



2016 Early Alert: Seasonal Recreation, Wilderness, River, and Trail Crew Jobs

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is currently looking to fill positions to be part of our Recreation, Wilderness, River and Trail crews. Duty stations for these positions could include Challis, Mackay, Salmon, Leadore, Stanley, North Fork, and Clayton, as well as one or more of our remote Guard Stations. Employment will last from approximately late May through October with a work schedule of 40 hours/week, 4 to 5 days per week. Some of the positions require working weekends and holidays. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

Housing: Limited government housing may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Remote guard station locations include housing. Government housing is approximately \$250 to \$300 per month. Local rentals average \$500/month

HOW TO APPLY

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements will be posted on USAJOBS at www.usajobs.gov/ during the dates listed on the tables below.

To apply for a job, there are two basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online. You will need to create a user ID and password. You can either create a resume in USAJOBS or upload your own. Allow yourself at least two days before the application deadline to complete this process to ensure you have time to get your application submitted.
2. Apply for jobs - Enter in the Announcement number listed in the tables below in the keyword search box on the USAJOBS home page. Click "Apply Online" and follow the prompts to complete the online application. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. ***Remember you must select the duty station or stations for the positions you are applying for.***

For additional help with the application process or job information:

- FS Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248.
- For a How to Apply on USAJOBS guide visit: www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/USAJOBS_Instructions.pdf.

- For a Federal Resume Guide visit: www.archives.gov/

If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact the persons listed in the position descriptions below to receive further information about each position and how to apply.

Forestry Aid / Technician (Recreation)

Positions: GS-0462- 03/04/05

Two positions (one GS-0462-3 and one GS-0462-4) will be hired as interpreters. These positions will primarily be responsible for working at the Custer Townsite and the Yankee Fork Dredge, greeting the public, providing tours and answering questions about the history as well as recreation opportunities in the area. These positions will be stationed at Bonanza Guard station, a remote facility which has no electricity or cell/internet service. The nearest town to this station is Stanley, Idaho at distance of approximately 25 miles. If you are interested in these positions, you must select **Clayton, Idaho**, as a duty station. These positions will also be expected to perform the aid and technician position descriptions listed below.

Any other Recreation positions filled by this outreach are dependent upon availability of funding.

The Aid position (**GS-3**) will also work in campgrounds and dispersed recreation sites. The individual will clean facilities and maintain improvements such as picnic tables, restrooms, fire rings, fences, etc. The individual will interact with the public answering routine questions and checking compliance with rules and regulations. The individual works independently or on a small crew, and will be required to use hand tools and cleaning supplies.

The selected individual(s) for the Technician Positions (**GS-4 and GS-5**) will assist in the daily management of dispersed and developed recreation areas. The incumbent will be expected to maintain and clean facilities such as campsites, dispersed recreation sites and restrooms and make visitor contacts to educate and enforce area regulations. The position will be responsible for operating and maintaining all vehicles and tools associated with duties of the position. The selected individual may serve as a Collection Officer for campground fees as well as a Forest Protection Officer (FPO). **Duty station locations for these positions could include; Clayton, Mackay, North Fork, Leadore and Salmon Idaho.**

Additional duties of these positions include:

- Patrolling and monitoring recreation areas by vehicle, addressing issues as they arise.
- Monitoring the condition of facilities and resources, including fixing, maintaining, and replacing items as needed.
- Participating in educational activities, answering questions, giving directions and working with visitors and other employees.
- Incumbent may be asked to respond to highway and land-based emergencies as well.

Forestry Technician (Recreation)

Positions: GS-0462-05

Two positions will be hired as Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew leaders. One crew will be based on the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District in Challis, Idaho, and one crew will be based on the Lost River Ranger District in Mackay, Idaho. These crew leader positions would be responsible for supervising and instructing a crew of 4-5 local high school students on a variety of outdoor work projects. These projects can include trail maintenance,

fence construction and repair, sign installation, campground maintenance, trash pick-up, and fish population surveys. The incumbent would also be expected to maintain the crew vehicle, tools, and equipment associated with a wide variety of work projects.

Individuals working on the Salmon-Challis National Forest can expect to perform their duties in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow. Applicants must be physically fit **and be able to work in high elevations and steep/rugged conditions. The incumbent must also be** at least 18 years of age. The incumbent will be working outdoors and may occasionally be required to spend the night in the field (sleep in tents and prepare meals in an outdoor environment). Bunkhouse facilities may be available but are not guaranteed. Work will be full time, 4-5 days/week, including weekends.

Job Openings: Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-03 1 opening	Forestry Aid (Recreation) FS2327	Clayton, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC-DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Rory Glueckert 208-879-4136 rglueckert@fs.fed.us Melissa Fowler 208-588-3407 mfowler01@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 3 openings	Forestry Technician, (Recreation) FS2252	Challis, Clayton, or Mackay, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-462-5REC-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Rory Glueckert 208-879-4136 rglueckert@fs.fed.us Melissa Fowler 208-588-3407 mfowler01@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-04 3 openings	Forestry Technician, (Recreation) FS2313	Clayton, or Mackay, Idaho	16-TEMP-R2-0462-4REC-DT Vacancy Opens 1/26/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Rory Glueckert 208-879-4136 rglueckert@fs.fed.us Melissa Fowler 208-588-3407 mfowler01@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-04 1 opening	Forestry Technician, (Recreation) FS2313	North Fork, Idaho	16-TEMP-R2-0462-4REC-DT Vacancy Opens 1/26/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Alex Sholes 208-756-2709 asholes@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us

GS-0462-05 1 opening	Forestry Technician, (Recreation) FS2252	Salmon, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-462-5REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Alex Sholes 208-756-2709 asholes@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us
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Forestry Aid (Trail Crew) / Forestry Technician (Trails)
Position: GS-0462-03/04/05

Positions are dependent upon availability of funding.

The positions will be located in Challis, Idaho and will serve on a trail crew team. These positions perform a variety of technical work in support of the unit trails program. **Work will primarily involve performing trail clearing with chainsaws and heavy trail maintenance while working with a variety of hand tools and mechanized equipment (motorcycles/ATV's). The work will be in an outdoor setting.** Working outdoors may involve performing tasks in a variety of conditions such as: high elevations and hot, cold and wet weather. In addition, these positions will require strenuous physical exertion including hiking in rugged/steep terrain, bending, lifting and carrying supplies and equipment for long periods of time. **Experience with motorcycles, ATV's and chainsaws is helpful.**

Forestry Technician 0462-GS-5 Trails (FS2861) : Duty Station Challis, or Clayton, ID Motorized trail crew-use of motorcycles, ATV's, chainsaws and hand tools. May require hiking up to several miles on steep terrain at higher elevation.

Forestry Technician 0462-GS-4 Trails (FS2860): Duty Station Challis or Clayton, ID Motorized trail crew-use of motorcycles, ATV's, chainsaws and hand tools. May require hiking up to several miles on steep terrain at higher elevation.

Forestry Aid 0462-GS-3 Recreation (FS2327): Duty Station Challis or Clayton, ID Motorized trail crew-use of motorcycles, ATV's, chainsaws and hand tools. May require hiking up to several miles on steep terrain at higher elevation.

Other trails positions which would include all of the work listed above and extensive work with stock animals may be available in Salmon Idaho and are listed below.

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-03 1 opening	Forestry Aid, Trails FS2327	Challis or Clayton, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Phil McNeal 208-879-4197 pmcneal@fs.fed.us

GS-0462-04 1 opening	Forestry Technician, Trails FS2860	Challis or Clayton, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462- 4FTTRA-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Phil McNeal 208-879-4197 pmcneal@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 1 opening	Forestry Technician, Trails FS2861	Challis or Clayton, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462- 5FTTRA-DT Vacancy Opens 1/20/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/26/2016	Phil McNeal 208-879-4197 pmcneal@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-04 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Trails FS2860	Salmon, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462- 4FTTRA-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Jim Upchurch 208-756-5202 jamesupchurch@fs.f ed.us

**Wilderness Ranger – Middle Fork and North Fork Ranger Districts, Frank Church-River of No Return
Wilderness and/or Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness
Forestry Aid (Recreation) / Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails)
Positions: GS-0462-03/04/05/06**

Positions are dependent upon availability of funding.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Program is currently looking to fill positions to be part of a Wilderness Ranger crew. Employment will last from approximately May through October. All of the filled positions will be stationed at one of the Ranger Districts on the Salmon-Challis National Forest and all of the work schedules will be 40 hours/week with a typical tour being 8 days with 6 days off. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

The work will be in an outdoor setting for extended periods of time. Working outdoors may involve performing tasks in a variety of conditions such as: high elevations, and hot, cold and wet weather. In addition, these positions will require strenuous physical exertion including hiking in rugged/steep terrain, bending, lifting and carrying supplies and equipment for long periods of time.

Housing: Government Quarters may or may not be available for this position. Employees seeking rental can expect a range from \$500 - \$800/month.

Position Duties

- Routine trail maintenance including log-out, and cleaning and installing waterbars and checkdams using traditional tools.
- Patrol lakes, trails, and camp locations within the wilderness to ensure that visitors understand and abide by the rules and regulations. Clean up around lakeshores, campsites, and trailsides as necessary.

- Act as an interpreter to the public, becoming familiar with the trails, trees, flowers, rocks, wildlife and wilderness practices.
- Assist in wilderness monitoring and restoration projects.

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-03 2 openings	Forestry Aid, Recreation FS2327	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC-DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Jay Sammer 208-879-4113 jasonjsammer@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-04 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2323	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-462-4WILD-DT Vacancy Opens 1/26/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Jay Sammer 208-879-4113 jasonjsammer@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2324	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-5FTWIL-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Jay Sammer 208-879-4113 jasonjsammer@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-06 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2325	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-6FTWIL-DT Vacancy Opens 1/20/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/26/2016	Jay Sammer 208-879-4113 jasonjsammer@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-04 1 opening	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2323	North Fork, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-462-4WILD-DT Vacancy Opens 1/26/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Geoff Fast 208-8652714 gfast@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 1 opening	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2324	North Fork, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-5FTWIL-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Geoff Fast 208-8652714 gfast@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us

**River Checker– Middle Fork Ranger District, Middle Fork of the Salmon River and North Fork Ranger District, Main Salmon River
Forestry Aid (Recreation) / Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails)
Positions: GS-0462-03/04/05**

Positions are dependent upon availability of funding.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Program is currently looking to fill positions to be part of a River Checker crew. Employment will last from approximately May through October. All of the filled positions will be stationed at one of the Ranger Districts on the Salmon-Challis National Forest and all of the work schedules will be 40 hours/week with a typical tour being 8 days with 6 days off. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

Housing: Government Quarters may or may not be available for this position. Employees seeking rental can expect a range from \$500 - \$800/month.

Position Duties

- Sharing river rules and natural history are a big part of these busy jobs, so these employees should have finely tuned people skills. Checkers will give wilderness and river interpretive talks several times each day, inspect boats and required equipment for floaters, juggle river camp assignments, and issue float permits. They will also interact with a variety of other recreationists.
- The incumbent must have good computer skills, the ability to multi-task, and be detail oriented.
- Checkers will clean campgrounds and facilities and maintain improvement such as picnic tables, restrooms, fire rings, boat ramps, airstrips, etc. Individuals will interact with the public, answering wilderness and river questions and explain area rules and regulations. The individual works independently or on a small crew, and will be required to use hand tools and cleaning supplies.
- The selected individuals will serve as Collection Officers for map, campground and river recreation fees, and may be a Forest Protection Officer.
- Applicants must have experience resolving visitor complaints with tact and work in a team environment.

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-03 2 openings	Forestry Aid, Recreation FS2327	Stanley, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us

GS-0462-04 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2323	Stanley, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-462-4WILD- DT Vacancy Opens 1/26/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2324	Stanley, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-5FTWIL- DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-06 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2325	Stanley, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-6FTWIL- DT Vacancy Opens 1/20/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/26/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-03 2 openings	Forestry Aid, Recreation FS2327	North Fork, Idaho (Corn Creek Guard Station)	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Jen Bill 208-865-2715 jenniferbill@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us

**River Ranger– Middle Fork Ranger District, Middle Fork of the Salmon River and
North Fork Ranger District, MAIN Salmon River
Forestry Aid (Recreation) / Forestry Technician (Wilderness/Trails)
Positions: GS-0462-05/06**

Positions are dependent upon availability of funding.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Program is currently looking to fill positions to be part of a River Patrol crew. Employment will last from approximately May through October. All of the filled positions will be stationed at one of the Ranger Districts on the Salmon-Challis National Forest and all of the work schedules will be 40 hours/week with typical tour being 8 days and 6 days off. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

The work will be in an outdoor setting for extended periods of time. Working outdoors will involve performing tasks in a variety of conditions such as: high elevations, and hot, cold and wet weather. In addition, these positions will require strenuous physical exertion including floating and working in rugged/steep terrain, bending, lifting and carrying supplies and equipment. River Rangers are required to spend several nights in the field (sleep in tents and prepare meals in an outdoor environment).

Housing: Government Quarters may or may not be available for this position. Employees seeking rental can expect a range from \$500 - \$800/month.

Position Duties

- Patrol Wild and Scenic River within Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness rowing a 14' raft and/or kayak in class III & IV whitewater.
- Patrol within the wilderness to ensure that visitors understand and abide by the rules and regulations. Clean up around river banks, campsites, and trailsides as necessary.
- Act as an interpreter to the public, becoming familiar with the trails, trees, flowers, rocks, wildlife and wilderness practices.
- Assist in wilderness monitoring and restoration projects.

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-05 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2324	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462- 5FTWIL-DT Vacancy Opens 1/22/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/28/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-06 2 openings	Forestry Technician, Wilderness Trails FS2325	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462- 6FTWIL-DT Vacancy Opens 1/20/2016 Vacancy Closes 1/26/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-05 1 opening	Forestry Technician, Recreation River Ranger FS3155	North Fork, Idaho	16-TEMP-S4-0462- 5RIVR-DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/01/2016	Jen Bill 208-865-2715 jenniferbill@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us

**River Shuttle Driver– Middle Fork Ranger District, Middle Fork of the Salmon River and North Fork Ranger District, Main Salmon River
Forestry Aid (Recreation)
Positions: GS-0462-03**

Positions are dependent upon availability of funding.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Recreation Program is currently looking to fill positions to be part of a driver for crew shuttle. Employment will last from approximately May through October. All of the filled positions will be stationed at one of the Ranger Districts on the Salmon-Challis National Forest and all of the work schedules will be approximately 20 hours/week. Additional hours may be available based upon budget and workload. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective applicants of this opportunity.

Housing: Government Quarters may or may not be available for this position. Employees seeking rental can expect a range from \$500 - \$800/month.

Position Duties

- Picking up and delivering the River Patrol and their equipment. Perform safety inspections and submit mileage reports for district vehicles and trailers; clean and fuel vehicles.
- Employee must be able to drive large vehicles towing a trailer on rough, single-lane dirt roads, and have a valid state driver's license.
- Employee assists the boat patrol employees with loading and unloading boats, supplies and equipment at the launch and take-out sites.

Grade/Series	Position Title	Duty Location	Vacancy Announcement Number	Contact
GS-0462-03 1 opening	Forestry Aid, Recreation FS2327	Challis, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Shawna Johansen 208-879-6236 sjohansen@fs.fed.us
GS-0462-03 1 opening	Forestry Aid, Recreation FS2327	North Fork, Idaho	16-TEMP-R4-0462-3REC- DT Vacancy Opens 1/28/2016 Vacancy Closes 2/03/2016	Jen Bill 208-865-2715 jenniferbill@fs.fed.us Larry Vogel 208-865-2726 levogel@fs.fed.us

Additional information

About the forest:

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 Forest 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.

For more information on the Forest or Districts, as well as Custer and the Dredge, visit the website - www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/

Challis, Idaho

The City: Challis, Idaho is located a mile high 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. Challis enjoys a dry, warm climate during the summer and fall months with daily highs averaging between 75 to 95 degrees, and nightly lows from 45 to 60 degrees. The climate in winter is ideal for snow sports, the lowest temperatures averaging from 14 to 25 degrees with occasional sub-zero readings. Annual precipitation averages around 7 inches.

Challis has a variety of shops and services including: grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, pharmacies, florists, veterinarians, auto parts, ranch supplies, sporting goods stores, bars, hardware and lumber stores, video rentals, gas stations, and other businesses that specialize in antiques, jewelry, artwork, appliances, and gifts. There is a full-service bank, a credit union, a Post Office, and a public library. For more information about the area, log on to the website - www.challisidaho.com.

The Challis Area Health Center has x-ray and laboratory facilities, an emergency room, ambulance and Life-Flight helicopter capabilities. Additional medical services are provided by specialists who regularly visit the clinic. There is a physician assistant, a dentist, an optometrist, and two chiropractic doctors. The area has 24 hour 911 and EMT service. Several hospitals are located within 60 to 200 miles. There is also a small airport with charter flights available. Three of the closest major airports are within 200 miles.

Mackay, Idaho

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.

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.

<http://mackayidaho.com/>

Stanley, Idaho

Stanley is a remote rural community with a base population of 100, located at the foothills of the awesome Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities; hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, white water rafting and kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures, and cross country skiing. The climate can be extreme. Snow may extend from November through mid-May with temperatures dropping to -20(F) degrees for a week or so in January. The area has a year round Medical Clinic staffed with an on-call physician's assistance. Major medical services are available 60 miles south in Ketchum, Idaho, or 120 miles southwest in Boise. The same distances apply for shopping for other than basic grocery items. There are several sporting goods shops and good restaurants open in the summer months.

Salmon

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. Information on the community is available at <http://www.salmonidaho.com>

North Fork

North Fork has a Post Office, small café, lodging and a small gas/convenience store. North Fork is located 24 miles north of Salmon, Idaho. The community of North Fork is built around the "North Fork Store" which also houses a post office and small liquor store. There are two hotels and a U.S. Forest Service Station. Lewis and Clark traveled through this area.

Recreation for Salmon and Challis Areas: The Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, federally protected as Wild and Scenic Rivers, 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 nearby. Challis also is within 120 miles of the world-famed Sun Valley Ski Resort. Salmon and Challis offer hiking and wilderness walks, camping and picnicking, rock hounding, prospecting, bird watching, photography, hot springs, back-country air tours, guest ranches, mining ghost towns and museums, all adding to the immense opportunity for pleasure and adventure to be had by avid sportsmen and casual outdoor enthusiasts alike.