



## Position Outreach

### GS-460-11 North Zone Forester (Silviculture)

#### North Fork, Idaho

**Interested Applicants Please Respond to this Outreach by February 22, 2015**

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will soon be advertising a permanent GS-460-11 North Zone Forester (Silviculturist) position on the North Fork Ranger District in North Fork, Idaho. This position serves as a critical member of our North Zone and Forest Vegetation Management Team and is relied upon heavily for silviculture expertise, prescriptions, contracting, program management, planning, and supervision. This position also serves as a District Leadership Staff and Acting District Ranger when necessary. The North Fork Ranger District is currently implementing a regionally recognized 41,000 acre Healthy Forest Restoration Act project (Upper North Fork), Region 4 Above Base Fuels Projects, and partnering with local landowners and USDA to identify and implement fuels reduction projects in wildland urban interface areas utilizing Joint Chiefs Funding. Specialists on the North Zone of the Forest work closely with the Lemhi County Forest Restoration Group and other partners to collaboratively plan and develop vegetation management projects. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference on the Forest and in the community! Government housing is currently available at North Fork.

#### 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 and Scenic Salmon River and Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, white-water rafting and many other recreation pursuits. It features diverse rough topography and geology, often severe weather conditions and miles of streams with anadromous fish spawning habitat creating a highly complex land

management situation. The Forest Headquarters 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.

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### **About the community:**

**Salmon, Idaho:** Salmon is the heart of the Salmon River Valley, surrounded by three mountain ranges and situated at the junction of Idaho State Highway 28 and U.S. Highway 93 and at the forks of the Salmon and Lemhi Rivers. The city has a population of about 3200 and is the seat of Lemhi County with a population of 8000. The main industries are ranching, mining and recreation. At 4000 feet elevation, the surrounding terrain varies greatly from rolling, arid hills to steep forested slopes above 10,000 feet.

**Climate:** Salmon enjoys a dry, warm climate during the summer and fall months with daily highs averaging between 75 and 95 degrees, and nightly lows from 45 to 60 degrees. The climate in the winter is ideal for snow sports, with high temperatures typically in the 20s and lower 30s and low temperatures averaging from 14 to 25 degrees with occasional sub-zero readings.

**Shopping and Services:** Salmon is a self-contained community with a full variety of shopping, business, medical, and professional services. In addition to basic services there are a variety of specialty shops and an art gallery. Salmon also has nursing and residential care facilities, hospice, and a spectrum of social services. Also, most service clubs and associations are represented. The public library offers computer and other services.

**Medical:** The City of Salmon has a new community hospital. Local providers include physicians, dentists, optometrists, and specialist appointments on a scheduled basis.

**Schools:** A good variety of pre-schools and day care centers are available in addition to the elementary, junior high, and high school. The schools offer numerous extra-curricular activities and sports. There is also the Upper Carmen Public Charter School which provides education for K-8 students.

**Transportation:** Local Bus Transportation is provided for seniors and other citizens, in-city as well as to larger distant communities. The Salmon Airport provides charter services, is equipped with night-lights and can accommodate executive jets and other small aircraft. Several major airports are located within 160 miles at Missoula and Butte, Montana and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

**Housing:** There are six motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. Typical housing prices in town range from under \$100,000 to over \$300,000. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home starts around \$600. Several real estate offices are available. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds. **Temporary government housing is available in North Fork, Idaho.**

**Churches:** Salmon has an active church community, with fourteen churches representing a wide variety of denominations.

**Entertainment and Activities:** A wide assortment of entertainment is provided by various organizations throughout the year. The Salmon Arts Council provides high quality artistic events for the community presenting a wide range of performers in music, theater, and dance, visual art shows and sales, artist workshops, juried art exhibitions, artist-in-education residences and other programs for the local schools. Other celebrations include Fourth of July Salmon River Days, the Lemhi County Fair and Agai'Heritage Days. Salmon also has

numerous restaurants, movies theater and fitness centers. Recreation facilities include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, a bowling alley, baseball diamonds, hockey rink and outdoor community swimming pool. The Sacajawea Interpretive and Education Center provides a variety of interpretive and education programs throughout the year focused on the rich history of the 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 more than 2.4 million acres. The primitive mountain area provides diverse hunting opportunities. Fishing (trout and steelhead) is open virtually all-year. Miles of groomed trails and routes are prepared for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling while downhill skiing, ice fishing and other winter fun can be enjoyed nearby.

Check us out on the web at: <http://www.cityofsalmon.com/> and <http://salmonidaho.com/>

**North Fork, Idaho :** The North Fork District Office is located in North Fork, Idaho which is located approximately 22 miles north of Salmon, Idaho on Highway 93. The community of North Fork has a convenience store, post office, fire station, hotels, and restaurants and serves as the gateway for recreational activities on the Salmon-Challis National Forest along the main Salmon River and into Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The community of Gibbonsville is located north of North Fork on Highway 93. North Fork Ranger District employees live in North Fork, Gibbonsville, and Salmon.



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Lost Trail Ski Area and Chief Joseph Cross Country Ski Area are located approximately 24 miles north of North Fork.

<http://www.losttrail.com/>

Additional information about the Forest can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>

Check out our Forest FaceBook page too: <https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>

If you are interested in this position, please complete the outreach response form and send it to Ken Gebhardt, District Ranger **by February 22, 2016** ([kgebhardt@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgebhardt@fs.fed.us)). Feel free to call Ken at (208) 865-2731 or (208) 303-8110 if you have questions or need additional information. Interested applicants will be provided vacancy announcement information when it becomes available.

**OUTREACH RESPONSE FORM**  
**Salmon-Challis National Forest**

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**North Fork, Idaho**

**Please Respond, By February 22, 2016 to:**

**Ken Gebhardt** via email [kgebhardt@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgebhardt@fs.fed.us)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Internet Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you currently a Federal Employee? Yes** \_\_\_\_ **No**\_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, name of Agency** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Duty Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Position** (title/series/grade): \_\_\_\_\_

**Current type of appointment: Permanent**\_\_\_\_\_ **Temporary**\_\_\_\_\_

**If no, Current Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Current Employer**\_\_\_\_\_

**Eligible for Other Hiring Authority (check one), such as:**

**30% Disabled Vet** \_\_\_\_ **Reinstatement Eligible** \_\_\_\_ **Peace Corps** \_\_\_\_

**Handicap Authority** \_\_\_\_ **Other (describe)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your interest in our outreach!*