



Position Outreach and Vacancy Announcement

North Zone Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire and Fuels)

Vacancy Announcement: 15-FIREOCR-401DFUEL-11G

Duty Station North Fork, Idaho

Apply by: April 21, 2015

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is currently seeking candidates to fill a GS-401-11 North Zone Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire and Fuels) position with a duty location in North Fork, Idaho. The position serves the North Fork, Salmon-Cobalt, and Leodore Ranger Districts. We anticipate requesting a referral list after April 21, 2015. When applying, please use the **15-FIREOCR-401DFUEL-11G** vacancy announcement and select the **North Fork, Idaho as the duty station**. **Interested applicants should apply for this position by April 21, 2015.**

About the Position

This position is responsible for managing the North Zone prescribed fire, fuels, and smoke management programs and is integral to the North Zone Vegetation Management Team on the North Fork, Salmon-Cobalt, and Leodore Ranger Districts. The position also serves as a District leadership staff for the North Fork Ranger District. With implementation of the Upper North Fork HFRA Ecosystem Restoration Project being one of the Forest's priorities and a growing fuels program, we're looking for energetic candidates with good program management, planning, and fire skills who enjoy collaborating with local partners. Skills in program and fuels management, planning, burn plan preparation, fire, contracting, agreements, FACTS, and budget.

Series/Grade: GS-401-11
Title: North Zone Fire Management Specialist (Prescribed Fire and Fuels)
Duty Station: North Fork, Idaho
Tour of Duty: Permanent- full time
Housing: Government housing may be available

APPLY BY:	April 21, 2015
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Major Duties:

The major duties of this position include:

- Management of the prescribed fire and fuels program for the North Zone of the Salmon-Challis National Forest including supervising permanent employees.
- Building strong working relationships with internal and external partners while building strong collaborative teams to achieve desired work on the ground.
- Participates in the development, review, and modification of the fire and vegetation management plans. Develops, reviews and monitors fuels management/burn plans. Works closely with other resource specialists to integrate vegetation management project designs in fuels program direction.
- Serves as a team leader and/or member of an interdisciplinary team planning, developing, and implementing land management plans, compliance documents, and agreements. Provides input and recommends strategies for fuels and fire management.
- Provides professional expertise in the development and implementation of multiple resource objectives. Develops fuels treatment alternatives to support management decisions while adhering to applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines.
- Provides assistance to other resource program managers in the design of fuels management prescriptions and implementation plans. Provides information on fuels management methods to enhance, restore and protect ecosystems.
- Prepares wildland fire risk assessments incorporating wildland/urban interface considerations into all agreements, operating plans, and land and fire management plans, to ensure that all interface areas are covered and state and local responsibilities are apportioned appropriately.
- Participates in the development of cooperative agreements to facilitate multi-agency projects.
- Implements and administers prescribed fire activities, fuels management, and wildfire activities to ensure targets are achieved, management objectives are met and mitigation measures are adequate. Monitors fire behavior, evaluates fire effects, identifies potential problems and takes appropriate action.
- Participates in preparedness reviews, proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and after action reviews.
- Serves as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) on fuels management contracts and may be responsible for the preparation of contract specifications and performance measures.
- Supports wildland fire suppression activities as qualified.
- This is a covered secondary fire position description under the provisions of 5USC 8336 (c) and 8412 (d).

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.

Check us out on the web at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/scnf/home>

About the communities:

Salmon, Idaho

The City: 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 and senior high schools. The schools offer numerous extra-curricular activities and sports.

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.

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 Sacajawea 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 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 :<https://www.facebook.com/salmonchallisnf>

If you are interested in additional information about this position, please contact:

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