

# Vale District BLM



## **OUTREACH NOTICE**

The Vale District BLM will soon be announcing TWO (2) GS-0454 Range Management Specialist positions. They will be announced at the GS 5, 7 and 9 levels. They are full performance GS 11. These are permanent full-time position with a duty station located in Vale, Oregon.

### **THE POSITION:**

This position reports directly to the Supervisor Rangeland Management Specialist. One position will work in the Malheur Resource Area, which includes lands north of Jordan Valley OR to Huntington OR. The other position will work in the Jordan Resource Area, which included lands south of Jordan Valley OR to McDermitt, NV. The incumbents serve as a rangeland management specialist: manages, plans, schedules, coordinates, reviews, and reports on an ecosystem-based rangeland management program on the unit.

The specialists will develop periodic ecological analyses of range conditions, needs for rangeland improvements, changes in grazing prescriptions, and work with permittees, district staff and other rangeland users to support preferred multiple resource conditions. As a member of interdisciplinary teams, the range specialist evaluates projects for compliance with the Southeast Oregon Resource Management Plan and other range management standards.

### **ABOUT THE VALE AREA**

The Town of Vale is located 16 miles west of the Idaho border at about the middle latitude of the state. The major highway through town is US Highway 20/26. The population is around 2,000 in the city with approximately 14,000 living in the surrounding area. There are numerous parks in and town; community swimming pool; a public library; medical clinic and dental facilities; rodeo grounds; a golf course and numerous denominations of churches.

**SCHOOLS:** The Vale School System rates as one of the best in the state and consist an elementary school, middle and high school. Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario offers two-year programs as well as four-year degrees through Oregon State University and the University of Oregon.

**HOUSING:** Rental apartments and houses are available in Vale and the surrounding areas. The approximate range for the monthly cost of rentals is \$500-\$600 for a two bedroom, one bath unit and around \$650-\$750 for a three bedroom unit. Homes sell in the low \$100,000.

Vale is a stable community with many well established generations of families living here.

Vale has all the advantages of a small community but is only a 70 mile drive to Boise Idaho.

Families live in this historic community but can experience all the benefits of a large city with only a short drive down the interstate highway.

## **MALHEUR COUNTY**

We are located in Eastern Oregon along the Oregon-Idaho border. Malheur County has a rich history with a diverse population that has played an important part in that history. Many of those early American Pioneers who traveled on the Oregon Trail passed through Malheur County's county seat, Vale, Oregon.

Malheur County is the second largest county in Oregon occupying 9,926 square miles. It has three primary communities. Vale is the county seat. Ontario is the main population center with a population exceeding 11,000. There are approximately 512,000 people living within one-hour driving distance of Ontario. Nyssa is known as the Thunderegg Capital of the World.

Ontario is the home of Treasure Valley Community College, Saint Alphonsus Medical Center, and the Four Rivers Cultural Center. The quality of life that the citizens of Malheur County enjoy includes hunting, fishing, golfing, camping, hiking, and water related activities. The local economy is centered around agriculture and ranching.

See <http://ecodev.malheurco.org/populationstats> for more information on the area