DESCHUTES NATIONAL FOREST
CRESCE NT RANGER DISTRICT
OUTREACH NOTICE

**Biological Technician GS-0404-07(Plants)**

The Crescent Ranger District on the Deschutes National Forest will soon be advertising for a seasonal Biological Technician position. This will be a temporary 1039 position, and will be located in Crescent, OR. **Anyone interested should complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to the address shown on the form by March 15, 2014.**

PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position and to establish the appropriate recruitment method and area of consideration for the advertisement. (e.g., target grade or multi-grade and service-wide, region-wide government-wide, or DEMO). Responses received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. For more information about the position please contact Christina Veverka at cverker@fs.fed.us or 541-408-1902.

**THE POSITION DUTIES:** The Crescent Ranger District is seeking a talented and energetic botany technician to assist with the District botany program in the areas of rare plant surveys, native plant restoration, and invasive weed management. Duties will consist primarily of botanical field surveys for threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species. Other main duties will include the use of taxonomic keys to identify a broad spectrum of vascular species (including grasses and sedges), as well as non-vascular species such lichens, bryophytes, and fungi. The position will require extensive fieldwork, working outdoors in rugged conditions using GPS equipment (Juno, GeoXT, and Garmin Etrex) and map and compass for navigation and operating four-wheel drive vehicles.
Duties will also include various tasks related to invasive non-native plant treatment, management, inventory, and monitoring. This will include invasive plant identification and surveying, aquatic plant surveys, manual and herbicide treatment of invasive species, and record keeping and database management.

The position will also assist with revegetation work that includes planting, seed collecting, and supervising restoration and invasive treatment projects conducted by Youth Conservation Corps crews.

Both office and field work will require detailed record keeping, data entry and management within the Forest Service NRIS database. Office work will also include data entry and map creation using ArcMap.

**SALARY:** $18.77 per hour

**ABOUT THE AREA:** Crescent is a small, rural community located in central Oregon and is the gateway to the Cascades Lakes, Diamond Peak and Mt. Thielson Wilderness areas, and to numerous recreational opportunities for camping, hiking, and fishing. Crescent is located 50 miles south of Bend, Oregon, which is home to 22 brew pubs, eclectic restaurants, and a plethora of outdoor recreation such as yoga paddle boarding, rock climbing, and mountain biking.

More information about the area can be found at:

http://www.northklamathcounty.org/
http://www.visitbend.com/

**HOUSING:** Government housing is available in Crescent

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OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM
Crescent Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest
Temporary Botanist, GS-0430-07

If you are interested in this position, please complete the information below, attach it to an e-mail and return to: cveverka@fs.fed.us. You may also complete the form and send District Botanist, Crescent Ranger District, P.O. Box 208, Crescent, OR, 97733 or by FAX at 541-433-3224. Please reply no later than March 1, 2014. If you have questions, contact Christina Veverka, Crescent District Botanist, at 541-408-1902.

Name: ______________________________ Date: ______________

Tell us how we can contact you:

Postal Mail Address: ____________________________________________

E-Mail Address: __________________________ Office Phone: __________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________

Are you currently a Federal employee? YES ___ NO ___
IF YES: Current Agency and location: _________________________________
Current title/series/grade: __________________________________________________________________________________
Type of Appointment: ___Permanent ___Term ___Temporary

If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate whether you are eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities:

____Person With Disabilities ____Veterans Readjustment ____Former Peace Corps Volunteer
____Disabled Veteran w/30% Compensable Disability ____Student Career Experience Program
____Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 ____Other

If you are a student, please list your university, program of study, and anticipated graduation date:
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Briefly describe your experience and qualifications for the Botanist position:

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