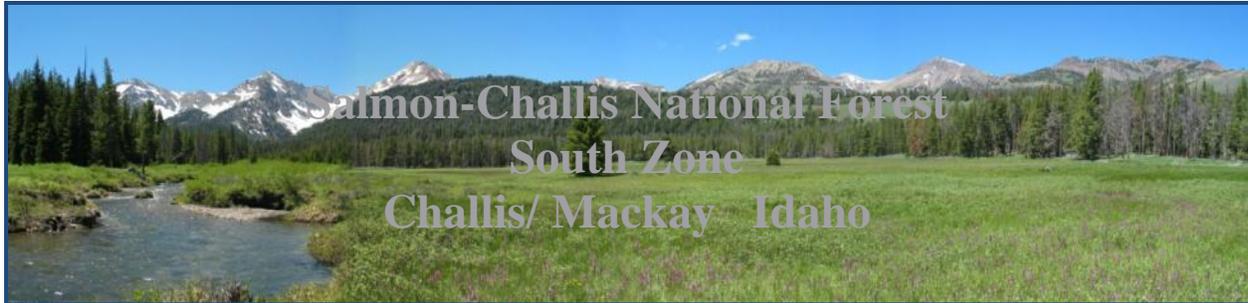


Job Announcement Notice
GS 11 Wildlife Biologist
Vacancy Announcement # 16-0413-191522G-KJ
Open November 12-23, 2015



The Salmon-Challis National Forest is planning to fill a Wildlife Biologist for the Challis-Yankee Fork, Middle Fork, and Lost River Districts (GS-486-11) with a duty station of either Challis or Mackey, 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 Diane Weaver
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About the Position

This position will oversee the wildlife management program for the South Zone of the Salmon-Challis National forest which includes three ranger districts – the Challis-Yankee Fork, Middle Fork and Lost River 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.
- Potentially supervises 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.

Challis www.challisidaho.com

Challis, Idaho (is located along the Salmon River Scenic Byway at an elevation of 5,253 feet in the mountains of central Idaho. The city has a population of approximately 1,000 and is the seat of Custer County which has a population of 4,300. The climate averaging between 75 to 95 degrees, and nightly lows from 45 to 60 degrees in the summer/fall months with the lowest temperatures in the winter averaging from 14 to 25 degrees with occasional sub-zero readings. Annual precipitation averages around 7 inches.

The town has an elementary and high school, motels, health clinic, and several churches. Housing ranges from \$60,000 to \$200,000 with rental properties somewhat limited. The Challis Arts Council, a non-profit organization, sponsors professional high-quality artistic events for the community. The city park is an excellent facility with tennis courts, picnic pavilion, playground equipment, amphitheatre, horseshoe pits and ball field. There is a nine-hole golf course, and a bowling alley with league play available for all ages and also an additional game area. The community supports a popular Farmer's Market during the summer. The privately-owned Challis Hot Springs, approximately seven miles from Challis, offers year-round swimming in two pools with

a natural flow from the hot springs.

The Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River are renowned for white-water rafting, kayaking, floating and jet boating. Outfitter and guide services are offered and both Salmon and Challis serve as gateways to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, encompassing 2.4 million acres, the largest wilderness in the United States outside of Alaska. The primitive mountain area provides spectacular and abundant hunting (white-tailed and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, bear, moose, and cougar). Many species of game birds and also waterfowl can be found. Fishing (trout and steelhead) is open virtually all year. Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling while down-hill skiing, ice fishing and other winter fun can be enjoyed within a few hours driving distance.

Mackay <http://mackayidaho.com/>

Mackay, Idaho; a small town in the gorgeous Lost River Valley, settled between the Lost River and Pioneer Mountain ranges. Mackay sits at an elevation of 5,891 feet and at the last census reported a population of 680. The climate of Mackay ranges from lows of -20°F to highs of +30°F in the winter and from lows of 30°F to highs of 100°F in some areas in the summer. Mackay has a fairly dry climate, typical of high desert bordering alpine areas. The average annual total precipitation is 9.8 inches and average annual snowfall is 33.5 inches. The District encompasses 817,000 acres which includes four mountain ranges, seven of the nine highest mountain peaks in Idaho, three rivers, and over 100 high mountain lakes.

There is a high school, elementary school, several churches, library, medical clinic, grocery store, lumber store, general store, plus several restaurants, bars and motels. Mackay has a 9-hole golf course, RV park, and campgrounds. Housing is inexpensive and available compared to many communities. It hosts events such as the Mackay rodeo, the A.B.A.T.E. motorcycle rodeo, several golf tournaments, Custer County Fair, Free Mackay Barbeque, RMEF banquet, and the Annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

Recreation is an important the District, including hunting, horseback riding, ATV and large variety of **wildlife and fish** deer, elk, moose, wolves, big bull trout, whitefish, rainbow



component of public uses on fishing, camping, hiking, motorcycle trail riding. A occur on the District - mule horn sheep, mountain goats, and brook trout.

Permitted uses include grazing, communication sites, fire wood and timber products. The District also has an active fuels program and the Forest is one of the highest in number and size of wildland fires. outfitters and guides, education organizations, and