Health and Safety Manager  
Mt. Hood National Forest  
Gifford Pinchot National Forest  
GS-0018-12

The Mt. Hood National Forest and Gifford Pinchot National Forest will soon be filling a shared GS-0018-12 Health and Safety Manager. **The duty station is the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters Office in Sandy, OR** and is supervised by the Mt. Hood Deputy Forest Supervisor. This outreach notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity, as well as to help the Responsible Official gain insight into the potentially interested pool of candidates. **Be sure to respond by February 1, 2016.**

Working in coordination with the Forest Supervisor on both Forests, the incumbent has primary responsibility for planning, managing, organizing, budgeting, and directing large and complex Forest safety and occupational health programs including but not limited to:

- Provides advice and counsel to the Forest Supervisors and Forest Leadership Teams and participates in formulation of Forest safety policies, objectives, and work programs. Develop and maintain Forest Safety Plans and reports.
- Performs safety inspections of operations and facilities to ensure applicable health and safety requirements are met and follow-up corrective actions are completed.
- Coordinate safety and wellness education, training and tests for pertinent safety and occupational health programs.
- Investigates accidents, injuries, and incidents of property damage and prepares final report of findings with recommendations. Manages and utilizes agency safety management automated databases; inputs and retrieves safety data and analyzes and develops incident trends from the data.
- Takes a leadership role and assists accident and mishap task teams, and fact-finding boards, investigation committees and special working groups to ensure that safety and health considerations are met. This includes Facilitated Learning Analysis using Just Culture as a way to increase participation.
• Provides advice and guidance to District and SO safety committee members on policy and requirements and advises senior level management officials on the status of the safety and occupational health programs.

If you are interested in this extremely awesome job opportunity, please contact Vicki Peterson, Mt. Hood Business and Public Services Staff Officer, by e-mail at vickilpeterson@fs.fed.us or (503) 668-1795 by February 1, 2016.

About the Mt. Hood National Forest

Located twenty miles east of the city of Portland, Oregon, the 1.3 million acre the Mt. Hood National Forest is framed by the strikingly beautiful Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to the north, the metropolitan area to the west, the Willamette National Forest and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation to the south, and the sweeping dry lands of central Oregon to the east. One of the State of Oregon’s iconic landmarks, the 11,240-foot peak of Mount Hood stands sentinel in the middle of the Forest.

Straddling both sides of the Cascade Mountain Range, the Forest comprises and serves two distinctly unique areas. The west-side of the Forest is in close proximity to the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area, with nearly 50 percent of the Forest’s perimeter characterized as urban interface. The interface experiences intense levels of recreational use; complex communication challenges due to socio-economic and cultural diversity of the area’s citizens; and, a high degree of interest from members of the urban public and media. By contrast, the communities on the east-side of the Forest are more rural in nature, with a unique sense of relationship to place and a larger dependence upon the natural resource assets, such as water to supply nearby orchards, farms, and ranches for irrigation and domestic uses.

East-side or west-side, the Forest draws visitors from around the Pacific Northwest and the Nation. Nearly 4.5 million people per year come to view the wildlife and wildflowers, camp, hike, boat the lakes, play in the streams, ski, mountain bike, hunt, fish, climb Mount Hood, and participate in a range of recreational activities in and around the Forest. Some popular destinations on the forest include Timberline Lodge, built in 1937 high on Mt. Hood, Lost Lake, Trillium Lake, Timothy Lake, Rock Creek Reservoir and portions of the Old Oregon Trail, including Barlow Road.

Stewardship of the Mt. Hood National Forest and its natural and cultural resources presents a unique set of management challenges, as well as many opportunities to interact with the public in meaningful ways.
About the Community:

The City of Sandy, commonly referred to as the “Gateway to Mt. Hood,” has a population of around 9,600 people, and is the commercial hub of a rural area with a population of approximately 20,000. It is located about 25 miles east of Portland and slightly west of National Forest lands on US Highway 26. Sandy has a robust small business community, including many retail stores and services; it is the easternmost city in Clackamas County.

Located along the foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range, Sandy’s elevation varies from 750 to over 1,000 feet. Mount Hood shelters the city from the wind and ice storms experienced in the Columbia River Gorge. The climate is mild, but as with the rest of Oregon west of the Cascades, it rains a lot in the winter months. The rain typically falls as snow on Mount Hood, and Sandy residents enjoy an expanse of opportunities for skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing. Surrounded by farmland, tree nurseries and the nearby Sandy River, the residents of Sandy experience aspects of a rural lifestyle while still having the urban amenities of the Portland metropolitan area nearby.

Over the past, few years, Sandy has completed a new historical museum, civic plaza, high school, and several pedestrian-friendly downtown beautification projects. Visitors and residents find a wide selection of restaurants and shops, and families especially enjoy surrounding parks including Meinig Memorial Park and its Fantasy forest, where the annual Sandy Mountain Festival is held every July. More information about the community can be found at http://www.sandyoregonchamber.org

About the Gifford Pinchot National Forest

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest, located in southwest Washington State, is one of the oldest National Forests in the United States. Included as part of the Mount Rainier Forest Reserve in 1897, this area was set aside as the Columbia National Forest in 1908, and renamed the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 1949.

Two volcanic mountains, stunning backcountry scenery, and a multitude of streams, rivers, and lakes help make up the 1.3 million acre Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF). Two Ranger Districts (Cowlitz Valley and Mt. Adams) and a National Volcanic Monument (Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument) comprise the GPNF.

More than one million visitors recreate on the forest annually, visiting the 110,000 acre National Volcanic Monument, camping at one of the 60 campgrounds, recreating at the 16 Sno-Parks, hunting, fishing, and driving on the more than 2,300 miles of accessible roads. An incredible wealth of natural resources provides forest products, water, fish and wildlife habitat,
along with forest-product harvest, biomass, and geothermal opportunities. Check out our website at: [www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot](http://www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot).

**About the Community:**

Vancouver, Washington, is located in the southwest corner of Washington and is the fourth largest city in the state with a population of 166,000 (as of 7/2009). Vancouver has a rich history beginning as a major Native American settlement. When Lewis and Clark passed though in 1805, they noted it would be a good location for a city. Soon thereafter, The Hudson’s Bay Company arrived and established Ft. Vancouver as a fur trading post.

With a population of 425,000, Clark County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. The local sales tax is 8.2%, with no State or local income tax.

The beautiful Pacific coastline is less than 90 miles to the west and the very cosmopolitan Seattle, WA is 165 miles to the north. While Vancouver boasts many attractions and services it is better known as the little city across the river from Portland, Oregon. Portland has everything you could want in a big city - from professional & minor league sports team, to social and cultural opportunities including fine dining, theater, concerts, and museums.

More information on Vancouver, WA can be found at [www.ci.vancouver.wa.us](http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us).

**How to Respond**

We would appreciate the response to this outreach by **January 25, 2016**. If you are interested in this awesome opportunity, please complete the attached form and send it to **Vicki Peterson, Mt. Hood Business and Public Services Staff Officer**, by e-mail at vickilpeterson@fs.fed.us or (503) 668-1795.

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