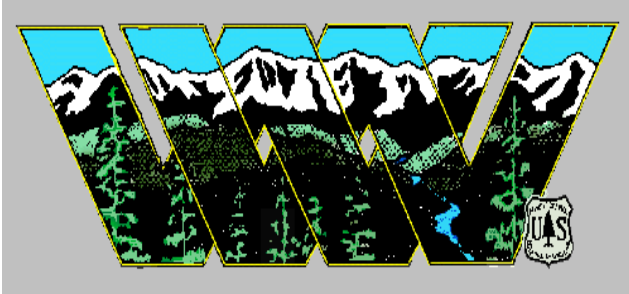

Outreach Notice



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Whitman RD – Baker City, Oregon

La Grande RD – La Grande, Oregon

Wallowa Mountains Fire Zone – Joseph, Oregon

Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center- La Grande, Oregon

Wallowa Whitman Supervisors Office- Baker City, OR

PERMANENT POSITION VACANCIES:

The Whitman Ranger District with duty station in Baker City La Grande Ranger District in La Grande, OR: Wallowa Mountains Fire Zone (WMFZ - Eagle Cap RD, Wallowa Valley RD and Hells Canyon NRA) Joseph, OR: Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center and the Wallowa Whitman Supervisors Office will be seeking permanent employees with tours of Permanent Full Time for all of the positions listed. Some of these positions require successful completion of a Work Capacity Test. Information on this standard can be found at: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/safety/wct/wct_index.html.

Included is the outreach for 3 GS-9/11 0401 series Fuels Planner positions, a WG-8 Equipment Operator, a GS-10/11 Air Tactical Group Supervisor Coordinator, a GS-8/9 Air Tactical Group Supervisor, a GS-8/9 Assistant Dispatch Center Manager, GS-8/9 Type 1 Fire Use Module Leader and 2 GS-7/8 assistant Fire Use Module Leader. The vacancy announcements for these positions are posted on the U.S. Government's official website for employment opportunities at, www.usajobs.gov. The Vacancy Announcements will be open for applications on **September 19th, 2022**. Those that wish to be considered for these positions in the Fire Hire event must apply to the vacancy announcements by the cutoff date of **September 29th 2022**. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the listed cutoff date and are found to be qualified and in the quality group will be referred for consideration. **Current vacancies within the Wallowa Whitman NF have been identified in this outreach. No TOS, relocation incentives and incentives are negotiable.**

The Fuels Planner position serves in a key fire management position in a field fire management organization as a Fire Management Specialist (Fuels Planner). The incumbent conducts analysis for fuels treatment planning, vegetation analysis, smoke modeling, fire effects determinations, and integration of out-year planning. The incumbent provides professional advice and assistance to meet resource management objectives with prescribed fire and/or wildfire. **PD's associated with the positions are FC5424 and FC0274 for further information. For immediate information on these Fuels Planner positions please contact Shaniko Cowie at (406)-579-1004 or email at shaniko.cowie@usda.gov**

The Equipment Operator position's primary purpose is the operation of a variety of heavy equipment for fire suppression, and resource management projects. Incumbent must have an understanding of fire behavior, fuels, weather and topography to safely and effectively perform initial attack on wildland fires. May serve in positions as qualified on wildland and prescribed fire. May perform a full range of duties for fire, roads, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research activities. **PD associated with this position is FS2025.**

The Air Tactical Group Supervisor (ATGS) Coordinator position GS-10/11 and Air Tactical Group Supervisor GS-8/9 will serve as a platform covering most interagency lands in and adjacent to the National Forest, and to assist the Regional Aviation Group in providing guidance and direction for all Forest ATGS operations. **PD's associated with positions are GS-10 FC4480, GS-11 FC4479 GS-8 FS2907 and GS-9 FS2908**

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is outreaching for a Operations Assistant Center Manager **GS-0462-8/9 PFT** at **Blue Moutain Interagency Dispatch Center**. This position involves assisting the Center Manager in management of an Interagency fire center to include the Wallowa Whitman National Forest, Umatilla National Forest Oregon, Oregon Department of Forestry and Washington Department of Natural Resources.) This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position. This position serves as an Assistant Dispatch Center Manager located in an interagency dispatch center. The position assists the Center Manager in the oversight of all dispatch center activities with the focus being on Operations. In the absence of the Center Manager, the incumbent may become Acting Center Manager. This position coordinates emergency communications and assists with the overall execution of operations activities at the dispatch center. Coordinates with federal, state, and local agencies through the national dispatch system to ensure rapid, focused, and cost-effective responses to wildland fires, law enforcement as needed, and wildland urban interface/intermix situations. Plans work objectives for the Operations section of Dispatch Center and adjusts to meet priorities. Applicant must have knowledge of fire and aviation management, initial attack, aircraft and logistic operations. **PD's associated with the position are FS1613 and FS1614 for further information.**

Currently the Eagle Cap Wildland Fire Module (WFM) is a Type 2 module. We are seeking Type 1 certification for this module and are outreaching for an appropriate organization. The desired candidate is someone who will serve as crew supervisor for the Eagle Cap Type 1 WFM and will help facilitate and participate in the transition to a Type 1 WFM.

The selected applicant will serve as the Eagle Cap Type 1 WFM Supervisor, in a key fire management position. The incumbent is responsible for planning, developing, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating the Eagle Cap WFM program. This position also helps to coordinate fire suppression and prescribed fire activities on the unit and works directly with other units to accomplish fuels management targets across the Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. This position is currently categorized as a High Complexity Handcrew Supervisor and is subject to the Forest Service Fire Program Management (FS-FPM) Standard and Guide, as designated by the W.O. Fire and Aviation Management. Incumbent also provides additional administrative supervision and may be tasked with assisting/covering District Duty Officer Responsibilities when needed. **PD's associated with the position are FS4816 and FS4815 for further information.**

Assistant Crew Module Leader- GS 7/8. This position is established on a Forest Service unit, to serve as an assistant to the first line supervisor of a Type 1 Wildland Fire Module (WFM). The primary responsibility is for leadership in highly effective wildland fire suppression and wildland urban interface situations.

Serves as a full assistant to the module leader who is responsible for directing a 7 to 10 person module that provides a unique skill of high operational self-sufficiency. Performs Module Leader duties in the absence of the Module Leader. Performs various technical duties that involve differing and unrelated processes and methods. Coordinates the activities of a unit or team of firefighters in wildland fire and all-hazard situations. **PD's associated with the position are FS4812 and FS4811 for further information.**

Please respond to the outreach if you are interested in filling a vacant position through the Fire Hire process. Your response is important. Please address your outreach response to the contact listed for each location. Additional information about the position is available from the direct supervisor.

The Process and Timeline

The Process and Timeline for Phase 1

September 19th, 2022– Vacancies open.

September 29th, 2022-Application deadline, 11:59 Eastern Time. In order to be considered, your application must be submitted into USA Jobs prior to the application deadline. Apply through www.usajobs.gov. Applicants are encouraged to apply for multiple locations (where they would accept a position if offered), even if positions for certain locations in which you are interested are not listed as vacant. Vacancies may occur during the hiring process and could be filled during Selection Week.

October 18th thru November 1st 2022– Certificates of Candidates for these positions will be issued to the recommending officials. All applicants who have applied to the announcements on or before the listed closing date and are found to be qualified will be referred for consideration. Applicants should check the status of their application during this time in your USAJobs account. Supervisory Reference Checks, and Subject Matter Expert evaluations will occur these weeks. Please ensure your references are notified of this and they are available at the email address (preferred) or phone number provided on your application. Representatives from each forest will make recommendations for hiring. Candidates selected will be notified by a Forest Service representative by phone. Those not selected should check your USAjobs account for status updates. During the selection week candidates will be given 4 hours to respond to voicemails or emails from the recommending officials. It is highly encouraged to be available via phone during this time.

Dec 18th 2022 –Latest possible effective date.

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https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/ifpm_fs-fpm_crosswalk_draft_10_02_2019.pdf

A current copy of your IQCS Master Record will be required for positions in this outreach because of these qualification requirements.

Direct Hire Authority

These positions will be filled utilizing a Direct-Hire Authority. All applicants who meet the minimum qualifications, to include any selective placement factor(s), if applicable, will be referred to the selecting official. Before a certificate is issued to the selecting official, the resume is reviewed to ensure you meet all the qualification requirements. A rating will not be used; veteran's preference does not apply due to the existence of the Direct Hire authority for this position.

Who May Apply:

- Applications will be accepted from any U.S. citizen.

Transfer of Station

Transfer of Station (relocation) expenses will not be offered for selected candidates. Selected applicants may qualify for relocation incentives in accordance with agency policy.

How to Apply:

Please print and read the entire announcement and all the instructions before you begin.

You must complete the application process and submit all required documents electronically by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on the cut-off date or closing date of the announcement. Assistance is available during business hours (normally 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday). Applying online is highly encouraged. If applying online poses a hardship, please contact FS HRM Contact Center Phone: 877-372-7248 Option 2 well before the closing date for an alternate method. All hardship application packages with supporting documents must be received no later than noon on the closing date of the announcement in order to be entered into the system prior to its closing. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. Please contact FS HRM Contact Center if you require this for any part of the application and hiring process.

Step 1 – Create a USAJOBS account

(If you do not already have one) at www.usajobs.gov. It is recommended that as part of your profile you set up automatic email notification to be informed when the status of your application changes. If you choose not to set up this automatic notification, then you will have to log into your USAJOBS account to check on the status of your application.

Step 2 - Create a Resume with USAJOBS or upload a Resume into your USAJOBS account.

You may want to customize your resume to ensure it documents duties and accomplishments you have gained that are directly related to this position in order to verify that qualifications are met. In addition, your resume must support your responses to the online questionnaire (you may preview the online questionnaire by clicking on the link at the end of the How You Will Be Evaluated section of the job announcement).

Step 3 - Click "Apply Online"

Follow the prompts to complete the Occupational Questionnaire and attach any additional documents that may be required. You can update your application or documents anytime while the announcement is open. Simply log into your USAJOBS account and click on "Application Status." Click on the position title, and then select "Update Application" to continue. The following documents must be submitted to constitute a complete application package. It is your responsibility to ensure that all required documents are received within the required timeframes. Our office cannot be responsible for incompatible software, delays in the mail service etc. Failure to submit required, legible documents will result in elimination from consideration.

- **Resume** that includes the following information: 1) job information for which you are applying; 2) personal information; 3) education; 4) work experience; and, 5) other qualifications (including IQCS Master Record).
- **College Transcripts** if education is required for meeting basic qualifications and/or you are substituting education for specialized experience. An unofficial copy is sufficient with the application, however, if selected, an official college transcript will be required.
- **DD-214** (Member 4 Copy) and/or SF-15 Application for 10-point Veteran Preference if claiming Veterans' Preference or eligibility for appointment under the VRA, VEOA, or 30% Disabled Veterans hiring authority.
- **IQCS Master Record** showing your training and qualifications for the position. If an IQCS Master Record is not available, some form of documented proof of training and qualifications will be needed for most positions.

NOTE: If a document is resubmitted, it replaces the previous submission, which means the previous document is no longer available to the Human Resources Office. If you are adding to, rather than replacing a previous submission, you must upload both the old document and the new document. U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region Pacific Northwest Fire Hire Outreach Notice 5 Updated August 17, 2021

Agency Contact Information:

HRM Contact Center

Phone: 877-372-7248 Option 2

TDD: 800-877-8339

Email: SM.FS.FSJobs@usda.gov

Agency Information: USDA Forest Service

Do not mail in applications. See instructions on How to Apply.

Things to keep in mind when applying:

- Vacancy Announcements on USAJobs will give examples of the specialized experience for each position advertised. Ensure your resume matches the listed specialized experience requirement in plain language. This should be listed under a work experience that shows title, series, grade and time period performed so that HR can properly credit. Ensure all SF-50's showing on-boarding /off-boarding and performance for each time period or statement as to why missing that time period is properly loaded into USA Jobs.
- Ensure all required documents listed in the vacancy announcement are attached to your application.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to apply for positions. The eRecruit system closes all announcements at midnight Eastern on closing date.
- Print and read the entire vacancy announcement to ensure you have included all required information and documents.
- Ensure you have a current IQCS Master Record (For Fire Positions Only)

Other places to have questions answered or get further information:

- Search "Land Management" on www.USAJOBS.gov to find more information about the LMWFA Hiring Authority.

Wallowa Whitman NF Supervisor's Office, Baker City, OR

Contact Information: Joel McCraw Deputy Fire Staff, 541-786-3682, joel.mccraw@usda.gov

Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Duty Location	PD#
District/Zone Management							
Air Tactical Group Supervisor Coordinator Vacancy-1	ATGSC	23-FIRE-R6P1-967092DH-EG	PFT	GS-10/11	Joel McCraw 541-786-3682	La Grande, OR	FC4480/ FC4479
Air Tactical Group Supervisor Vacancy-1	ATGS	23-Fire-R6P1-976087DH-PB	PFT	GS-08/09	Joel McCraw 541-786-3682	La Grande, OR	FS2907 /FS2908
Equipment Operator Vacancy-1	EO	23-FIRE-R6P1-975203DH-MG	PFT	WG-8	Shaniko Cowie (406)-579-1004	La Grande, OR	FS2025

Whitman Ranger District, Baker City, OR

Contact Information: Keith Dunn FMO, 541-519-4273, keith.dunn@usda.gov

Kendall Cikanek District Ranger, 541-523-1301, Kendall.cikanek@usda.gov

Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Duty Location	PD#
District/Zone Management							
Fire Management Specialist (Fuels Planner) Vacancy-1	DFPFM	23-FIRE-R6P1-954691DH-AM	PFT	GS-09/11	Kendall Cikanek 541-523-1301	Baker City, OR	FC5424/ FC0274

La Grande Ranger District, La Grande, OR

Contact Information: Jon Rupp DFMO, 541-962-8553, jon.rupp@usda.gov

Aric Johnson, District Ranger, 541-962-8582,

Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Duty Location	PD#
District/Zone Management							
Fire Management Specialist (Fuels Planner) Vacancy-1	DFPFM	23-FIRE-R6P1-954691DH-AM	PFT	GS-09/11	Jon Rupp 541-962-8553	La Grande, OR	FC5424/ FC0274

Eagle Cap and Wallowa Valley Ranger Districts, Enterprise, OR and Joseph, OR

Contact Information: Jesse Bohnsack ZFMO, 541-426-5583, jesse.bohnsack@usda.gov

Brian Anderson- District Ranger, 208-727-7190, brian.t.anderson@usda.gov

Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/ Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Duty Location	PD#
District/Zone Management							
Fire Management Specialist (Fuels Planner) Vacancy-1	DFPFM	23-FIRE-R6P1-954691DH-AM	PFT	GS-09/11	Brian Anderson 208-727-7190	Joseph, OR	FC5424/ FC0274
WFM Type 1 Hand Crew Supervisor Vacancy-1	Wildland Fire Module	23-FIRE-R6P1-975730DH-AS	PFT	GS-8/9	Jesse Bohnsack 541-426-5583	Joseph, OR	FS4816/ FS4815
WFM Type 1 Assistant Handcrew Supervisor Vacancy-2	Wildland Fire Module Assistant	23-FIRE-R6P1-975732DH-AS	20/6	GS-7/8	Jesse Bohnsack 541-426-5583	Joseph, OR	FS4812/ FS4811

Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch Center, La Grande, OR

Contact Information: Renae Crippen - Center Manager, 541-975-5402, renae.crippen@usda.gov

Title	Regional Specialty	Announcement #	Tour	Lowest/ Target Grade	First Line Supervisor	Duty Location	PD#
Dispatch							
Asst. Center Manager Vacancy-1	ACMG	23-FIRE-R14610P1-963130DH	PFT	GS-08/09	Renae Crippen 541-975-5402	La Grande, OR	FS1613/ FS1614

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>

Community Information

Baker City, OR

The Whitman Ranger District Office, is located in historic Baker City, is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon on the old Oregon Trail. Surrounded by the Elkhorn, Blue, and Wallowa Mountain ranges, Baker has an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. It is located on Interstate 84 within 2.5 hours of the Tri Cities (Pasco, Richland, and Kennewick, Washington) to the northwest, and within 2 hours of Boise, Idaho to the southeast. Baker City is a full service community with a population of approximately 10,000. Baker City has medical facilities consisting of one hospital, a number of medical doctors, dentists, opticians, and chiropractors, a nursing home and two assisted living facilities; churches of most religious denominations; educational facilities include a high school, a middle school, four elementary schools, private and Christian schools, kindergarten, and preschool. Eastern Oregon University, which is located in La Grande, Oregon, is within commuting distance of Baker City (approx 45 miles).

Rental rates for 3-4 bedroom houses range from \$900 and up, and are typically in short supply. Apartment and duplex rental rates range from \$400 and up. Utility rates tend to be in the average to low range. Prices for 3 to 4 bedroom homes range from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Please check Baker City

<http://www.bakercity.com/main.htm> for more information on the community and housing.

Cultural and community opportunities include Crossroads Art Center, live theater performances, Community Choir, Oregon Trail National Historic Interpretive Center, museums, art galleries, annual Miners Jubilee Celebration, and many other community activities, events, clubs, and lodges. Downtown Baker City is a National Historic District.

Baker City enjoys a dry climate with four distinct seasons. The weather changes from snowfall in the winter to warm dry days in the summer. Winter temperatures average in the low to mid 30's and summer temperatures average in the mid to high 80's. There are many recreational activities and sites in the area including Little League, adult baseball and bowling leagues, community golf course, YMCA activity center and pool, Anthony Lakes Ski Area, Union Creek Campground, boating and fishing on Phillips Lake and Brownlee Reservoir, many other fishing lakes and streams, hiking trails, snowmobile trails, picnic areas and campgrounds.

There is no Government Housing available in Baker City.

La Grande, OR

The La Grande Ranger District Office, one of the locations this position could be located is in the city of La Grande and is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon on the old Oregon Trail. La Grande, Oregon is a full service community with a population of approximately 12,000. It offers public and private schools ranging from preschool to Eastern Oregon University. La Grande is located in the Blue Mountains on the Historic Oregon Trail at 2700 feet with average annual temperatures between 50-55°. Located on Interstate 84 La Grande is 3 hours from Boise, Idaho and 2 hours from Pasco, Kennewick and Richland, Washington. La Grande has one hospital, many doctors, dentists, opticians and chiropractors, churches of most denominations. For additional information visit the website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w/>

Recreational opportunities include; big and small game hunting, fishing, hiking in the Eagle Cap and Elkhorn mountains and proximity to Hell's Canyon National Recreation Area. There are also two small-developed ski areas, snowmobile and ATV trails, and lakes with boating and water-skiing.

There are affordable and available house and apartment rentals starting at \$350. Prices for homes range from \$80,000 - \$300,000. There is no Government Housing available in La Grande.

Joseph, OR

Joseph, Oregon is located in one of the most scenic spots in Eastern Oregon and has an elevation of

approximately 4,190 feet. Joseph is located on Highway 82, about a 1.5 hour drive from La Grande, Oregon, just off Interstate 84, and 2.5 hours from Pendleton, Oregon to the west and two hours from Lewiston, Idaho to the north on Highway 3. The population of Joseph is approximately 1,100. Nearby, Enterprise is a full service community, providing a brand new hospital with several local physicians and specialists and a 32 bed nursing home facility.

Nearby are the smaller communities of Lostine and Wallowa, and the slightly larger community of Enterprise. The Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Eagle Cap Ranger District and Wallowa Valley Ranger District warehouse and work center is located in Enterprise, which is situated in the mountains of Northeastern Oregon. Both the Blue Mountain and Wallowa Mountain chains are located in the county. The Wallowa Mountains are often referred to as the "Little Alps of Oregon".

House and apartment rentals are in short supply and range from \$500 per month and up. Utility rates tend to be low. Prices for three to four bedroom homes range from \$250,000 to \$500,000 plus. Real Estate information can be found at www.wallowavalley.com

There is no government housing available in Joseph.

ABOUT THE FOREST: The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is 2,521,280 acres ranging from 875 to 9,845 feet above sea level. Plant life varies from desert-like countryside of Hells Canyon to the alpine vegetation of the Eagle Cap Wilderness and Seven Devils Mountains. Generally, winters are cold and snowy, spring and fall are mild, and summers are hot and dry. There are seven Ranger Districts with additional offices in Clarkston, Washington and Riggins, Idaho. The Forest lands include: Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness, Monument Rock Wilderness, North Fork John Day Wilderness, and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. For additional information visit our web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/w-w>).

Pacific Northwest Region Fire Hire Outreach Notice Reply

If you are interested in any of these positions, please complete the following information **by September 8th, 2022** and **send to the respective contacts for the duty location/s you are applying for** listed in the Pacific Northwest Region Fire Hire Outreach located on the [R6 Permanent Fire Hire webpage](#).

Please respond to the outreach if you are interested in filling either a vacant position *or one that may become vacant through the Fire Hire process*. Your response is important in allowing supervisors to know who has applied to their positions and allows you the opportunity to learn more about the position prior to it being filled.

Personal Information:

Name:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Current title/series/grade:

Do you qualify for the 0401 Series: →Yes →No

Are you currently a permanent Federal employee? →Yes →No

If YES, current Agency and location:

Current Red Card Qualifications: