

**OUTREACH NOTICE**  
**USDA Forest Service**  
*Salmon-Challis National Forest*  
*Forestry Aid and Forestry Technician*

The Salmon-Challis National Forest will shortly be filling seasonal fire positions. The purpose of this Notice is to inform interested individuals prior to filling the positions.

**About the Position**

**Series/Grade:** Forestry Aid – Suppression GS-3, Forestry Technician - Handcrew GS-4

**Title:** Forestry Aid - Suppression, Forestry Technician – Handcrew

**Location:** Mackay, Idaho

**Tour of Duty:** Late May or June 01 thru September 30

**Housing:** There are government quarters available.

**Duties:** Serves on crews performing duties in fire prevention and suppression. Performs prescribed burning crew duties in order to reduce fuel hazards and disease, while protecting wildlife. Lays or directs hose in the use of water. Moves dirt, chops brush, and fells small trees to build fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, and McLeods to control spreading wildland fire and/or to prepare lines prior to controlled burning. Chops, carries, and piles logging slash. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spots that may threaten loss of control of the fire. Cleans, reconditions, and stores simple fire tools and equipment. Employees will perform basic duties in support of fire, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research programs, projects, or activities. These positions are primary fire positions and taking and passing the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the arduous level is a condition of employment. The arduous WCT consists of a three mile hike, within forty-five minutes, while carrying a forty-five pound pack. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid State Driver's License.

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

**A little bit about announcement numbers:** Announcement numbers are specific alpha-numeric links to the job for which you're applying. An example of an announcement number is: 14-TEMP110415-003791MG-DT. You can use an announcement number to search for jobs in USA Jobs, but they do have to be EXACT, so searching keywords or series will give you more comprehensive search results. Once you log into USA Jobs look for positions by entering the "series" (0462 for fire and 3502 for camp crew seasonal jobs) or "job title" (HANDCREW, HELITACK, ENGINE, FUELS, LABOR-ER) in the Keyword Box. You can use "refine your results" on the left side of the page and choose "Agency" (Dept. of Agriculture), "Grade" (3 for entry level), and "Work Type" (Temporary=seasonal). The results will show multiple positions. Either look under or click on the job title to view the specifics of that position. The most critical descriptors will be the series/grade & job announcement number. Contact the hiring manager to confirm announcement numbers.

1. Go to [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)
2. If you are a first time user you will have to create a profile or login using your current USAJobs login information.
3. Click on: RESUME. Enter your information to build a resume or up-load your own.
4. After your resume is ready, you can apply for jobs. Find jobs by searching for any of the following parameters:
  - a. Specific pay grade range
  - b. Series specification - 0462
  - c. Job title: Handcrew, Engine etc.
5. Select Position you wish to apply for:
  - Example: Forestry Aid (Fire)
  - Forestry Tech (Engine)
  - Forestry Tech (Firefighter)
6. You can save jobs you have found in your search— up to 25.
7. Make sure the Announcement number is EXACT and you choose the correct duty station—or you have not applied to the correct job and will not show up on the applicant list.
8. Follow the steps to complete the online application, being sure to read each question carefully and answering completely.
9. Submit your application and check back from the home page under "Application Status".

**\* USA Jobs REMINDERS \***

- ❖ Print and save all login usernames and passwords for your future use.
- ❖ Saving your information does not mean you have applied for a job - only that you have a profile and have entered application information.
- ❖ MAKE SURE you click on the apply button to submit your application.
- ❖ Enter or update all required questions and resume information.
- ❖ Make sure to apply for ALL GS levels you may qualify for, even if it's a lower GS level than you would like to ensure you certify on the hiring list.
- ❖ Each position or grade level you are applying for requires a separate application - one application for the same position at different locations.

**\*\*DO NOT alter your application after the deadline\*\***

If you have any questions please contact the hiring supervisor or your local recruiter.

<b>Projected Openings</b>	<b>Pay-Plan Grade</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Duty Station</b>	<b>Announcement Number</b>	<b>MR#</b>
Forestry Technician (Fire)	GS3	0462	Mackay, ID	15-TEMP-R40462-3-FS-DT-PM	FS-3867
Forestry Technician (Handcrew)	GS4	0462	Mackay, ID	15-TEMP-R40462-4-HS-DT-PM	FS-2036

**Employment Requirements:**

U.S. Citizenship  
Valid Driver's License  
At least 18 years old (when reporting to work)  
Negative Drug Testing  
Pass Work Capacity Test (pack test)  
Complete Basic Fire School - once hired

**Physical Training:**

Physical training and conditioning is a must prior to starting a job as a wildland firefighter. At least one hour each workday is devoted to physical training. All employees must take and pass a Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the Arduous level as a condition of employment.

This "Pack Test" consists of:

- \* 3 mile hike carrying a
- \* 45 pound pack completed in
- \* 45 minutes or less

**Forest Contacts:**

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**WHEN TO APPLY:**

These jobs will be posted on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) Suppression GS-3 01/21/15 through 01/27/15. Handcrew GS-4 1/14/15 through 1/20/15 respectively. **During this time period is the only time you will be able to apply for these jobs.**

## **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 Office is located in Salmon, Idaho. There are currently seven 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, visit the website - [www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sc/)

## **The Lost River Ranger District**

The Lost River Ranger District covers over 800,000 acres of National Forest System Lands in the Big and Little Lost River Valleys. The district hosts the 19 tallest peaks in Idaho, including all 9 of the peaks over 12,000 feet. Mt. Borah, Idaho's tallest peak at 12,662 feet is located on the district. There are over 40 high mountain lakes on the district, most in the Pioneer Mountains. The district has 6 developed campground and 1 group campground which is available by reservation only. The City of Mackay is very small with a population of approximately 600. There is a grade school and high school, a grocery store, several cafes, two banks, a clothing store, a variety store, a gift shop, several salons, health clinic, auto parts store, lumber yard, three bars, three motels, golf course and two gas stations. Housing prices range from \$50,000 to over \$100,000. Real estate offices are available. There are several churches; LDS, catholic and community. For more information about the area, log on to the website [www.mackayidaho.com](http://www.mackayidaho.com).

***Recreation for Mackay and Challis Areas:*** The Salmon River and the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, federally protected as Wild and Scenic Rivers, are renown for white-water rafting, kayaking, floating and jet boating. Outfitter and guide services are offered and both Mackay and Challis 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 and Mackay are

both close to the world-famed Sun Valley Ski Resort. Mackay 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.

## **Idaho**

The territory of Idaho was established in 1863 and became the nation's 43rd State in 1890. It has topography of incredible diversity including lava fields and 1.5 billion year-old rock cliffs. Within Idaho's 83,000 square miles are more than 200 mountain peaks of 8,000 feet or higher, as well as North America's deepest gorge, Hells Canyon. It is the most heavily forested of the Rocky Mountain States and its name, "Gem State," is derived from the fact that more than 80 varieties of gemstones are found within its borders. The low cost of living and the high quality of uncrowded serenity and beauty make everyday life in Idaho something to be treasured.

***Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy!***