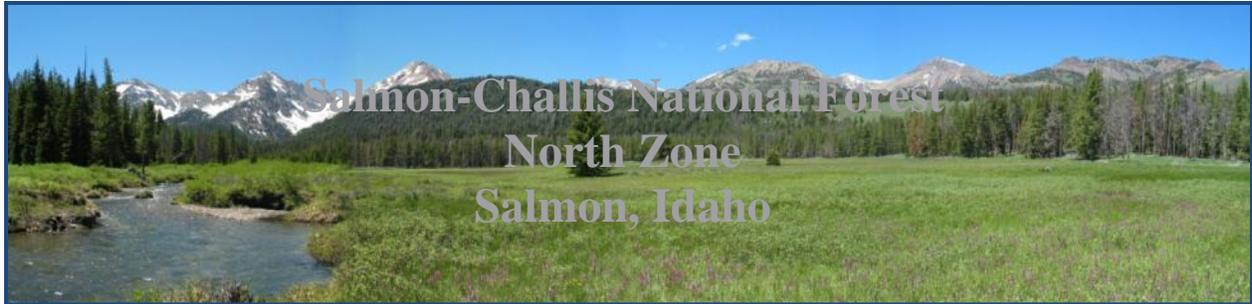


**Job Announcement Notice**  
**GS 11 Wildlife Biologist**  
**Vacancy Announcement # 16-0413-191522G-KJ**  
**Open November 12-23, 2015**



The Salmon-Challis National Forest is planning to fill a Wildlife Biologist for the North Fork, Salmon-Cobalt, and Leadore Districts (GS-486-11) with a duty station of Salmon, Idaho.

**Interested candidates will find the job announcement here:**

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/420830500>

**The open period is Thursday, November 12, 2015 to Monday November 23, 2015**

**For additional information about the position please contact Lucinda Haggas  
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**About the Position**

This position will oversee the wildlife management program for the North Zone of the Salmon-Challis National Forest which includes three ranger districts – the Salmon-Cobalt, North Fork, and Leadore Ranger Districts.

Duties include:

- Participating on Interdisciplinary Development Teams for all zone projects.
- Working with other SCNF Wildlife Biologists on Forest-wide wildlife issues or projects.
- Working closely with other specialists to develop wildlife habitat improvement projects that are designed with interdisciplinary benefits.
- Working closely with range, fuels, recreation and timber personnel to provide expertise on impacts and benefits of activities to wildlife habitat.
- Collecting field data to write biological assessments/evaluations and wildlife reports for district projects.
- Conducting monitoring per Forest Plan direction on management indicator species as well as Region 4 sensitive species, particularly focusing on sage grouse.
- Working with other federal agencies, state and local governments, other organization and local partners to manage wildlife habitat.

- Supervises one wildlife biologist and potentially a team of seasonal employees, student interns, and/or volunteers.

**This is a dynamic  
grow the program in**



**position with opportunities to  
many different ways**

### **About the Forest**

Check us out on the web at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/home>

**The Salmon-Challis National Forest** covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range of the North Central Rockies on the east, and to the west includes over 1.3 million acres of the Frank Church--River of No Return Wilderness. Rugged and remote, this country offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. The Forest also contains Mt. Borah, Idaho's tallest peak and the Wild & Scenic Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, white-water rafting and the many other popular recreational pursuits. The Forest features diverse, rough topography, geologic conditions, and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land management situation. The Supervisors Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon-Cobalt, Challis-Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts.

### **Salmon, Idaho**

The City: ([www.cityofsalmon.com](http://www.cityofsalmon.com) [www.lemhiweb.com](http://www.lemhiweb.com) [www.salmonidaho.com](http://www.salmonidaho.com) )

Salmon is the heart of the Salmon River Valley, surrounded by three mountain ranges, situated at the junction of Idaho State Highway 28 and U.S. Highway 93, and at the forks of the Lemhi and Salmon Rivers. The city has a population of approximately 3,000 and is the seat of Lemhi County which has a population of 8,000. The main industries are ranching, mining, timber and recreation. Salmon is known as the "White Water Capital of the World" serving as the hub of personal and outfitter, jet boat and rafting river activities. At 4,000 feet elevation, the surrounding terrain varies greatly from rolling, arid hills to steep, forested slopes. For more information about the area visit the website [www.salmonidaho.com](http://www.salmonidaho.com)

**History:** The Lewis and Clark Expedition crossed the continental divide at Lemhi Pass, 30 miles to the southeast of Salmon. They followed the Salmon River through the present site of the city, and then ascended the North Fork of the river to cross into present-day Montana near Lost Trail Pass. The sole female in the party, Sacajawea, was born in the Lemhi Valley near Salmon. The discovery of gold in 1866 created a mining boom. As time passed, ranchers, farmers and businessmen established a permanent community rich in historic lore of the early West.

Climate: Salmon experiences a semi-arid climate with cold, dry winters and hot, slightly wetter summers. Average rainfall is about 10 inches of rain per year and snowfall is 27 inches. On average, there are 172 sunny days per year. The July high is around 88 degrees. The January low is 12.

Shopping and Services: Salmon is a self-sufficient community with a full variety of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. In addition to basic services, there are a variety of specialty shops, art galleries, an active arts council and a twin movie theater. Salmon also has nursing and residential care facilities, hospice, Child Development Center and a spectrum of social services. Most service clubs and associations are represented. The public library offers computer and other services and there are two internet access providers. The nearest major shopping areas are in Missoula, Montana, 140 miles north, and in Idaho Falls, Idaho, 165 miles southeast.

Local Government & Media: Salmon has a Mayor, City Council, City Administrator form of government, with elected County Commissioners, and is under the protection of the City Police, County Sheriff's Department and local Volunteer Fire Department. Media include an AM/FM radio station, satellite and cable TV and the weekly Recorder-Herald newspaper.

Medical: The City of Salmon has a local 30-bed community hospital affiliated with the major hospital of Missoula, Montana, and provides Life-Flight helicopter, EMT, Search and Rescue units, physicians, dentists and optometrists.

Schools: A good variety of pre-schools and day-care centers are available in addition to the elementary, junior and senior high schools. The schools offer numerous extra-curricular activities and sports, and strive for quality education with creative, athletic, and scholastic achievements. Adult education classes are also offered yearly.

Transportation: Cart Bus Transportation is provided for seniors and other citizens, in-city as well as to larger, distant communities. The Salmon Valley Airport provides charter air services, is equipped with an instrument landing system, and can accommodate executive jets and other small aircraft. Major commercial airports are located at Missoula, Idaho Falls, Boise, and Salt Lake City.

Housing: There are five motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. Housing prices range from approximately \$50,000 to well over \$400,000 for larger "trophy" homes. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around \$500 to \$1000. Several real estate offices are available, some with national affiliations. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds.

Churches: Salmon has an active church community with numerous churches representing a large variety of denominations.

#### Entertainment and Activities:

A wide assortment of entertainment is provided by various organizations throughout the year. The Salmon Arts Council provides artistic events for the community presenting a wide range of performers in music, theater, and dance, visual art shows and sales, artist workshops, artist-in education residences and other programs for the local schools. Other celebrations include Fourth of July Salmon River Days, Spokes and Chrome Car Show, and Lemhi County Fair. Salmon also has numerous restaurants, movie theater, and a fitness center. Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, bowling alley, baseball diamonds and an outdoor community swimming pool.