



# GRANDE RONDE MODEL WATERSHED



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## Vacancy Announcement

Title	Biological Technician (temporary position)
Duty Station	La Grande, Oregon
Application Period	Through March 13, 2020
Number of Vacancies	One Full Time Employee
Duration of Job	Position 1: June 15, 2020 – September 18, 2020
Wage	\$15.00+ per hour (depends on experience)/ 40 hours per week
Point of Contact	Kayla Morinaga, Monitoring Network Coordinator <a href="mailto:kayla@grmw.org">kayla@grmw.org</a> or (541) 663-0570

### OVERVIEW

The Grande Ronde Model Watershed is actively seeking one motivated individual to conduct habitat and snorkel surveys in the Upper Grande Ronde watershed for the 2020 field season. The data collected is important for filling data gaps and for informing our restoration partners of the current conditions of many important streams in the area for ESA listed fish species including Chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout. The aquatic inventory data collection requires a crew of two people to wade upstream and collect valuable habitat metrics such as the length of fast and slow water units, depths, widths, enumerate wood, measure substrate, assess riparian vegetation and unstable banks as well as other items. The crew will also be snorkeling the streams they perform habitat surveys on to quantify the fish species present and estimate their size. Training will be provided and no experience is required, although it is preferred. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record. Navigation to work sites, respectfully working on public and private lands and using a map, Android operating system tablet, and GPS are a must. Day to day requirements include hiking on rugged, slippery, steep terrain in varying weather conditions for numerous hours in a day while collecting quality data. Data entry, quality control/assurance checks on data, and report writing is a requirement as well. Proficiency in Microsoft Access, Excel, ArcGIS Survey 123, and fish identification skills are highly preferential. There is flexibility in the end date of the position but not the start date due to training requirements.

## HOW TO APPLY

We will be accepting resumes with relevant work experience, education and references through March 13, 2020. Please e-mail your resume to [kayla@grmw.org](mailto:kayla@grmw.org) or drop resumes off at our office located at 1114 J. Avenue, La Grande. This job is also posted on Handshake (<https://www.joinhandshake.com/>), for college students wishing to view it there. Resumes lacking the listed requirements will not be accepted.

## ABOUT THE AREA

La Grande, Oregon is a full service community with a population of 13,000. It is located in the Blue Mountains on the Historic Oregon Trail at 2,700 feet elevation. Located on Interstate 84, La Grande is 2.5 hours from Boise, Idaho and 2 hours from Tri Cities (Pasco, Kennewick, and Richland), Washington. La Grande has one hospital, several doctors, dentists, opticians and chiropractors; churches of most denominations. Eastern Oregon University resides in La Grande.

Recreational opportunities include; big and small game hunting, fishing, hiking and biking. Local attractions are Mount Emily Recreation Area (<https://www.meetmera.org/>), and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman>) which includes the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Elkhorn Mountains, and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. There are lakes with fishing, boating and water sport opportunities.

Housing is not provided and the job recipient will be expected to find their own living accommodations, but GRMW staff are very willing to lend a hand.

The following website provides additional information about the area:

<https://visitunioncounty.org/>

For more information about Grande Ronde Model Watershed see our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

