OUTREACH NOTICE

Fish Biologist
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Intermountain Region, R4
Salmon-Challis National Forest
Please Respond by November 28, 2016

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is preparing for the upcoming Forest Plan Revision effort. This notification is to inform prospective applicants of this upcoming opportunity and to determine interest in the position.

Position: Fish Biologist
Duty Station: Forest Supervisors Office, Salmon, Idaho
Tour of Duty: Leadership will determine the tour of duty based on the outreach response. **This position will be filled one of three ways: permanent full-time, temporary promotion, or detail.**
Housing: Government quarters are not available at this time.

Duties:
In the short term (first four years), this position will focus on duties as a member of the Forest Plan Revision Interdisciplinary Planning Team (IDT). As a team member, identifies issues and management concerns, supports the NEPA analysis, collects and interprets resource data, describes resource conditions, lists and interprets legal and policy guidelines, helps develop management alternatives and strategies, and provides recommendations on fishery species. Participates on teams active in monitoring or other reviews of the Land Management Plan.

In the long term, this position will provide program leadership for all fisheries (including threatened, endangered, and sensitive species) resources and management activities on the Forest. Provides leadership for program planning and budgeting for assigned resource management. Oversees budgets for current fiscal year and plans for out-year funding needs within assigned area of responsibility. Coordinates input from field units to identify attainment targets; to recommend funds for subunits; and to monitor, evaluate, and report on program accomplishments.

Provides advice to the Forest Supervisor, District Rangers, and their staffs on controversial issues and difficult problems involving fisheries management (including threatened, endangered, and sensitive species). Translates National and Regional policies and direction into Forest level programs and guidance. Incorporates information from the Endangered Species Act and associated regulations, recovery plans, conservation strategies, management plans, and habitat requirements for threatened, endangered, and sensitive aquatic species into Forest programs, plans, budgets, and direction. Recognizes sensitive and controversial issues and management concerns and develops possible solutions or responses by incorporating legal and policy direction, standards and guidelines, and current, applicable research, information, and data. Makes recommendations for evaluation and management of habitats as they relate to general Forest resource management.

Develops technical and non-technical guidelines, directives, and methods, and offers leadership for integrating habitat needs into all land and resource programs. Reviews functional programs to ensure that they are consistent with policies, strategies, and program emphasis in approved land management plans. Directs the collection and interpretation of fishery habitat data. Provides training of Districts specialists to assure the most current information is used in management of the programs. Reviews District work for technical accuracy and evaluates the effectiveness of habitat improvement projects. Provides detailed data and assists in formulating responses to administrative appeals and protests and litigation concerning assigned resources on the Forest.

Provides overall contact and coordination with the Forest Service Regional Office on the fishery programs and monitoring efforts on the Forest. Coordinates with the State fish and game agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribal entities, special interest groups, and other Federal and State agencies, Research, and various academic institutions in administrative studies, inventories, monitoring, research, and planning for fishery populations, habitat protection, and habitat enhancement. Provides overall technical guidance to the KV, Challenge Cost Shares and other partnership programs.

Transfer of Station: TOS may be authorized for this position. This will be determined based on the outreach responses received.

Contact Information: Interested applicants or those desiring further information about the position may contact Josh Milligan, Forest Plan Revision Team Leader, at jmilligan@fs.fed.us, 208-756-5299

To respond to this outreach:

- Fill out attached response form; specifically indicating which position and types of tour (permanent full-time, temporary promotion or detail) you are interested in.
- Provide a brief Resume
- Provide a narrative to include experience related to the duties as described above.

About the Forest: Visit the Forest webpage at: 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 to 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 Middle Fork of the Salmon River. The area is a highly desired destination for hunting, fishing, white-water rafting and 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 Supervisor's Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently six administrative units on the Forest: Salmon/Cobalt, North Fork, Leadore, Challis/Yankee Fork, Lost River and Middle Fork Ranger Districts.

About the Town:

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 town has a population of about 3,100 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.

Climate: Salmon 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.

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 art galleries. 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 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, optometrists, and also specialist affiliations with the Western Montana Medical Clinic.

Schools: A 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: The Salmon Valley Airport provides charter services, is equipped with night-lights and can accommodate executive jets and other small aircraft. Major commercial airports are located within 160 miles.

Housing: There are four motels in Salmon and various bed and breakfast accommodations in the surrounding vicinity. A typical three-bedroom house costs $150,000 and up. Monthly rental for a typical three-bedroom home runs around $700. Several real estate offices are available. There are also mobile home parks and two in-city campgrounds.

Churches: Salmon has an active church community, school, and fourteen 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 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, and other programs for the local schools. The Sacajawea Center offers numerous historical programs and activities. Other celebrations include the Salmon Marathon, the Spokes and Chrome Car Show, Fourth of July Salmon River Days, Lil' Britches Rodeo and the Lemhi County Fair. Salmon also has numerous restaurants, a 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.

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 waterfowl can also 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. Salmon is 40 miles south of the Lost Trail Ski Area and within 140 miles of the world-famed Sun Valley Ski Resort. Salmon offers 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. For more information on the area visit SalmonIdaho.com.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM

Fish Biologist
Salmon-Challis National Forest
Please return your completed response form by November 10, 2016

If you are interested in this opportunity and/or plan on applying for this vacancy, please return this Outreach Response Form electronically to jmilligan@fs.fed.us or mail Josh Milligan, SCNF,1206 S. Challis Street, Salmon, ID 83467.

Type of tour you would consider (PFT, temporary promotion, or detail) _____

Name:_____ Email:_____

Mailing Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

If Current Federal Employee, Agency Employed With: ____USFS, ____BLM, ____OTHER_____

If Current Federal Employee, Type of Appointment: ____Perm ____Temp ____Term
____VRA ____PWD ____Other

Current FS Employee, Region/Forest/District:_____

Current Series and Grade:_____

Current Position Title:_____

Please briefly describe your qualifications/interest for this position:_____
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If you are not a current permanent (career or career conditional) employee, indicate if you are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities:

_____Person with Disabilities
_____Veterans Readjustment
_____Disabled Veterans with 30% Compensable Disability
_____Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998
_____Former Peace Corps Volunteer

_____Other _____

How did you learn of this vacancy? _____

Thank you for your interest and response!