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## **The Forest Service Volunteer Program Needs You!**

Looking to make a difference while experiencing adventure and excitement? If you like people and care about natural resources, the Forest Service needs your time and talents.

Volunteers contribute a broad array of skills to the Forest Service by performing back country/Wilderness patrols; by working as campground hosts and visitor center attendants; assisting with research projects; working in an office or a multitude of other jobs for those with a variety of skills and abilities.

During 2005, the Forest Service is celebrating its Centennial, marking 100 years of "Caring for the Land and Serving People." Also this year the agency is an official "Take Pride in America"(TPIA) program partner. The TPIA program is all about citizen volunteerism and stewardship of our public lands. Under the leadership of the Department of Interior, state, local and federal government agencies; youth and civic organizations; corporations, recreation and conservation groups are all working together. Those participating in the Forest Service volunteer program may also receive recognition from the Take Pride In America program. TPIA provides opportunities to work with other federal, state and local government agencies.

Where's the adventure and excitement? At least one volunteer position prefers volunteers with intermediate alpine or nordic skier skills while another needs all-terrain-vehicle operation proficiency. Mule and horse training, packing, and pack/riding stock care are requirements of another; horse use opportunities are available in several positions. Collecting, digital processing and mapping with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) are other technical opportunities. Some of the technical fieldwork may include using all-terrain-vehicles, snowmobiles, horses, and backcountry camping. Dozens of unique jobs have less arduous and technical requirements. Last year more than 18,000 volunteers worked in the Forest Service Intermountain Region.

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Intermountain Region volunteer opportunities are located in Utah, Nevada, western Wyoming, southern and central Idaho, and a small portion of eastern California. Regional Volunteer Coordinator Bill Lyons has paper versions of the catalog listing, "Volunteer Opportunities for 2005" available. Catalog requests are accepted at (801) 625-5458 or 625-5174, or by FAX at (801) 625-5170. Mr. Lyons, also accepts catalog requests via email at [blyons@fs.fed.us](mailto:blyons@fs.fed.us), or by writing to him at:

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An electronic version of the catalog is online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/volunteer/index.html>.

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