

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

Region 4

Salmon-Challis National Forest

Middle Fork Ranger District

Trails Technician (Wilderness Ranger) GS-462-7 permanent seasonal

Reply Due: December 18, 2015

Announcement # 16-0413-204800FS-KJ



The Middle Fork Ranger District is hiring a GS-462-7 permanent seasonal Trails Technician. This position has an emphasis on Wilderness trail maintenance, facility maintenance of remote guard stations, management of the stock program, data entry for monitoring and inventory data, and oversight of field crews completing wilderness monitoring and trail maintenance.

The Middle Fork Ranger District responsible for management of approximately 1 million acres of Wilderness on the south zone of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The duty station is Challis, Idaho; a small town in the gorgeous main Salmon River valley, settled between the Lost River and Pioneer Mountain ranges.

Interested candidates should contact Liz Townley or Jay Sammer at 208-879-4100 for additional information. Please complete the attached outreach form and send it to the Middle Fork District Ranger, Liz Townley at elizabethtownley@fs.fed.us by December 18, 2015.

Government housing may be available

DUE DATE TO RESPOND:	December 18, 2015
Name of Contact:	Liz Townley, District Ranger
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Major Duties:

The major duties of this position:

- Formulates and implements wilderness project work plans in accordance with agency policy.
- Implements wilderness, and/or trail and bridge construction and reconstruction projects.
- Develops and monitors the logistics required for completion of wilderness projects and non-wilderness projects associated with trail maintenance and reconstruction, including condition surveys, developing project plans and cost estimates, and making recommendations for improvements. Implementation may involve the supervision of small crews in such activities.

- Is responsible for maintenance and care of assigned pack and saddle stock and for operation and maintenance of specialized equipment used in transport of livestock. Provides education in proper livestock minimum impact use techniques, safety procedures, and packing and saddle stock use to backcountry user groups, individuals and other agency personnel.
- Responsible for planning and completion of tasks in a variety of functional fields including wilderness management, recreation, supervision, trail system construction/maintenance, animal packing, visitor contact and education, and forest management.

Salmon-Challis National Forest

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc>

The Salmon-Challis National Forest covers over 4.3 million acres in east-central Idaho. The Forest is bordered by the Bitterroot Range on the border with Montana on the east, and to the west includes over 1.3 million acres of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon-Cobalt, Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River, Middle Fork, North Fork and Leadore Ranger Districts.

Rugged and remote, this country offers adventure, solitude and breathtaking scenery. The Forest also contains Mt. Borah - Idaho's tallest peak, the Wild & Scenic Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. 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.

South Zone

Challis/Yankee Fork Ranger District

Middle Fork Ranger District

Lost River Ranger District

The South Zone encompasses 2.7 million acres and include portions of the Middle Fork of the Salmon, Main Salmon, Pahsimeroi, Big Lost , and Little Lost River basins. The zone is home to the nine highest peaks in Idaho, hundreds of mountain lakes, and thousands of miles of streams and rivers.

Recreation is important component of public uses within the zone, including hunting, fishing, rafting, camping, hiking, horseback riding, ATV and motorcycle trail riding. A large variety of wildlife and fish occur including mule deer, elk, moose, wolves, antelope, big horn sheep, and over 20 species of fish including Chinook Salmon and steelhead.

Permitted uses include outfitters and guides, grazing, communication sites, education organizations, mining, and fire and wood timber products.



The Community: Challis, Idaho
<http://www.challischamber.com/>

The Town: 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.

Climate: 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.

Shopping and Services: Challis has a variety of shops and services including: grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, pharmacy, florists, veterinarians, auto-parts, ranch supplies, sporting goods, bars, hardware and lumber stores, video rentals, gas stations, and other businesses that specialize in antiques, jewelry, clothing, furniture, artwork, appliances, and gifts. There is a full-service bank, a credit union, a Post Office, and a public library.

Medical: 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.

Transportation: There is a small airport with charter flights available. Three of the closest major airports are within 200 miles.

Housing: There are four motels in Challis and several bed and breakfast lodgings. Housing prices range from \$60,000 to over \$200,000. Several real estate offices are available. Mobile home parks provide additional accommodations. Rental properties are typically limited.

Churches: Challis has an active church community with several churches representing a variety of denominations.

Entertainment and Activities: 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 a skateboard park, picnic pavilion, playground equipment, amphitheater, 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 Forest Service has an exercise room, and there is also a commercial gym business. 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.

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-famous 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. The Forest: Salmon-Challis National Forest



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