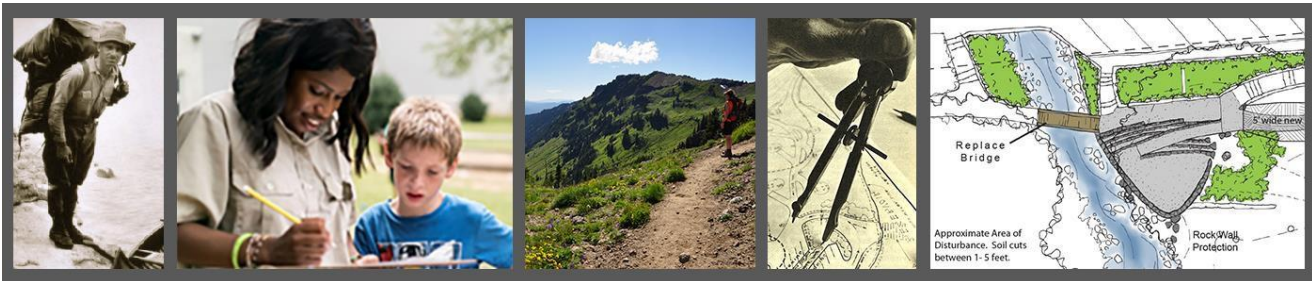


## Job Announcement

### United States Forest Service – Umpqua National Forest Roseburg, OR

### Landscape Architect/Sustainable Recreation Planner Resource Assistant

**Please Respond By: April 15, 2024**



[Northwest Youth Corps](#) (NYC) in partnership with the United States Forest Service (USFS) welcomes applications for **one Landscape Architect/Sustainable Recreation Planner Resource Assistant** position. This is a 52-week full-time work experience from approximately **May 27, 2024 to May 30, 2025**. Created in 1984 and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, NYC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. NYC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources needs during the placement. The daily activities of the RA will be primarily under the direction of Forest Service staff.

**Position: Landscape Architect/Sustainable Recreation Planner Resource Assistant**

**Target start date:** May 27, 2024 (specific date to be determined by the RA and supervisor, may be up to two weeks earlier or later depending on the RA's availability)

**Duration:** 52 weeks (One year)

**Status:** Full time (40 hours/week).

**Duty Location:** Roseburg, OR

## **Overview**

The Umpqua National Forest covers nearly one million acres along the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains in Southwest Oregon. The Forest encompasses a diverse area of sparkling rivers and lakes, deep canyons, and rugged mountains up to 9,184 feet in elevation. The Umpqua produces a wealth of water resources, timber, wildlife, fish, minerals, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Included within the Forest are the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River, a portion of the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Byway, three wildernesses, the Oregon Cascades Recreation Area, and a very large hydropower project. Also within the Umpqua is the Diamond Lake Recreation Composite, one of the largest developed recreational facilities within the Forest Service.

The Resource Assistant Program is a rigorous and immersive paid internship for individuals interested in Forest Service careers. Resource Assistants (RAs) work with Forest Service staff to complete mission-critical work that demonstrates leadership, critical thinking, and strategic communication. Through direct training, experience, and exposure, RAs gain the tools to launch their natural and cultural resource careers. To learn more about the program, visit:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/volunteers/resource-assistants-program>

## **About the Program and Staff Area:**

The year 2019 marked the centennial of the first landscape architect and recreation professional hired to work for the US Forest Service, Arthur Carhart. In celebration of that milestone and to prepare for the next 100 years, a national effort was launched to utilize the Resource Assistants Program to create a cadre of landscape architecture-sustainable recreation resource assistants (RA) known as the Carhart Centennial Corps.

Several landscape architect resource assistants were brought on during that year to assist forest units across the Pacific Northwest Region in providing site planning and design, sustainable recreation, and scenery management services. In continued partnership with the US Forest Service, Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is outreaching for additional resource assistants in 2024.

## **Duties and Areas of Responsibility**

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Traditional landscape architecture roles, such as development of site analysis, conceptual plans, design narratives and construction drawings for a variety of outdoor recreation settings (trails, trailheads, overlooks, signage, boat launches, campgrounds,).
- Recreation planning functions involving scenic byways/bikeways/trails and related corridor planning, as well as community and partner level strategic planning efforts.
- Viewshed Corridor Planning
- Kiosk and environmental education/interpretation planning for the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River, North Umpqua Trail, and Rogue Umpqua National Scenic Byway.
- Fire recovery projects
- Lead and coordinate 250 hours of volunteer engagement. Volunteers will be engaged in priority forest projects such as: fire recovery and restoration, recreation planning and maintenance, scenic byway and place-based corridor planning, etc.

- Scenery management and related visual assessment work to support forest restoration and vegetation management.
- Inventory and other data collection related to recreation facilities condition, opportunities, and accessibility.
- Collaboration with other landscape architects, recreation staff, and other interdisciplinary staff areas.

### **Requirements**

- Strong written and verbal communication skills with strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and with others
- Ability to work effectively with professionals in a variety of disciplines in a collaborative and cooperative manner and handle multiple tasks/projects at a given time.
- Skills in problem solving, analysis, evaluation, and resolution. Ability to organize and prioritize tasks to meet objectives as part of the performance of position duties.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities, exercise sound judgment, and maintain a positive attitude.
- Work environment conditions range from working inside an office setting to working in the field. Physical activity and exposure to weather elements on occasion. It involves walking over varied or sometimes rough terrain
- Successful completion of a background check.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents over 19 years old.
- Valid state driver's license and ability to operate a motor vehicle
- Government vehicles are available for work-related travel
- Resource Assistants are responsible for travel to and from duty station
- \* Undergraduate or advanced degree in landscape architecture or related field \*

### **Desired Skills**

- Experience coordinating and/or managing projects in a timely manner.
- Ability to solve complex problems through creative and innovative approaches.
- Ability to adapt to change (such as changes to project scope, tasks, and timelines) and to persist through challenges to achieve goals and outcomes.
- Demonstrate professionalism that fosters an environment where colleagues and stakeholders feel valued, respected, and empowered to bring new ideas and issues forward.
- Previous experience working as landscape architect or providing similar services, including experience with data collection, managing projects, and original technical design
- GIS, AutoCAD, Photoshop, Microsoft Office

### **Program Benefits:**

- NYC will provide RA a total stipend of \$39,000 divided across a 52-week term along with health care coverage, workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.
- The RA will receive \$4,159 in funding to reimburse relocation costs, program travel, and applicable trainings.
- The RA will receive a total monthly commuter fund of \$600, and a total housing stipend of \$12,000 prorated monthly.
- The RA will have 80 hours of flexible paid leave in addition to federally recognized holidays.
- The RA will qualify for a U.S. Forest Service Direct Hiring Authority and Noncompetitive Hiring Eligibility upon completion of 960 hours of service. The hiring authority is valid for 2 years, once issued.

- Professional development, mentorship, trainings, and networking opportunities.

### **About Umpqua National Forest Supervisors Office Site -**

*Roseburg, Oregon* -- Roseburg is a full-service community, with a population of nearly 25,000 people within the city limits and a total population of 50,000 to 60,000 within a 20-mile service area. It is located 70 miles south of Eugene on Interstate 5 and has a moderate climate with four distinct seasons.

Average temperature in summer is 66 °F with highs to 100 °F, while average temperature in winter is 44 °F with occasional frost, but very little snow during December, January and February. The average annual precipitation is 35".

One modern full-service hospital, Mercy Medical Center, is available in Roseburg, with 174 beds. There is also a large Veterans Administration Medical Center. Indian Health Service (IHS) 638 clinic is available in Roseburg for any enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe or Indian Nation and the Cow Creek Health and Wellness Center which provides medical services. Numerous Urgent Care, family practice, and specialty medical and dental offices are available.

The Roseburg School District has one high school (grades 9-12), two junior highs (grades 6-8), and eight elementary schools. The community features five private parochial schools and Umpqua Community College, a two-year vocational and technical school with an adult continuing education program.

Recreation opportunities are many in the "100 Valleys of the Umpqua". Roseburg offers a large, active youth and adult community sports program, including softball, baseball, soccer, etc. as well as 3 nearby golf courses. There is an active tennis club with indoor and outdoor courts. There also are two performing arts groups and two small performing arts theaters. The local YMCA has two pools.

Within a 1-1/2 hour drive of Roseburg are both the Oregon Coast and Cascade Mountains, with numerous trails for hiking and backpacking. Steelhead and salmon fishing are popular on both the North and South Umpqua rivers, along with lake fishing for trout on Lemolo Lake, Diamond Lake, and other high elevation lakes. The North Umpqua River is world known for its summer steelhead fly-fishing. The North Umpqua River also lures whitewater rafting enthusiasts and floaters to experience its beauty and excitement each summer. Hunting, trails, picturesque waterfalls, camping, and covered bridges are also abundant. The forest is bordered by Crater Lake National Park.

In the winter there is unlimited cross-country skiing and snowmobiling around the Diamond Lake and Lemolo Lake Recreation Areas. Downhill snow cat skiing is available at Mount Bailey, near Diamond Lake, and several downhill ski areas are within a 2-1/2 to 4 hour drive.

## **Application Instructions Below**

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**Application Deadline:** April 15, 2024

**Interviews:** Will occur as qualified applications are received

**Type of position:** Individual Placement

**Service Dates:** May 27, 2024 to May 30, 2025

**Length of Term:** 52 Weeks (2080 Hours)

**How to Apply:** Please submit a cover letter, resume, portfolio, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at [https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobsearch/?job\\_board\\_classification=Internships](https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobsearch/?job_board_classification=Internships)

**Additional Information**

If you have questions about the Resource Assistant Internship, please reach NYC Internship Program Coordinator Abi Snow at [abigails@nwyouthcorps.org](mailto:abigails@nwyouthcorps.org) or Umpqua National Forest Recreation Program Manager, Vern Shumway by call or text at 541-530-0178.

*All job offers are contingent upon the completion of a satisfactory background check.*

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