

Bureau of Land Management Lends Hand

A diverse workforce is essential to providing services to the culturally and linguistically varied populations that visit and work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) facilities and land management programs. BLM's ability to achieve continued success in sustaining the health, and productivity of our public lands is enhanced by ensuring we have a diverse workforce. Diversity is an essential factor that contributes to the goals and strategic objectives of our organization.

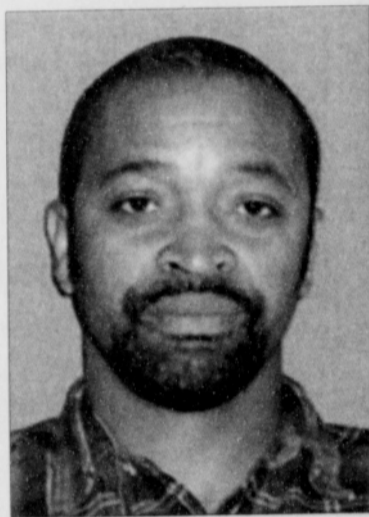


Paul Rodriguez:

I began my career with the BLM in 1990 as a Forestry Technician in the Student Co-op program. Currently, I am employed in the Coos Bay District as a Realty Specialist. My duties include timber sale layout, tree planting, contract inspection, tree climbing/cone collection, and participation in the wildfire program. My career with the BLM has been both challenging and rewarding. I have a great deal of respect and concern for our environment. My duties as a BLM employee make it possible for me to participate in the establishment and management of a healthy forest for current and future generations.

Norvery Tate:

I have been with the BLM since 1987. I am a forester and I presently replant forest trees that have been cut for logging. My duties include serving as project inspector on contracts such as pre-commercial thinning, tree planting and stocking survey contracts. Some of my other duties include firefighting which allows me to travel all over the country and to meet people from various backgrounds. This is the only job that I know of where you can get paid to have a picnic lunch in the woods.



Lakisha Sloan:

This agency is a great place to work. As a high school student at Benson, the BLM gave me the opportunity to explore our forests as a YEI/Youth Employment Program participant. I interned while attending Portland State University and upon graduation was hired as a Land Law Examiner. I review proposals, offers and applications for use of public lands and minerals for completeness and compliance with laws, regulations and procedure. I also travel to offices in forested areas in and around Oregon, assessing environmental conditions and public concerns. I enjoy working with this agency because though there is plenty of office work, there is always a breath of fresh air in the field, literally.

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