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Rager Ranger Station Site Host: Paulina Ranger District

Dates: June – September/October

Location: **Rager Ranger Station, Paulina Ranger District, Ochoco National Forest**

Number of Positions: 1 (An individual with spouse or small family)

Time Commitment: Five days a week (including weekends), 4 hour shifts. Consecutive days off guaranteed during the week.

Description: The U.S. Forest Service seeks an individual (spouse or small family acceptable as well) to live at the Paulina Ranger District's closed Rager Ranger Station during the summer months. Rager Ranger Station is a U.S. Forest Service site that was closed in 2012 when the Paulina Ranger District office and employees were co-located with other Ochoco National Forest personnel in Prineville. Ochoco National Forest leaders wish for the compound to be monitored with light assistance throughout the summer season. The Volunteer will be outfitted in a Forest Service Volunteer vest and ball cap that will be supplied by the Forest Service.

Opened in 1907, the Rager Ranger Station served as headquarters for the Paulina Ranger District and home to a number of Forest Service staff and their families. Historic buildings remain on the compound while other buildings serve are used by for local organizations, youth corps, and fire crews. For many years, Rager Ranger Station was its own community where children were born and raised, families came and went, and many Forest Service employees began their careers. Millions of board feet of timber, mostly ponderosa pine, came off of the Paulina Ranger District. Neighboring ranchers grazed livestock on the forest, beginning before it was National Forest land, and continuing through present day. Employees and their families were integrated in the Upper Valley community.

Job Duties:

- Daily compound grounds walk to survey grounds status, assess any maintenance needs, record/report vandalism, etc.
- Record compound visitation by the public and general description of what visitor did.
 - One on one thorough interaction not needed, but the Volunteer will be greeting and interacting with many visitors and will be required to answer questions and provide some basic information as per Forest Service direction.
- Uses hand tools and power tools in making minor maintenance repairs and maintaining grounds, as authorized by the Ochoco National Forest, including but not limited to:
 - Mowing lawns up to 20 feet around each building
 - Painting
 - General Cleaning
 - Repair work of doors and windows (boarding up)
 - Maintaining compound fence and removing interior fences as identified and approved by FS Staff

- Provides assistance to FS staff as necessary.

Individuals will be assigned minor maintenance tasks according to the need and the Volunteer's skills and interests. Willingness to assist with maintenance, trail work, and visitor compliance preferred.

Desired Skills:

- Must be able to perform required duties with minimal to no supervision after orientation.
- Communicate effectively with visitors and FS Staff
- General knowledge of handheld power tools and grounds equipment such as drill, skill saw, hand-held and riding lawn mower, weed wacker, hand saw, hammer
- Knowledge of how to properly paint exterior walls and structures
- Ability to prioritize tasks and follow specified procedures
- Use of hand-held radios a plus
- Physically capable of lifting up to 50 pounds without assistance
- Ability to survey and assess situations to help FS prioritize service and tasks
- Willingness and ability to be self-sufficient with long stretches of isolation; project can last up to 6 months.
- Ability to stay calm in a situation where emergency services do not arrive momentarily (Emergency services can take a long time to get to an on-site incident).

Housing: Individual (with spouse or small family) must be able to live in their own RV or travel trailer. Space provided with water, sewer, garbage (a free monthly disposal day is offered at a nearby facility – no garbage service at the compound), and electric. Propane and mileage reimbursement available. Cell service is spotty. Laundry services are not available on the compound. Dogs are allowed, but they must be kept under control at all times. Dogs are not allowed in ANY building on the compound and any complaints of an unruly animal will require that the animal be removed from the compound

About the Area: Nearby towns are Paulina (15 miles/25-30 minutes), Prineville (70 miles/1-1.5 hours), and Redmond (90 miles/2 hours). Paulina has a small market and gas station and some additional services. All services can be found in Prineville including a regional medical center.

When operating and occupied Rager Ranger District was the most remote Ranger station in the Pacific Northwest. If you are seeking solitude then this is the location for you. Rager R.S. is located along a perennial creek at a location where the park like ponderosa pine Forest meets the sagebrush juniper steppe. With creeks, springs, pockets of aspen, deer, elk, pronghorn, wild turkeys and other assorted wildlife species Rager exemplifies the subtle beauty of the Ochoco. Great location for the avid hunter, fisher or birder and about 15 miles from the beautiful canyon of the South Fork of the John Day River.

Applications due: Open for 2017 season until filled. For more information or to apply please contact Stacey Cochran, Discover Your Forest Community Engagement Director, at 541-383-5530 or 541-508-9899cell, or Stacey.cochran@discovernw.org