OUTREACH NOTICE

Park Ranger (Interpretive Specialist), GS-0025-9
Central Coast Ranger District-Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area
Waldport, Oregon

The Siuslaw National Forest will soon be filling one permanent, full-time Interpretive Specialist position. This is a GS-9 position which will be flown under the 0025 series. The duty station is located at the Waldport Office of the Central Coast Ranger District but the majority of the time will be spent at the Cape Perpetua Visitors Center. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to generate interest and to inform the potential applicant pool of this position.

If you are interested in this position please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to District Ranger, Michele Jones by August 9, 2017.

ABOUT THE DISTRICT:

The Central Coast District is large comprising about 2/3 of the 630,000-acre Siuslaw National Forest. With a strong record of quality work, innovation and accomplishment the Forest and CCRD are well thought of both internally and externally. The District fosters and maintains a wealth of partnerships through creative and energetic work by top-quality, dedicated employees. Straddling the Oregon Coast Range, the Siuslaw is one of the few lower 48 National Forests to manage ocean front real estate. “Restoration, Recreation, Partnerships” is the Siuslaw National Forest’s niche. CCRD manages about 60 miles of discontinuous ocean frontage from Coos Bay, OR to Waldport, OR. It’s a great place to work.

The District recreation program is large, varied and complex. Primary focuses include: a large, complex developed recreation component managed by both the Forest and concessionaires along the Oregon Coast (Highway 101); a nationally-renowned off-highway vehicle program at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area; numerous non-motorized recreation opportunities at the Oregon Dunes NRA; three small wilderness areas featuring coastal, temperate old growth rainforest; Cape Perpetua, one of three major visitor centers in the PNW Region; and a large, complex recreation fee program, generating around $1 million annually.

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In addition there is a varied and heavily used trail system, water based recreation on several rivers and coastal lakes, popular interior-forest recreation venues, such as Marys Peak, the highest point in the Oregon Coast Range, three special interest areas, and an active interpretive program at the Dunes and Cape Perpetua Scenic Area. The Forest hosts about 1.4 million visitors annually and because of its coastal, lower, and generally snow-free elevations features 365 days-a-year recreation.

ABOUT THE POSITION:

The position develops, coordinates, and implements the interpretive services for the Central Coast Ranger District and Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (CCRD) on the Siuslaw National Forest. The focus of this work on the Forest is centered out of the Cape Perpetua Visitors Center. The successful candidate will have strong leadership, communication, organizational and interpersonal skills.

The focus of the position is to identify interpretive topics and opportunities for consideration. Evaluate the effectiveness of both personal and other interpretive offerings. Coach and evaluates interpretive offerings of staff to improve these interpretive activities. This position manages, develops and implements a high quality and balanced visitor services program by recommending and implementing compatible dependent recreation activities. Participates in the coordination, development, and implementation of the visitor services plans and updates. Conducts analyses concerning the effectiveness and visitor appeal of the interpretation program literature, exhibits and models. Prepares annual operating plans detailing staff needs, special projects and other tasks to be undertaken on an annual basis.

This position also develops plans and proposals for alterations to exhibits, signage or other media. Refines and revises a variety of media outreach to the public such as signage, web content, brochures, application based information, and exhibits. Improves the effectiveness of the message and generates interest by visitors. Coordinates group visits with operational personnel, communicates schedules, logistical support requirements, and other pertinent data.

Develops and presents on- and off-site environmental education programs for a variety of audiences. Programs reach a wide range of audiences and employ a variety of media methods and materials. Drafts and conducts a variety of environmental education curricula and other educational products, including orientation talks, walks and demonstrations. Prepares and conducts teacher training and orientation programs.

Implements a comprehensive public outreach program through written and oral communication. Drafts and prepares a variety of written materials including pamphlets, guidebooks, handouts, brochures, news releases, articles, correspondence and event flyers to increase understanding of mission, a special event, or related issues. Speaks to groups to explain the programs and policies. Responds to routine media requests for information.

Pursues grant funding opportunities and coordinates with other partners in updating exhibits or improving informational services.

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Staffs information desks in visitor center or contact stations, provides interpretive and orientation information to the public, and serves as roving interpreter on trails and in visitor use areas.

Monitors visitor facilities for safety, cleanliness, and accessibility and identifies and reports obvious maintenance, health, safety, and accessibility deficiencies.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY:

This position is based in Waldport, Oregon. Waldport is a small city in Lincoln County, Oregon and has miles of sandy beaches, forest roads, hiking trails, wilderness areas and a picturesque bay. Waldport, whose motto is “Where the Forest Meets the Sea” is located on the Alsea River and Alsea Bay. Alsea Bay is known as one of the most productive recreational crab fisheries along the Oregon Coast and the Alsea River is known for outstanding chinook, coho, and steelhead fishing.

The central Oregon Coast is treasured by Oregonians and is only a couple hours away from major population centers such as Corvallis, Eugene, Salem, and Portland. Our renowned Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area is just a short drive down the coast.  
http://www.waldport-chamber.com/

Nearby coastal cities (Newport and Yachats)  
http://www.newportchamber.org/  
http://www.yachats.org/

Local School District  
http://www.lincoln.k12.or.us/

CONTACTS:

For more information about this specifics of the position, please contact Dan Eddy, Forest Fire Staff at 541-750-7026 or at deeddy@fs.fed.us.

For more information about the specifics of the position, the Ranger Districts or the local area, please contact Michele Jones, District Ranger at 541-563-8445 or at mhjones@fs.fed.us.

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Siuslaw National Forest Outreach Response Form

Attn:

Title of Position:

Pay Plan, Series, Grade:

Response Information

Name:

E-mail Address:

Phone:

Are you a current federal employee? Yes_____ No____

Agency_______________________

Location_____________________

Current Position, Series, and Grade___________________

Status (Permanent or Temporary Appointment)___________________

Describe skill level and interest:

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