

# USDA Forest Service

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**Outreach Notice**  
**Region 6**  
**Columbia Land Zone**  
**Vancouver, WA**



**Land Surveyor**  
**GS-1373-9/11**  
**Duty Station, Vancouver, WA**  
**Reply due **8/25/2017****

The Columbia Land Zone will soon be filling a permanent full-time Land Surveyor position, duty stationed on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Vancouver, WA. This position serves the National Forests in Western Washington and Northwest Oregon. This is a fantastic opportunity for the right person. Duties include boundary surveys, retracing and posting the boundaries of 100 year old public land surveys and working in some of the most remote and beautiful terrain in the Pacific Northwest. Along with remote and beautiful comes arduous and difficult, as well as some of travel. The selected applicant will be expected to travel 25 to 50 percent of the time during the field season (as needed). Travel is normal and common and includes staying in travel trailers, motels and work center “bunk houses”. Normal field work is extremely difficult and arduous. It is common to have long hikes carrying very heavy loads (50 pounds) up and down steep mountain slopes

through thick brush and forest. Working in the rain, hot weather, bugs and bears add to the excitement of a day in the life of a Forest Service Land Surveyor.

If interested, complete the attached outreach form by **8/25/17**, and return to Steve Lee by email (stephenlee@fs.fed.us). Interested candidates are encouraged to call Steve at (360) 891-5171.

## **ABOUT THE POSITION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This position serves as a Land Surveyor on a Forest Service Unit with responsibility for the land surveying aspects of the unit's land line location and land adjustment programs.

### **MAJOR DUTIES**

Provides professional land surveying input for the planning and programming of Forest land surveying priorities. Responsible for the implementation and accomplishment of the finalized program.

Plans and directs the execution of survey projects of a complex nature usually associated with boundary disputes or title claims cases, but also including high-order geodetic surveys, right-of-way, easement, and engineering surveys.

Recommends solutions to land disputes involving rectangular public land surveys, patent mining claims, homestead surveys, easements, right-of-way surveys, etc. Also serves as the specialist for control surveys as required for photogrammetric surveys.

Provides technical assistance and guidance to unit management and staff personnel on problems involving boundary disputes. This includes recommendations on administrative procedures, survey methods, evidence evaluation, legal interpretation, corner restoration, etc., consistent with Forest Service policy and standards.

Provides leadership and technical direction in planning for and arranging the programming for remonumentation of all property and property-controlling corners, and delineation by posting and marking boundaries of lands under Forest Service jurisdiction adjoining those under private ownership.

Consults with Registrar of Deeds, County Surveyors, other Registered Land Surveyors, property owners, Government officials, and all other sources, for record information of previous surveys or other data which affect or could affect the location of Forest Service property lines. Evaluates and tabulates such records for field use in the Forest land survey activities.

Serves as Contracting Officer's Representative on survey projects formally contracted to private firms, prepares specifications, and/or reviews surveying contracts on the Forest. Makes inspections for compliance with technical engineering and contractual requirements. Upon completion of contracts, recommends approval of final payment.

Interprets and writes legal descriptions and prepares plats and documents incident to land surveys.

Is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the unit files of U.S. General Land Office Plats and Field Notes. Provides survey data to Regional Office staffs, forests, engineering units, survey crews, etc., to provide for effective determination of National Forest System lands.

NOTE - A State Land Surveyor registration for the state(s) in which the duties will be performed, unless otherwise noted, will be required within one year of selection.

## Columbia Land Zone Information

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The Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) of the USDA Forest Service contains 16 National Forests, a National Scenic Area, a National Grassland, and two National Volcanic Monuments, all within the States of Oregon and Washington. The Forests provide timber for people, forage for cattle and wildlife, habitat for fish, plants, and animals, and some of the finest recreation lands in the country.

In the Pacific Northwest, the Forest Service manages 59 **Wilderness areas** that encompass 4.6 million acres. Many protect the volcanic peaks of the Cascade Range; others surround chains of lakes in the high country; while others protect unique biological ecosystems and old growth forests.

### **GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST**

Located in Southwest Washington State, the Gifford Pinchot National Forest encompasses 1,368,300 acres of forests, mountains, river valleys, waterfalls, wildernesses, and volcanoes. Geographically the forest is divided into the **Cowlitz Valley Ranger District**, the **Mount Adams Ranger District**, and the **Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument**.

### **OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST**

Olympic National Forest encompasses the varied landscape of Washington's Olympic Peninsula from lush rain forests to deep canyons to high mountain ridges to ocean beaches. This diverse and scenic forest reaches the mid elevations of the Olympic Mountains.

### **MT. HOOD NATIONAL 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.

### **COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA**

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area protects the spectacular canyon where the Columbia River cuts through the Cascade Mountains - with cliffs and overlooks of Washington to the north and Oregon's mountains and waterfalls to the south. The Gorge is unique in its natural and cultural history, as well as its designation as a **National Scenic Area**.

## VANCOUVER AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



With breathtaking views of Mount St. Helens and Mount Hood right on the Columbian River, Vancouver has topped lists of Best Places to Live and Best Places to Retire in recent years. While some cities lose the charm of nature, Vancouver hasn't. It has green lawns, trees, and foliage everywhere and provides residents with the best of its city and nearby bigger cities while still maintaining its quieter and calmer culture.

### **EDUCATION:**

Public Schools: Elementary - 22                      Middle – 9                      High schools - 8                      Private schools- 39

**DAY CARE:** 9 day care centers.

**MEDICAL FACILITIES:** 46 hospital and/or medical clinics.

**CHURCHES:** Many churches, both denominational and non-denominational.

For a list of things to do in the Vancouver, WA area, follow the link <https://www.visitvancouverusa.com/things-to-do/>

# OUTREACH Response Form

Land Surveyor GS-1170-9/11

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE RESPOND by August 25, 2017\*\*\*\*\*

If you are interested in this position, complete this form and email it to [stephenlee@fs.fed.us](mailto:stephenlee@fs.fed.us) by August 25, 2017.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently a Federal Employee?      Yes       No

### If Yes:

Name of your Agency & Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Current title/series/grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Type:      Permanent       Term       Temporary

### If No:

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position Title & Salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for appointment under any of the following special authorities?

- Former Peace Corps
- Person with Disabilities
- Student Employment Program
- Veteran with 30% Compensable Disability
- Veteran's Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
- Veteran's Readjustment
- Reinstatement Eligibility
- Other

Briefly describe your qualifying experience:

*Thank you for your interest in the position!*