

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

Region 4

Salmon Challis National Forest

South Zone

Zone Fire Management Specialists (Fuels Planner) GS-401-11 PFT

Announcement Number

Merit: 15-FIREOCR-401DFUEL-11G

Demo: 15-FIREOCR-401DFUEL-11DP

One Position - Reply Due: March 12, 2015



The Fuels Program on the South Zone of the Salmon-Challis National Forest is looking for a new Fire Management Specialist to be the program manager for a proactive fuels program with the vegetation group on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. The South Zone Fuels Program is responsible for Forest Service related fuels management activities on the southern portion of the Salmon-Challis National Forest. This area covers approximately 2.7 million acres and includes the Challis-Yankee Fork, Lost River, and Middle Fork Ranger Districts. Two duty stations are available for this position, Challis or Mackay, ID.

Interested candidates should contact the David Morris for more information. This vacancy announcement will be using the “open continuous roster” process, which means an announcement for those interested in the position is open continuously on USAJobs, and you should apply now. *We anticipate requesting a referral list on March 13, 2015, so please have your application completed by March 12, 2015.*

Government housing may be available

DUE DATE TO RESPOND:	March 12, 2015
Vacancy Announcement Numbers:	15-FIREOCR-401DFUEL-11G
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Major Duties:

The major duties of this position:

- Management of the fuels program including supervising permanent and seasonal employees.
- Preponderance of duties in NEPA/vegetation management analysis and serving or leading interdisciplinary teams.
- Maintains awareness of technological developments in wildland fire science and related disciplines. Collects information through a variety of methods, including field surveys, computer modeling, and specific literature searches. Stays abreast of state-of-the-art computer modeling software and scientific methods to support fire use, air quality, and fuel treatment planning and applications.
- May serve as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) on fuels management contracts and be responsible for the preparation of contract specifications and performance measures.
- Works directly with and supports other Forest programs including: fish, fire, hydrology, range, recreation, timber, and wildlife.
- Processing data and preparing specialist reports for other discipline's projects.
- Building strong working relationships with internal and external partners while building strong collaborative teams to achieve desired work on the ground.
- This is a covered secondary fire position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d).

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 steelehead.

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



Challis, Idaho

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

Challis sits along the Salmon River at an elevation of 5,072 feet and has a population of 1,081. The climate of Challis is relatively cool and dry. The average low in the winter is about 10°F and the average high in the summer is about 90°F. The average annual precipitation is 7.4 inches and average annual snowfall is about 15 inches. Challis is near the Salmon River and is also the gateway to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, so outdoor experiences are some key highlights of life in Challis. The community has amenities similar to Mackay, plus being the county seat, also has the court house. Events occur almost year round and include fishing derbies, festivals, Braun Brothers Concert Weekend, rodeos, golf tournaments and more. Most services not available in Challis are available in Idaho Falls, which is about 150 miles away; Boise, which is about 160 miles away; or Missoula, Montana, which is about 180 miles away.

Mackay

<http://mackayidaho.com/>

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.