski runs and 80 miles of cross country trails within 15 miles from downtown Ashland. Ashland, built on the banks of Bear Creek, also has the Bear Creek Bike and Nature Trail which runs along Bear Creek, then down the valley to Medford. There is river rafting and jet boat rides on the Rogue and Klamath Rivers nearby, and many pristine mountain lakes for anglers to try their hand at catching steelhead, salmon and trout. Mountain bikers will find the 28 mile Lithia Loop Mountain Bike Route a pleasure and a challenge. Riding the 31 mile Siskiyou Crest Mountain Bike Route provides spectacular views of the Siskiyou Mountains and Mt. Shasta. Golfers can tee off at one of the five golf courses in the Ashland/Medford area. Ashland also has two wineries that offer daily wine tasting.

Ashland also has a state-of-the-art interactive science museum, the Science Works Hands-On Museum. Amaze yourself with over 80 interactive science exhibits, Science Live Performances and hands-on activities. This exciting family attraction offers a dynamic atmosphere great for explorers of all ages with

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frequently changing shows and exhibits. Special events throughout the year include indoor and outdoor
festivals, lectures, school programs and summer camps.
Southern Oregon University is located in the heart of the City, offering a wide range of accredited degree
programs.

**Medford (pop. 71,000)** is located in Jackson County (pop. 181,000). It is located along Interstate 5,
approximately 273 miles south of Portland, Oregon and 373 miles north of San Francisco, California.
Surrounding communities include Ashland, Jacksonville, Central Point, Grants Pass, and Klamath Falls.
It is the industrial, medical, and service center for southern Oregon and northern California.

At 1,382 feet above sea level, Medford is surrounded by mountains and has a mild climate. Annual
average rainfall is 18-20 inches (about the same as San Francisco) and yearly snowfall of three to four
inches on the valley floor. It has four distinct seasons with generally mild temperatures: median winter
temperature is 36 degrees, summers have a median temperature of 94 degrees with an average of 15 days
over 100 degrees.

For additional community information, browse the internet site, [http://www.medfordchamber.com](http://www.medfordchamber.com)

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**REPLY BY FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

**Lead Fire Prevention Technician**

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Please complete and return this form to the Fire Mgt. Officer of the Siskiyou Mountains R.D.

I am interested in the Lead Fire Prevention position GS-5/6/7 at:

   District: __Siskiyou Mountains RD____________________
   Duty Station: __Jacksonville____________________________
   FAX: __541-899-9069_____________________________

Name:
Email Address:
Mailing Address:
Phone:
Current Agency or Forest:
Current Job Title, Series and Grade:
Red Card Qualifications:

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