

Job Opening: Bridge Creek Watershed Coordinator

Location: John Day Basin (preferred)

Salary Range: Full time position \$30,000 - \$35,000 DOE plus benefits

### **Position Summary**

The Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) is seeking an energetic and motivated person to supervise, assist and manage tasks related to restoration, monitoring and evaluation activities in the Bridge Creek watershed (a key steelhead spawning tributary to the Wild and Scenic John Day River near Mitchell, OR), in collaboration with NOAA Fisheries, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management. The position will also be responsible for developing grassroots support for wildland restoration and protection efforts in adjacent Wilderness Study Areas.

### **Description**

Coordinated restoration programs require a burgeoning amount of data in order to answer increasingly complicated and inter-dependent questions that help to inform a larger and more diverse set of interests. Funders, policy makers, management agencies, advocacy groups and the public are demanding that ecosystem restoration and salmonid recovery data be more accessible. In recent years, several new data management tools have been developed for the John Day River basin to efficiently and accurately manage data collected as riverine, riparian and upland ecosystems are restored, and the effects of those restoration activities are monitored and evaluated. The Bridge Creek Watershed Coordinator will help pilot and implement these new tools to ensure that restoration activities in the Bridge Creek basin are carried out as planned and the effects of the restoration activities on various ecosystem attributes are accurately monitored and documented.

The Bridge Creek Watershed Coordinator will implement restoration and monitoring strategies by providing technical guidance and assistance to cooperating partners in the Bridge Creek watershed (primarily NOAA, NPS and BLM). Activities will include assisting cooperating partners in developing and documenting data collection protocols; collecting field data; providing user support for previously developed data entry templates; and providing assistance to the cooperating partners in the implementation of instream, riparian and upland restoration projects, including empowering and supervising volunteers. Additional tasks include documenting analysis procedures, providing workshops for cooperating partners and the public, securing new grant funding, developing rapport with private landowners, participating in agency planning processes, and public outreach.

The Bridge Creek Watershed Coordinator will be expected to work closely with a wide group of individuals from different agencies and organizations to ensure restoration and monitoring activities are achieved according to schedules and protocols. The ability to communicate results effectively to outside groups and individuals is critical to the program's success.

**Qualifications**

A Bachelor's degree in fisheries, watershed, or computer science or related field is required and two years of relevant work experience. Candidates with a Master's degree in the sciences will receive preference. Applicants must have strong communication skills; demonstrated problem solving and critical thinking skills; prior experience working with ecological data; spreadsheet and database design experience; excellent proficiency with GPS and ability to work with ONDA's GIS staff. Experience with visual basic for applications or other programming languages, electronic data loggers, and various environmental data measuring devices are beneficial. Experience working in the field under adverse conditions is also desirable.

**General**

The position will be based near Mitchell, Oregon. Duties will combine both indoor and outdoor tasks, manual labor in variable weather conditions, often in difficult terrain. Attendance at weekend and evening events is required. Candidate must have reliable vehicle with reimbursement at state rate. Salary: \$30,000 - \$35,000 DOE. Health reimbursement provided along with generous vacation, holiday leave and a flexible schedule.

**Application**

Send resume, 3 professional references and a cover letter stating professional interest to [bridgecreek@onda.org](mailto:bridgecreek@onda.org).