

Burns Paiute Tribe Archaeologist



Job Title: Archaeologist
Department: Culture & Heritage Department
Reports to: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
FLSA Status: Full-Time, Exempt
Opens: 1/1/2025
Closes: until filled
Salary: GS-12 to GS-14 DOE

POSITION SUMMARY

Acts as the Principal Investigator, under the supervision of the Director of the Culture & Heritage Department (C&HD), to provide professional and technical assessments within the field of archaeology, either alone or with other C&HD staff, to the Burns Paiute Tribe, as well as to public and private proponents, concerning compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National and State Environmental Policy Acts, and other State, Federal, and Tribal laws protecting cultural resources and archaeological properties on the Burns Paiute Reservation and aboriginal lands of the Burns Paiute Tribe. Provide technical assistance in the identification of cultural resources, cultural resources sites, and areas of significance to the Burns Paiute Tribe, either alone or with a field crew. Perform or work with C&HD staff in the performance of cultural resources inventory surveys and subsurface investigations, when needed; anywhere C&HD cultural resources projects are to be carried out. Keep detailed records assuring completeness and accuracy of activities carried out in the field. Including filling out forms, keeping project or site notes, and supervising a crew in filling out required records as needed. Ensure that fieldwork is carried out in an efficient, professional manner. Track artifacts that have to undergo laboratory analyses. Keep field equipment clean and in working order

DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direction of the Director, act as the Principal Investigator (PI) to implement cultural resources projects, alone or with C&HD staff. Primarily, this consists of archaeological site inventories, filling out forms and field reports and records; Work with C&HD staff to conduct research and identify inventories of areas important to the Burns Paiute Tribe. Inventories shall consist of: file and literature searches and their interpretation, oral history interviews, field reconnaissance of cultural resource sites, updates of previously recorded cultural resource sites, and the recording of new sites and isolates. Formulate research design and conduct or work with C&HD staff to do field testing which may include subsurface testing, as warranted; Coordinate and lead field crews during cultural resources surveys or subsurface testing to carry out their work in a professional manner; that is surveying or excavation of proscribed manner and filling out forms and keeping records. Ensure that field crews act in a manner that is credit to the Burns Paiute Tribe at all times; Prepare and work with C&HD staff in the preparation of reports. Ensure that forms and records are complete and clearly written so the report writer can easily read and interpret them; Evaluate proposals for

construction activities that could include the discovery, disturbance, excavation or removal of cultural or archaeological resources; make recommendations to the C&HD Director and project proponents regarding these proposals; Evaluate environmental documents and survey reports prepared by others pursuant to State and Federal statutes to ensure that they meet Federal historic preservation program standards and the needs of the Tribe; Monitor and/or work with C&HD staff in the monitoring of construction contract activities relating to cultural and archaeological resources; Support and assist the THPO in duties and functions as needed; Assist the Director in the development of C&HD protocols and guidelines; Interact pro-actively as assigned by C&HD Director, with tribal government officials, tribal members, cultural resource professionals, and project proponents so that project planning occurs efficiently and effectively, cultural resources are protected, and project impacts to archaeological resources are mitigated; Oversee the storage of and maintenance of all field equipment such as: screens, shovels, trowels, tapes, survey pins. Ensure that the equipment is cleaned after field work, repaired or replaced if broken, and stored such that it is accessible to C&HD staff and others; Provide information and training to inform and educate Tribal officials and others in the theory, practice, and legal foundation of cultural resource management; Assist with budgets/excel experience preferred; Manage technical equipment, data, and files of GIS, GPR, and all other technical equipment; Prepare GIS data collected in the field map generation and transfer to appropriate agencies; Assist with managing the Review & Compliance Division of the Culture & Heritage Department as assigned; Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS and EDUCATION

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Must meet the Secretary of Interior standards for a Professional Archaeologist. Register of Professional Archaeologist (RPA) membership preferred.
- Theoretical understanding and demonstrated experience of post-processual and/or Indigenous and decolonized archaeology required.
- Possess knowledge of the broad field of cultural resource management as it is reflected in Federal and State laws, regulations, and policies; the science and practice of archaeology generally and the Pacific Northwest and the Great Basin. Experience in tribal cultural resource management preferred.
- Ability to apply established program standards in all areas of the Burns Paiute Tribe's Culture & Heritage and Resources Management Program involving archaeology; maintain creditable working relationships with program partners.
- Ability to work nights, weekends, holidays, and extended work days as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

- Master's Degree in Archaeology and a minimum of 3 years of related work experience including a strong background in Section 106 and the implementation and experience of consultation with Indian Tribes or federal agencies.
- Ability to read, analyze, and interpret common scientific and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents. Ability to work in a Northern Paiute/Native American community and be open to and inclusive of tribal cultural interpretations and traditions. Ability to respond to common inquiries or complaints from customers, regulatory agencies, or members of the tribal community. Ability to write speeches and articles for publication that conform to prescribed style and format. Ability to effectively present information to top management, public groups, and/or boards of directors.
- Ability to apply advanced mathematical concepts such as exponents, logarithms, quadratic equations, and permutations. Ability to apply mathematical operations to such tasks as frequency distribution, determination of test reliability and validity, analysis of variance, correlation techniques, sampling theory, and factor analysis.
- Ability to apply principles of logical or scientific thinking to a wide range of intellectual and practical problems. Ability to deal with non-verbal symbolism (formulas, scientific equations, graphs, musical notes, etc.) in its most difficult phases. Ability to deal with a variety of abstract and concrete variables.
- The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand for prolonged periods of time and walk up to 12 miles per day; use hands to finger, handle or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is occasionally required to sit and climb or balance. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 45 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, color vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.
- The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of the job, the employee is frequently exposed to moving mechanical parts, fumes or airborne particles, outside weather conditions including weather extremes, and vibration. The employee is occasionally exposed to high, precarious places and required to hike steep inclines. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

INDIAN PREFERENCE

Indian preference will be given to candidates showing proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe. In the absence of Indian applications meeting the qualifications as listed above, all applicants not entitled to or who fail to claim Indian Preference, will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, political preference, age, religion, or national origin.

Successful candidate must:

- Submit to and pass a drug test.
- Submit to a criminal background check.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Provide three (3) years of driving record to determine eligibility for coverage under Tribal automobile insurance policy.

HOW TO APPLY:

Return **1)** completed [Burns Paiute Tribe Application](#), **2)** cover letter, **3)** resume/CV, and **4)** educational transcripts to:

Christina VanHolland, Human Resources Director Burns Paiute Tribe
100 Pasigo St, Burns, OR 97720

Email: HR@burnspaiute-nsn.gov OR christina.vanholland@burnspaiute-nsn.gov

And

CC: Thierry Veyrie, Culture & Heritage Director

Burns Paiute Tribe

71210 Foley Road, Burns, OR 97720

Email: thierry.veyrie@burnspaiute-nsn.gov

For more information, contact Thierry Veyrie (above).

****ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED****

Application for employment available at 100 Pasigo Street, Burns, OR 97720 Mon – Fri, 8-5 pm
Or, request one via email: hr@burnspaiute-nsn.gov

You may also download an application here: [BPT Application](#)
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