

Outreach Notice

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Join our team on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest!

Forestry Technician (Recreation)

GS-462-06

Seasonal Fulltime Position 18/8

Mt. Shasta, California

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is seeking a dynamic, innovative self-starter to join the Shasta McCloud Management Unit. The duty location is Mount Shasta, California.

If interested in being considered for this position, **please send your completed outreach form and resume** to Becky Cooper at rebecca.r.cooper@usda.gov by **October 21st, 2020**.

This position is located on a Forest Service unit and serves as a wilderness/climbing ranger and avalanche forecaster performing work in support of the unit's year-round wilderness/climbing program and winter Mount Shasta Avalanche Center operations.

Duties:

Summer duties include serving as a climbing/wilderness ranger for the Shasta McCloud Management Unit with an emphasis in the Mount Shasta Wilderness.

The incumbent will:

- Conduct climbing patrols for the purpose of contacting independent and guided climbers to educate about climbing conditions, proper safe climbing techniques, permit compliance, Leave No Trace ethic, etc., monitoring and evaluating outfitter guide performance, monitor public use of climbing routes and cross-country areas for the purposes of resource protection and wilderness management.
- Assist with Search and Rescues acting as a first responder to medical emergencies.
- Maintain wilderness trailheads, developed day-use areas, and complete front country patrols.
- Serve as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO) and issue notices of field violations.
- This position includes irregular work hours (up to 12 hr. days) and overnight stay in the field (10,000 ft. base camp).

The following specialized skills are required:

- Employees patrol wildernesses that includes mountaineering routes of technical terrain where expert ability to travel on snow, glaciers, steep rock, and mountainous terrain is a frequent activity. A high level of physical fitness is required to perform these duties in inclement weather and at high altitudes (14,179 ft.)
- Expert use of crampons, ice axe and steep snow/ice travel
- The incumbent is responsible to know and use roped-travel techniques

- Intermediate backcountry ski/snowboard and snowmobile skills

Winter duties include serving as a snow ranger for the Mt. Shasta Avalanche Center for the Shasta McCloud Management Unit.

The incumbent will:

- Serve as a snow ranger for the Mt. Shasta Avalanche Center conducting daily field-based avalanche, snowpack and basic weather watch to obtain and record avalanche data.
- Interprets technical information to make stability evaluations for assigned area of observation, then records written summary of findings in a predetermined format.
- Reports findings to Avalanche Forecasters at the local Avalanche Forecast Center. Archives collected field data in the computer data base of avalanche, snowpack, and mountain weather information.
- Provides training on avalanches and avalanche rescue to Forest Service or other personnel; conducts preliminary avalanche incident investigation.

The following specialized skills are required:

- Knowledge and ability sufficient to utilize instruments and techniques to measure wind speed and direction, cloud cover, precipitation type and amount, and temperature to aid in evaluation of weather conditions in a mountainous area. Interprets patterns of various meteorological systems to make evaluations of weather conditions that may affect avalanche behavior.
- Knowledge of the interacting effects of the mountain snowpack, mountain terrain, and mountain weather; the ability to adjust instruments or equipment when this requires considering the functioning characteristics of equipment.
- Incumbent must possess preliminary avalanche incident investigation skills.
- Intermediate backcountry ski/snowboard and cross-country snowmobile operations in deep unconsolidated snow
- Knowledge of and ability to perform avalanche companion rescue to locate and extricate a buried avalanche victim (travel companion) in a timely manner.
- Incumbent must possess excellent oral and written skills and be able to clearly write an avalanche forecast and teach avalanche awareness and avalanche rescue courses.

Forest:

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest, located in north central California, is the largest national forest in California and provides some of the highest quality fish and wildlife habitat in the Pacific Northwest. It is comprised of 2.1 million acres ranging in elevation from 1,000 feet to 14,179 feet at the summit of Mt. Shasta. This forest encompasses five wilderness areas, hundreds of mountain lakes and more than 6,000 miles of streams and rivers. In addition, there are wild and scenic rivers, national trails and scenic byways and a National Recreation Area. For further information on the forest, please see www.fs.usda.gov/stnf

Community:

The Shasta McCloud Management Unit is critical to tourism, recreation, and the wood products economy of Siskiyou and Shasta Counties. This is a land of breathtaking beauty and a place where everyone can enjoy the great outdoors. For further information about the unit, please see http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/stnf/about-forest/?cid=fsm9_008650

This Management Unit has offices in the town of McCloud and the city of Mount Shasta, which are about twelve miles apart. The major communities within the area are the towns of Mt. Shasta, Weed, McCloud, and Dunsmuir. These population centers are about 60 miles north of Redding, California and 60 miles south of the California/ Oregon border and 3 ½ hours from the Oregon Coast. All four towns have internet sites with detailed community information.

The climate has four distinct seasons. Summers are dry with temperatures between 75 and 90 degrees F. Most precipitation falls between mid-October and May, some in the form of snow. Average precipitation is 36 inches for Mt. Shasta and McCloud areas. Average temperature is 32 degrees in January and 85 degrees in August.

Mt. Shasta is a full-service town with a population of 3,500 people and McCloud is a full service community with a population of approximately 1,500 people. All towns/communities have elementary and high schools, including charter schools. The College of the Siskiyous, a two-year community college, is located in the town of Weed. Numerous churches of different denominations are in the immediate area. There is an 80-bed hospital with a certified trauma center located in Mt. Shasta. Public transportation is available with a county bus service. Commercial air service is located in Redding, (1.5 hour drive south on I-5) and Medford, Oregon (1.5 and a half hour drive north on I-5). There is a weekly (Mt. Shasta Herald) and daily (Siskiyou Daily News) newspaper. The average 3-bedroom/2-bath house sells for \$300,000 plus in the McCloud and Mt. Shasta City area. Monthly rental for a 3-bedroom house is about \$1,100-\$1,500 in the Mt. Shasta area. Housing and rental costs are somewhat lower in the surrounding communities.

Recreation opportunities in the area are unlimited. Major attractions include the McCloud and Sacramento Rivers, Mt. Shasta, Lake Siskiyou and McCloud Reservoir, the Mt. Shasta Ski and Board Park and Nordic Center, numerous alpine lakes, hiking and biking trails, lava features and the Shasta Lake National Recreation Area. For those who want a more urban experience, the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland and the Britt Festival in Jacksonville, Oregon are less than 1 ½ hours away.

For further information on the community, please see <http://mtshastachamber.com/relocation/realestate.php>

For any technical questions regarding the above position, please contact:

Becky Cooper, Recreation Staff Officer at 530-926-9610 or by email at rebecca.r.cooper@usda.gov



Outreach Response Form
Forestry Technician (Recreation) GS-0462-06
Mt. Shasta, California

**Please submit outreach response, along with resume, by October 21st, 2020 to
Becky Cooper at rebecca.r.cooper@usdao.gov**

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

CURRENT EMPLOYER:

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT:

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT:

(If USFS) SERIES AND GRADE:

CURRENT POSITION TITLE:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY?

**IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER-CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE
REHIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?**

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- ☐ VETERANS RECRUITMENT ACT
- ☐ DISABLED VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- ☐ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ☐ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ☐ PATHWAYS STUDENTS PROGRAM
- ☐ OTHER:

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