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OUTREACH NOTICE

DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST BEND/FORT ROCK RANGER DISTRICT BEND, OREGON

GS-0404-05 Biological Science Technician (Soils)

For the 2017 Field Season - May to October, 2017

USAJobs Vacancy Announcement Number:

17-TEMP-R6-0404-5BIOSOI-DT

The Deschutes National Forest will likely be advertising a GS-0404-05 Biological Science Technician (Soils) position for the **2017 field season**. The position is a **TEMPORARY SEASONAL** appointment with a maximum six-month tour of duty (limited to 1,039 hours), and will be located at the Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District in Bend, Oregon. Only one position at this duty location will be filled. No government housing is available at this location. More information about Region-wide seasonal vacancies is available on the Pacific Northwest Region's website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/jobs>). This website will list all temporary fire and natural resources positions in Oregon and Washington that the Forest Service will fill for the 2017 field season.

The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform potential applicants about this position. If you are interested in this position you will need to apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov> during the vacancy announcement opening which will be **November 15th – November 21st, 2016**. Multiple duty stations may be listed in the vacancy announcement 17-TEMP-R6-0404-5BIOSOI-DT; in order to be considered for this location, you must also select Bend, OR as the location for which you are applying.



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Anyone interested in further information or receiving a copy of the vacancy announcement when it opens is advised to complete and return the attached Outreach Response form by November 15, 2016.

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THE POSITION

This position will support the zoned soils and watershed program for two Ranger Districts (Bend-Fort Rock and Crescent). This is a **field-going position** and the selected candidate will work both collaboratively and independently to conduct required field assessments and soil condition monitoring to support the Districts' vegetation management planning and implementation workload. Much of the work will consist of transect-based monitoring and collection of data using the Forest Soil Disturbance Monitoring Protocol to describe existing soil conditions and management-related changes in soil condition and quality. This position requires knowledge of and ability to assess basic soil properties. Field data will be collected using GPS units, tablet computers, digital cameras, and field notes. The position periodically summarizes data and reports findings to the Soil Scientist and enters data into agency databases. Additional duties may include: collection of soil samples for bulk density and soil moisture measurements, lab preparation and analysis of soil samples, assistance with installation of study plots and monitoring sensors/hardware, and performing inspections for watershed improvement contract work. Must be able and willing to traverse and work in rough terrain under all weather conditions, and navigate with map and compass in off-trail/off-road environs. Skills using software applications including ESRI ArcGIS, GPS applications, word processing and spreadsheet software preferred. Actual start date may be flexible, but the field season is expected to run from May through October 2017.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must apply online at <https://www.usajobs.gov/> **during the open period of November 15th to November 21st, 2016**. You will be required to create a USAJOBS account and either create a resume within the application or upload your own. Locate this position by searching for the vacancy announcement number **17-TEMP-R6-0404-5BIOSOI-DT** or keyword "soil" and location "Bend, Oregon". Click "Apply Online" and follow the prompts to complete the online application. Note that other potential duty stations may be listed under the same vacancy announcement—select Bend, Oregon and any other locations where you are interested in working. Be certain to review the complete list of required documents within the vacancy announcement (may include college transcripts, performance reviews and SF-50s if claiming previous agency work experience, and/or specific documentation if applying under a special hiring authority). Your application will not be considered if any required documentation is missing. Please contact the hiring manager listed for this position if you have any questions about the application process.

Applications will be reviewed and selected candidates will be contacted between February 6 and February 17, 2017. Target start date for this position is May 1, 2017.

ABOUT THE AREA

The City of Bend (<http://www.bend.or.us>) is a rapidly-growing metropolitan area located in the central portion of the state, in the high desert east of the Cascade Mountains. This full-service community serves as a hub for medical, educational, recreation and entertainment needs for much of central Oregon. Tourism plays an important role in the local and regional economy.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>Elevation:</u>	3,600 feet
<u>Population:</u>	City of Bend: ~80,000
<u>County:</u>	Deschutes
<u>Location:</u>	East side of the Cascade Mountains in Central Oregon 20 miles southeast of Sisters, Oregon 15 miles south of Redmond, Oregon
<u>Average Summer Temperatures:</u>	85°/day 44°/night
<u>Average Winter Temperatures:</u>	41°/day 21°/night
<u>Average Annual Precipitation:</u>	12" (mostly in the form of winter snow)

Closest Commercial Airport:

Redmond, Oregon (an easy 15-mile drive to the north);
served by United, Delta, and Alaska Airlines

SCHOOLS

Bend is served by public and private elementary and secondary schools. Public schools are administered by the Bend-LaPine School District (<http://www.bend.k12.or.us>). College-level community education courses and two-year degree programs are offered locally in Bend, and at satellite campuses, through Central Oregon Community College (COCC) (<http://www.cocc.edu>). Additionally, OSU Cascades offers four-year degrees through Oregon State University and the University of Oregon (<http://www.osucascades.edu>).

HEALTH CARE

Bend is the primary center for high quality health care in Central Oregon with one major hospital (<http://www.stcharleshealthcare.org>), numerous clinics, and a full array of medical services. Redmond, located approximately 15 miles north of Bend, also has a community hospital and high-quality medical support and services.

HOUSING

Bend and central Oregon are growing rapidly. The median sales price for a residential three bedroom home is around \$351,000 and 3-bedroom rentals average \$1,600 per month (apartments are less--\$700 to \$1,200 for a one- or two-bedroom apartment). Vacancy rates for rental homes and apartments are low, and the rental market is competitive. Prices in Redmond are typically lower.

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

Deschutes National Forest

Bend, Oregon

Biological Science Technician: Soils

GS-0404-05 (one position)

Vacancy Announcement Number: 17-TEMP-R6-0404-5BIOSOI-DT

Temporary (1039) Appointment - working May to October, 2017

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE? YES___ NO___

TYPE OF CURRENT APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT___ TEMPORARY___ TERM___ OTHER___

CURRENT AGENCY/REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

If **not** a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

- ☐ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- ☐ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- ☐ DISABLED VETERAN W/ 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ☐ PATHWAYS PROGRAM
- ☐ OTHER: _____

Interested applicants should send this outreach form with a current resume to the following Hiring Manager no later than **November 15, 2016. Questions regarding the position or application process may also be directed to the Hiring Manager listed below at any time.**

Sarah Hash, District Soil Scientist

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(541) 383-4727

Returning this form via email is easiest, but outreach responses may also be mailed to: Deschutes National Forest, Attn: Sarah Hash, 63095 Deschutes Market Rd, Bend, OR 97701.