



**PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION, R-6
USDA FOREST SERVICE
OUTREACH**



**APPRAISER
GS-1171-11**

The Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) of the Forest Service is seeking candidates to fill the full-time permanent position of Appraiser. The purpose of this outreach notice is to inform potential applicants about this upcoming opportunity, and to solicit expressions of interest from potential applicants. Please circulate this outreach notice to as many potential candidates as possible, as we are seeking a diverse pool of qualified applicants.

The preferred duty location is at the R-6 Regional Office in Portland, Oregon. At the discretion of Forest Service management, the duty location may be considered at one of the Forest Service offices in the states of Oregon or Washington. Respondents to this outreach may propose an alternate duty location at one of the Forest Service offices in Oregon or Washington for consideration. Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, most employees are temporarily teleworking from their residences at this time, but this position is not a “virtual” position. The applicant will be expected to work at an office duty station, when it becomes safe to do so.

THE POSITION

This position is responsible for providing property valuation and related support within the Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service. The applicant provides real estate appraisals, feasibility reports, valuation of conservation easements, real estate consultations, and appraisal contracting support as assigned by the Regional Appraiser. This work supports land ownership adjustments such as purchases, land exchanges, conveyances, special use permits, and acquisition of easements, as well as State and Private Forestry, Forest Legacy and Community Forests programs. Normal operations include occasional travel requiring overnight accommodations when such activities may be safely conducted.

The applicant must hold a Certified General Appraiser license from any State in compliance with requirements of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989. A professional designation which required classroom training in appraisal practice, experience requirements, a demonstration appraisal report or appraisal review report, and a comprehensive qualifying examination in the attainment of the credential is preferred, *but not required*.

The applicant should have both appraisal technical abilities and personal skills to assist in early project development, and to act with minimal assistance to resolve problems. The applicant may be involved in devising appraisal contract specifications and participating in the selection of fee/contract appraisers.

Please see the position description which is also attached to this listing in the outreach database at <https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/> for further details.

THE REGION

The Pacific Northwest Region (R-6) of the USDA Forest Service encompasses the states of Oregon and Washington. The Forest Service manages over 24.7 million acres in Oregon and Washington. The Regional Office headquarters is in Portland, Oregon.

The Region contains 16 National Forests:

[Colville National Forest](#)
[Deschutes National Forest](#)
[Fremont-Winema National Forests](#)
[Gifford Pinchot National Forest](#)
[Malheur National Forest](#)
[Mount Hood National Forest](#)
[Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest](#)
[Ochoco National Forest](#)
[Olympic National Forest](#)
[Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest](#)
[Siuslaw National Forest](#)
[Umatilla National Forest](#)
[Umpqua National Forest](#)
[Wallowa-Whitman National Forest](#)
[Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest](#)
[Willamette National Forest](#)

and

[Cascade Head Scenic Research Area](#)
[Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area](#)
[Crooked River National Grassland](#)
[Hells Canyon National Recreation Area](#)
[Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument](#)
[Newberry National Volcanic Monument](#)
[Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area](#)

HOW TO APPLY: This outreach notice is not a vacancy announcement. The vacancy announcement for this position will be advertised on the USA Jobs website at a future date. To apply for the position, you must apply through www.usajobs.gov when the position is advertised.

PLEASE RESPOND

Please respond to this Outreach so that we may be aware of your interest in this position. Please respond by email to Senior Review Appraiser Bonnie Tanamor at bonnie.tanamor@usda.gov.

Please include the following information:

- Name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Are you currently a federal employee, or do you have reinstatement eligibility?
- If so, what is your current or most recent position title, series, and grade?
- Do you have a professional appraisal designation? From which organization?
- Please briefly summarize your appraisal work experience (or you may attach a resume).
- Please add any remarks that you may wish to share.

Please be aware that some additional special authorities may provide eligibility for hiring:

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
VETERANS READJUSTMENT
VETERANS WITH 30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
PATHWAYS PROGRAM (STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM)

If you have questions regarding this position, please contact Senior Review Appraiser Bonnie Tanamor at 971-325-6706 or email bonnie.tanamor@usda.gov

Please email your response no later than Monday, December 28, 2020.

Position Description

Title/Pay Plan/Series/Grade: Appraiser, GS-1171-11

FLSA Code: Exempt

INTRODUCTION

This position is located in a Regional Office. The incumbent performs appraisals within limits of delegated authority and serves as an expert on all issues related to real property appraisals on assigned cases. As a Qualified Appraiser, the incumbent is expected to be thoroughly trained and experienced in providing appraisal and valuation services for simple and complex assignments.

MAJOR DUTIES

Prepares appraisals, feasibility studies/market studies, consultations, or valuation advice to technically support the real property valuation services program for the Region.

Provides valuation services in support of purchase, exchange, right of way, and special uses programs for National Forest System lands.

The incumbent may provide training and support services for Small Tracts Act and waiver cases to staff.

Valuation services may be provided for purchase, sale, or lease of administrative sites and in conjunction with reversionary interests associated with land utilization projects.

Serves as the real property valuation expert and represents the unit in that capacity in coordination with other agencies, individuals, and non-governmental organizations within the delegated area of responsibility.

Appraisal assignments range from very simple, non-complex properties to very large properties and complex appraisal problems with high values. Property types may include all land classifications, mineral interests and assets, timberland properties, highly-developed resort properties, conservation and scenic easements, rights of way, properties to be acquired by condemnation, and partial interests. Some assignments involve situations in which application of conventional appraisal approaches is difficult due to lack of pertinent data. Incumbent must be

innovative, relying upon knowledge and experience to develop appropriate appraisal procedures in support of opinions of value.

Prepares reports and correspondence for replies to protests or inquiries received as a result of specific assignments or other actions in connection with valuation activities.

Professional Standards: Valuation services are provided in conformance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) of the Appraisal Foundation, Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA), and directed by federal regulations. The incumbent is responsible for maintaining professional valuation standards for technical proficiency in compliance with federal requirements and State appraiser certification laws.

NOTE: Minimum qualifications include licensure as a State-certified general real estate appraiser in compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA). Federal appraisers active in multiple States require certification in only one State (OMB Bulletin 92-06 of March 16, 1992).

Candidacy for a professional real estate appraisal designation from a sponsor organization of the Appraisal Foundation is very desirable.