



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



## USDA Forest Service Region 5 - Pacific Southwest Region

### Purchasing Agent GS-1105-08/09

The US Forest Service will soon be filling up to four of these permanent full time positions with one each at the following locations: Yreka, Eureka, Willows, and Redding, CA. These positions are part of the Northern Province Acquisition Team which services the Klamath, Six Rivers, Mendocino, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. These positions, while based in various cities, will report to the lead Contracting Officer in Redding, CA. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of the upcoming opportunity. It will be advertised soon and those who reply to the outreach will be notified when the vacancy announcement opens. You can also search for the position at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) to see if it has opened. Please be sure to indicate Yreka, Eureka, Willows, and/or Redding as a location(s) of interest on your application. Following is information on the position, the four national forests, and the different communities.

#### **About the position:**

The position serves as a Purchasing Agent as part of the Northern Province Acquisition Team which services the Klamath, Six Rivers, Mendocino, and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. These positions, while based in various cities, will report to the lead Contracting Officer in Redding, CA.

The purchasing agent has a variety of duties, including, but not limited to, awarding and administering small purchases that require extensive monitoring and oversight to resolve complex problems, such as protests, claims, terminations, or substantial modifications. The agent also administers small purchase orders that involve the use of instruments that are not firm fixed price, such as time and materials, labor hour, or other unpriced small purchase orders. This position also prepares and issues requests for quotations for more complex purchases and also handles the evaluation and award process and conducts discussions with vendors and also coordinates internally with other employees on purchases.

To qualify at the GS-8 level, one must possess a Level 1B warrant or qualify for a Level 1B warrant within 60 days of appointment, OR, to qualify at GS-9, one must possess a Level 1C warrant or qualify for a Level 1C warrant within 60 days of appointment.

#### **About the Klamath National Forest:**

The Klamath National Forest covers an area of 1,700,000 acres over 3 ranger districts located in Siskiyou County in Northern California and Jackson County in Oregon. Typical workforce numbers for the forest in the summer can reach close to 500 when you include temporary employees.

The Forest includes all or part of five wilderness areas; Marble Mountain, Russian, Trinity Alps, Red Buttes and Siskiyou. Trailheads are numerous, and hikes range from easy to arduous. If it's a wilderness experience you seek, the Klamath is the place to come. In the lower elevations, you'll find park-like stands of Ponderosa pine trees, while in the higher elevations, the Douglas fir, sub-alpine fir and mixed conifer stands beg to be explored. There are 200 miles of river system for rafting and 152 miles of wild and scenic rivers in the forest. In addition, the Klamath National Forest offers 28 campgrounds, hiking, fishing and wildlife viewing.

With the Klamath, Salmon, and Scott Rivers meandering from one end of the Forest to the other, recreationists have found a playground that can meet the desires of all. This beautiful Forest is a haven for campers, hikers, wildlife watchers, hunters, fishermen, mountains bikers, white water enthusiasts and naturalists.

The Forest also helps to meet local and national needs for a variety of natural resources. Proactive vegetation management is an important element of caring for our public lands, and the professional staff of the Klamath leads the way by setting the standards for others to follow. With that, the preservation of biological diversity, and the sustainment of forest health are important to us.

**About Yreka and the surrounding community:**

**YREKA**, California (pronounced Y-Reeka) has been designated as 48th in the top one-hundred small communities in the U.S. and is located twenty-two miles south of the California/Oregon border along Interstate 5. Yreka is a quiet little city located in an area rich in history and generous in natural resources, nestled in the northern most corner of the majestic Shasta Valley. Serving as the county seat of Siskiyou County, geographically the fifth largest county in the state, Yreka is the largest full service community between Ashland, Oregon and Redding, California. The population base provides support for professional services, medical facilities, all governmental offices and a full range of retail businesses which make Yreka the trade center for the county. Yreka is abundant in its intrinsic beauty and enjoys the diversity of all four seasons. This is a great small town for raising families.

Yreka is home to several retail shopping areas, many restaurants, auto service stores and motels. Several primary and secondary schools, a high school, and a modern hospital are located in Yreka. A two year Community College maintains a satellite campus in Yreka and the main campus in Weed is about 30 minutes away. Housing costs vary depending on location, residence size, and property, averaging \$150,000-\$250,000 for a typical 3 bedroom home on a city parcel. Rental housing for a typical 3 bedroom home starts at about \$1000/month. Medford, Oregon is an easy 45 minute drive and has a full array of large retail and warehouse shopping centers and home improvement centers. The airport in Medford is full service.

Outdoor recreation opportunities are abundant and include fishing, hunting, camping, boating, whitewater rafting, Nordic and Alpine skiing, golf, and just about any other outdoor activity imaginable. Two ski parks, Mt. Ashland and Mt. Shasta, are each about 1 hour away. Several golf courses are within Siskiyou County and nearby counties. The coast and beaches are only 3 hours away. Trout, salmon and steelhead fishing are nearby. Duck and goose viewing and hunting occur in the nearby Klamath Basin and Tulelake Wildlife Refuge. Two large reservoirs, Shasta and Trinity Lakes, are about 1 hour away. Cultural events include Siskiyou Performing Arts in Yreka, the nationally acclaimed Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR and the Britt Festival in Jacksonville, OR. Crater Lake National Park, Oregon Caves National Monument and Lava Beds National Monument are about 1 1/2 hours away.

More information about the forest can be found on the Klamath National Forest website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/klamath/>. More information about Yreka can be found at the Yreka Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.yrekachamber.com/>

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**About the Six Rivers National Forest:**

Stretching in a narrow 140-mile band from the Oregon border south, the Six Rivers National Forest offers nearly a million acres to discover and enjoy. It offers outstanding water recreation opportunities, special areas such as the Smith River NRA – the nation’s premiere example of a wild and scenic watershed, cultural heritage riches and legacies, and is one of Northern California’s best kept secrets offering uncrowded backcountry with lots of solitude. Its namesake major rivers - Smith, Klamath, Trinity, Eel, Van Duzen, and Mad - are among the 1500 miles of waterways popular with anglers, kayakers, rafters, and sunbathers. The landscape is composed of extensive stands of conifers in a rugged mountain setting; elevations range from sea level to just under 7,000 feet. The forest also includes three national scenic

byways, six botanical areas, four wildernesses, 365 miles of wild and scenic rivers, several non-wilderness lakes, outstanding 1930s Civilian Conservation Corps architecture, historic mining and logging, nationally-recognized Passport-in-Time projects, sixteen family campgrounds, numerous rustic camps, historic Bear Basin Butte Lookout and Pierson Rental Cabin, 2500 miles of roads, and 250 miles of trails. River fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon is popular; opportunities for canoeing, rafting, kayaking, and swimming are abundant. The landscapes and waterscapes are truly spectacular, the lifestyles and culture diverse, and the pace of living relaxed in the Northcoast area.

The culture of the area is rich and diverse with an inordinately high number of artists, writers, and musicians who are attracted to the unique beauty of the region. The Northcoast is strongly oriented to outdoor recreation with many activities focused on the ocean, numerous river systems, redwood cathedrals located in adjacent state and national parks, and other public lands. The Northcoast area is one of the top places in the nation to live, work, and play because of its outdoor recreation opportunities and outstanding scenic values.

### **About Eureka and the surrounding community:**

The Six Rivers NF Supervisor's Office is located in Eureka, which is 3 hours west of Redding and 5-6 hours north of San Francisco (about 300 miles). Eureka and the surrounding communities of Arcata, McKinleyville and Fortuna provide a full range of community services. Eureka is located on Humboldt Bay and enjoys a maritime climate. It's population is about 28,000. There are numerous shopping locations and grocery stores, medical services including three hospitals, libraries, a variety of restaurants and eateries, and recreation and cultural opportunities. The community also has multiple churches, numerous neighborhood elementary schools along with several private schools. There are two colleges nearby, Humboldt State University in Arcata, and the College of the Redwoods, a two-year community college south of Eureka. Transportation includes one commercial airport, Greyhound, and local bus service.

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Rentals for a two bedroom/one bath apartment start around \$800; houses start a bit higher. The housing cost for a three bedroom/two bath home starts at \$225,000, depending on size and location. More information can be found at <http://www.harealtors.com>.

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### **About the Shasta-Trinity National 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 and includes five wilderness areas, hundreds of mountain lakes, Mt. Shasta (14,162 ft.) 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.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/shastatrinity).

### **About Redding and the surrounding community:**

The Headquarters for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest is located in Redding, California, a full service community of 90,000 people. Redding is located along Interstate 5 and has a variety of medical facilities, schools, restaurants, retail stores, museums and housing opportunities. Cultural and outdoor recreational activities include music, art, fishing, rafting, skiing, hiking, sailing, swimming and much more. The climate in

the Redding area is generally moderate though summer temperatures can be very hot. Housing is readily available with an average 3-bedroom house selling for about \$250,000. Rent for 2-bedroom apartment ranges from \$600 to \$1,000 a month, a 3-bedroom house ranges from \$800 to \$1,450 a month. Government housing is not available. For more information please go to: [www.cityofredding.com](http://www.cityofredding.com) or <http://www.reddinganesthesia.com/redding/> or <http://www.redding.com/>.

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### **About the Mendocino National Forest:**

The **Mendocino National Forest** straddles the eastern spur of the Coastal Mountain Range in northwestern California, just a three hour drive north of San Francisco and Sacramento. Some 65 miles long and 35 miles across, the Forest's 913,306 federally owned acres of mountains and canyons offer a variety of recreational opportunities - camping, hiking, backpacking, boating, fishing, hunting, nature study, photography, and off-highway vehicle travel.

The only one of California's 18 national Forests not crossed by a paved road or highway, the Mendocino National Forest is especially attractive to people seeking an outdoor experience of tranquility and solitude. The Forest, however, is a working Forest as well as a recreation land, and resource activities such as logging and grazing do occur on both National Forest lands and private holdings within the Forest. Elevations in the Forest range from 750 feet in the Grindstone Creek Canyon in the Sacramento Valley foothills on the Forest's eastern edge to the 8092 feet of South Yolla Bolly Mountain in the northern part of the Forest. The average elevation is about 4000 feet.

### **About Willows and the surrounding community:**

As the Glenn County seat, Willows is the center of a rich agricultural area situated in the Sacramento Valley, 90 miles north of Sacramento on Interstate 5, and only a 45 minute drive to reach the mountains to the west. The population is approximately 6,498 within the 3.0 sq. miles of City limits and, in addition, there is a large and prosperous fringe area. As is the case in other valley communities, Willows experiences warm temperatures throughout the summer months. Winter temperatures rarely fall below freezing. The Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office and Grindstone Ranger District are headquartered at 825 N. Humboldt Ave, Willows, CA. The Forest Staff, the administrative branch, and Grindstone Staff are located at the Forest Supervisor's Office.

Willows has schools through all grades including Butte Community College extension courses. Churches representing almost every denomination, and social and business organizations that contribute to a well planned community can be found in Willows. Licensed day care facilities are available, some provide preschool. Preschools are also available.

Glenn General Hospital includes an emergency room and clinic. The town of Chico (35 miles to the northeast), has two full service hospitals, urgent care centers, and numerous physicians in specialized areas. Glenn Family Medical Practice is staffed by two full-time physicians and is run by the County. These practices are currently accepting new patients and are members of the following health care plans: Qual-Med, Foundation Health Plan, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred providers.

At the present time houses are available. Houses sold for an average of \$200,000 - \$550,000 (3 bedrooms / 2 baths) in 2007. Apartments & 2 bedrooms / 1 bath homes rent for an average of \$800- \$2000 a month. Local taxi service and County subsidized bus transportation between Willows/Orland/Chico available. Amtrak services are available in Chico.

The Willows area is famous for good duck, pheasant, dove and quail hunting. Located eight miles south of Willows, is the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge that provides walking and auto tours. California State University-Chico and Butte College offer many additional recreation attractions in sports and entertainment areas. Thunderhill Racetrack is located west of Willows and has a growing clientele.

There is a public swimming pool at the City Park on Laurel Street. Parks in Willows provide play equipment for children, baseball fields, horseshoe areas, picnic tables and barbecue pits. There is an exercising par-course at the park on Sycamore Street, tennis courts are available and a skating park. There are two health clubs, which offers a variety of weight equipment and exercise programs.

Annually in May, Willows holds a celebration called the "Lamb Derby" where a talent show is held at the Memorial Hall. A parade is held on Saturday followed by a lamb barbecue at the park. Many other activities are scheduled during the week for wholesome family fun.

The Glenn County Theater Company based in Willows offers three to four plays/musical casting local talent each year. Annually in September, the Willows Chamber of Commerce hosts a Car Show, which encompasses a weekend of numerous activities, with approximately 400-600 cars on exhibit.

There is a nine hole golf course located approximately five miles north of Willows. There is also Knowles Shooting Clays for the sporting clay enthusiast, which offers individual and competition for novelists as well as challenging courses for the professional.

For more information about the Willows area go to <http://www.glenncounty.com/>

Forest Service employees on the workforce reduction placement system list will receive priority consideration and CTAP/ICTAP candidates will receive the appropriate consideration.

*For any technical questions regarding this position, please contact P.J. Vilhauer at 530-226-2454 or [pvilhauer@fs.fed.us](mailto:pvilhauer@fs.fed.us).*

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**

**(Please return by March 1, 2010)**

Position: **Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-08/09**

Location: **USDA Forest Service – Yreka, Eureka, Willows, and/or Redding, CA**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential pool of interested parties for this position. Applications will be submitted at the following website:

<https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu>.

Please be sure to list Yreka, Eureka, Willows, and/or Redding as a location(s) of interest. **Submit this form to Penny Melum (who is consolidating responses for all locations) at [pmelum@fs.fed.us](mailto:pmelum@fs.fed.us) or fax to her at (530) 841-4572.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Employed with: USFS \_\_\_\_ BLM \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_

Type of Employment *if* Current Federal Government Employee:  
\_\_\_\_Permanent \_\_\_\_Temporary \_\_\_\_Term\_\_\_\_VRA \_\_\_\_PWD\_\_\_\_Other

Current FS Region/Forest/District (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Series and Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which location(s) are you interested in (circle one or more): Yreka Eureka Willows Redding**

How did you hear about this position?

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

- \_\_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST**