

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument - National Park Service
HCR 82, Box 126, Kimberly, Oregon 97848

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Restoration Aide ... (two positions) This position entails primarily field work. Volunteers duties include identifying native species, installing protective caging around saplings, seed broad-casting, grass and scrub transplanting, and data recording.
- GIS Assistant ... (one position) This volunteer will assist with the computer operation of the Geographical Information System (GIS), which records resource data for study. Some computer experience is necessary.
- Group Projects ... (4 to 15 people) There are a few group projects in natural resource management that may be completed in a few hours, or up to several days of work. Projects may be available only during specific seasons. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator for more information.

PALEONTOLOGY

- Fossil Preparator ... (one position) In the fossil laboratory, volunteers will carefully remove fossils from rock matrix. This is a highly skilled position requiring good hand-eye coordination while working on very small fossil specimens.
- Museum Assistant ... (one position) Volunteers will assist with cleaning tissues from recently dead animal specimens to obtain skeletons for the park study collection.

VISITOR SERVICES

- Museum & Fossil Lab ... (three positions) Volunteers will staff the visitor center museum assisting visitors and presenting short talks about the museum fossils, and/or, staff the fossil demonstration lab preparing fossils and talking to visitors about fossils.
- Trail Inspector ... (two positions, or couple) Volunteers will walk park trails surveying for damage, vandalism, resource problems, and greet visitors along the trails. This position offers easy to moderate exercise.
- Library Aide ... (one position) Help with cataloging, organizing, etc., park library, photo, slide and motion picture files. Seeks research information for park staff.

The tenure of each position is up to one year. Renewal of a position after one year is possible. Most positions are located at the Sheep Rock Unit of the monument, and many positions are seasonal. Specific job descriptions are available for each position listed above. For further information contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Hank Tanski, at (541)987-2333.