



OUTREACH NOTICE

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region
Mt. Hood National Forest – Parkdale and Zigzag, OR
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Temporary Winter Snow Ranger Positions for the 2024/2025 Season

Timeline: **October/November 2024 through April/May 2025**

Duty Stations: **Parkdale, OR:** 2 GS-0462-06 positions
and **Zigzag, OR:** 2 GS-0462-06 positions

Hiring manager contacts: **Parkdale, OR positions:** Jon Breithaupt, East Zone Recreation Program Manager, jonathon.breithaupt@usda.gov and **Zigzag, OR positions:** Lilith Milam, West Zone Recreation Program Manager, Lilith.milam@usda.gov

Candidates must apply online through USA Jobs between June 27th, 2024 and July 10th, 2024.

Link to apply for these positions on USA Jobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/797383900>.

Temporary government housing is available at both duty stations for the winter season.

The USDA Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest is seeking to fill four temporary 1039 Snow Ranger positions for the 2024/2025 winter season. Two positions are available in **Parkdale, OR** on the East Zone of the Forest, which includes the Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts. Two positions are also available in **Zigzag, OR** on the West Zone of the Forest, which includes the Clackamas River and Zigzag Ranger Districts.

The Mt. Hood National Forest has a very active winter recreation program that includes 16 maintained sno-parks, 3 fire lookout rentals, many miles of cross-country ski trails/groomed snowmobile trails, and winter hiking and snowshoeing opportunities. Parkdale and Zigzag are gateway communities to abundant winter recreation on Mt. Hood, with access to **five ski areas: Cooper Spur, Mt. Hood Meadows, Ski Bowl, Summit Pass, and Timberline.**



Primary Duties of Snow Rangers

- Patrolling sno-parks and winter trails to educate visitors and enforce applicable regulations; Shoveling snow from walkways and bathroom facilities
- Cleaning toilets, installing signage on kiosks, and maintaining sno-park facilities
- Installing trail junction signs, difficulty ratings, and reassurance markers
- Maintaining winter fire lookout recreation rentals
- Conducting trail maintenance on skis, snowmobiles, or snowshoes

ABOUT THE FOREST



Located twenty miles east of the city of Portland, Oregon, and the northern Willamette River valley, the Mt. Hood National Forest extends south from the strikingly beautiful Columbia River Gorge across more than sixty miles of forested mountains, lakes and streams to Olallie Scenic Area, a high lake basin

under the slopes of Mt. Jefferson. The Forest encompasses some 1,067,043 acres. One of the State of Oregon's iconic landmarks, the 11,249-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 near 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 eastside 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.

Eastside or westside, 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.

THE EAST ZONE

The Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts are part of the Mt. Hood National Forest in both Wasco and Hood River Counties. The land base encompasses approximately 385,000 acres and provides a diversity of geographic, climatic, and biotic areas, with over 700 miles of trail, 35

campgrounds, four wilderness areas and many wild and scenic rivers. Elevations range from 100 feet at the Columbia River to 11,249 feet at the summit of Mt. Hood. The land base is located east of the Cascade Crest and annual precipitation ranges from nearly 100 inches at the crest to 45 inches in the Hood River area to 25 inches in the Dufur area. Spring and fall are wet with temperatures dropping into the 30s and 40s. Summers are usually dry with average temperatures in the 70s and 80s. For additional information about the Mt. Hood National Forest visit the Forest Web Site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood.

Parkdale, Oregon is a small community located 17 miles south of Hood River, and approximately 75 miles southeast of Portland. Mt. Hood/Parkdale has a grocery store, post office, two convenience stores, an elementary school, several churches, two community centers, a gas station, brewpub, and several gift/artisan shops. The community is a mix of tourism and orchard-based industry. Housing is limited.

THE ZIGZAG RANGER DISTRICT

The Zigzag Ranger District is located in Zigzag, Oregon. The District is comprised of 279,000 acres and is located near Portland metropolitan area of over a million residents. The district manages a large recreation program including 551 summer homes, 30 developed campgrounds, 3 ski areas including Timberline Lodge (Timberline Lodge has nearly 2 million visitors a year, and is one of only three National Historic Landmarks in the Forest Service System), many special use permits, over 300 miles of trails, and 2 wilderness areas. The district also manages the Bull Run Watershed cooperatively with the City of Portland, which supplies drinking water to the Portland metropolitan area. The compound of the Ranger District is historic, constructed in the 1930's by the CCC. Many of the original buildings still remain.

Zigzag, Oregon is a small community with a population of 1,500 year-round. It is located 52 miles east of Portland, 20 miles east of Sandy, Oregon, 12 miles from Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood ski area, 45 miles west of Hood River, and 120 miles east of the Oregon coast. Recreational opportunities are abundant, including skiing, hiking, biking, fishing and hunting.

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