

Salmon-Challis National Forest, Idaho

Recreation, Wilderness, Rivers and Trails

2012 Temporary Jobs



Listed below are temporary (three to six month) employment opportunities for the 2012 field season. A variety of jobs are available in Recreation, Wilderness, Rivers and Trails. The final number and types of positions filled will depend on staffing needs and budget.

We recommend that you apply as soon as possible, as hiring will begin in February and March.

How to Apply

These positions will be advertised under Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcements. You must apply through Avue Digital Services at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html>

Only on-line applications will be accepted.

Some of these positions may be filled using the Student Temporary Employee Program (STEP). **Contact the Supervisors directly to be considered for this program.**

These jobs are located in **Challis, Clayton, Leadore, Mackay, North Fork and Salmon, Idaho**. When applying, you must select these AVUE locations to be considered.

Questions about a specific position or office location should be directed to the contact for that position. Not every position will have government housing available.

For assistance with the AVUE application process contact:

- AVUE Help Desk at 1-800-407-0147
- Albuquerque Service Center-Human Capital Management at 1-877-372-7248

Visit the Salmon-Challis National Forest on the web at: www.fs.fed.us/r4/scnf



Helping our visitors enjoy their National Forest

Developed Recreation

Positions: GS-5, GS-4

These employees are the “face” of the Forest Service and will spend most of their time providing public service in developed recreation sites. This work includes:

- 8 Sharing information about recreation opportunities, explaining rules and collecting fees.
- 8 Construction and maintenance chores, and rehabilitating recreation areas and facilities.
- 8 Backroad driving - employees must have a valid state driver’s license.
- 8 Performing safety hazard analyses of public recreation use areas involving hazard tree inspections, campground safety and/or water testing.

Duty Station/Avue Location	Job Title	Contact	Contact Phone	Vacancy Announcement*
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-4-REC-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Mackay, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Melissa Fowler	208-588-3407	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Mackay, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Melissa Fowler	208-588-3407	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Salmon, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Ken Rogers	208 756-5200	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Salmon, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Ken Rogers	208 756-5200	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jen Bill	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Leadore, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jeff Slagg	208 768 2500	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Russ Camper	208-879-4136	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT

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Wilderness GS-4, GS-5, GS-6

The Middle Fork and North Fork Ranger Districts are responsible for administration of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

The Wilderness Ranger's primary job is to protect the wilderness resource through the education of visitors to the area. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- U Routine trail maintenance including log-out, and cleaning and installing waterbars and checkdams using traditional tools.
- U Patrol lakes, trails, and camp locations within the wilderness to ensure that visitors understand and abide by the rules and regulations. Clean up around lakeshores, campsites, and trailsides as necessary.
- U Act as an interpreter to the public, becoming familiar with the trails, trees, flowers, rocks, wildlife and wilderness practices.
- U Assist in wilderness monitoring and restoration projects.

Wilderness Rangers live and work in the backcountry, isolated from towns. Possible duty station is in the remote back country. To access the remote duty stations employees will need to use their personal vehicle.

A valid State driver's license is required, individuals must pass the fire work capacity test and have excellent backcountry horsemanship skills including packing and riding. Wilderness work is strenuous. **It is not a backpacking vacation.** Wilderness Rangers work ten days in a row and then have four days off.. Wilderness Rangers are required to carry heavy backpacks through steep, uneven, rocky terrain in all kinds of weather.

Duty Station/Avue Location	Job Title	Contact	Contact Phone	Vacancy Announcement*
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-4-WLDN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-4-WLDN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-5-WLDN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-5-WLDN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-6-WLDN-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	Geoff Fast	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-4-WLDN-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician Wilderness	Geoff Fast	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-5-WLDN-DT

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River Checkers– GS-03, 04, 05

These employees are responsible for working with large crowds of excited boaters who are preparing to enter the Wilderness. The selected individuals will work at remote locations which serve as gateways to the Middle Fork of the Salmon and the Main Salmon Wild Rivers. To access the remote duty stations employees will need to use their personal vehicle.

- } Sharing river rules and natural history are a big part of these busy jobs, so these employees should have finely tuned people skills.
- } The incumbent must have the ability to multi-task and be detail oriented.
- } Applicants must have experience resolving visitor complaints with tact and work in a team environment.

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Challis, ID	Forestry Aid	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT
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Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-5-WLDN-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jen Bill	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-4-REC-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jen Bill	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-4-REC-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jen Bill	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-4-REC-DT
North Fork, ID	Forestry Technician - Recreation	Jen Bill	208 865 2700	OCRT-462-5-REC-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-4-WLDN-DT

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River Shuttle Driver – GS-03

This is a part time position, picking up and delivering the River patrol and their equipment. Employee must be able to drive large vehicles towing a trailer, and have a valid state driver's license.

- } Employee assists the boat patrol employees with loading and unloading supplies and equipment at the launch sites.

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Challis, ID	Forestry Aid	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT

River Patrol - GS-06.

“Wilderness Rangers with a boat”, the river patrol crews work within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness contacting a variety of commercial and private boaters. A valid state driver’s license and First Aid training are important for these positions.

- } Advanced whitewater boating skills and swift water rescue are essential in the River Patrol positions.
- } Naturalizing campsites, performing rescues, sharing navigational information and making sure river users understand the rules of the river are all important skills used daily by these employees.
- } These employees will be answering questions, giving directions and working with visitors and employees in the remote river canyon.
- } Individuals working on the river patrol crew can expect to perform their duties in a variety of weather conditions ranging from intense heat and sun to extreme cold with rain and snow.

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Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-6-WLDN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Wilderness	John Haugh	208-879-4106	OCRT-462-6-WLDN-DT
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Trails GS-3, GS-4, GS-5

Trail crew members work in some of the most spectacular country in Idaho. The work includes travel, overnight camping on site and employees must have a state driver's license. The selected individuals will be accomplishing trail maintenance in a wide variety of settings.

- Ê For the positions at North Fork, the selected individuals need to have excellent backcountry horsemanship skills including packing and riding.
- J For positions at Challis, the selected individuals need to be proficient in operating motorized trail equipment and have a motorcycle endorsement.

All trail crew members will be working to complete trail maintenance/construction projects. Skills include:

- cleaning and repairing waterbars,
- constructing trail tread and repairing trail structures
- clearing logs and debris from trail surfaces.

Some of the trail crews work in the backcountry, isolated from towns. Trail work is strenuous; often working out of spike camps for the whole "hitch" of 8-10 days. **It is not a backpacking vacation.** Crewmembers should be prepared to carry heavy backpacks through steep, uneven, rocky terrain in all kinds of weather.

Duty Station/Avue Location	Job Title	Contact	Contact Phone	Vacancy Announcement*
Challis, ID	Forestry Aid	Philip McNeal	208-879-4197	OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT
Challis, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Philip McNeal	208-879-4197	OCRT-462-4-TRAIL-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Aid	Philip McNeal	208-879-4197	OCRT-462-3-GEN-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Philip McNeal	208-879-4197	OCRT-462-4-TRAIL-DT
Clayton, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Philip McNeal	208-879-4197	OCRT-462-5-TRAIL-DT
Salmon, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Jim Upchurch	208 756 5200	OCRT-462-5-TRAIL-DT
Salmon, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Jim Upchurch	208 756 5200	OCRT-462-5-TRAIL-DT
Salmon, ID	Forestry Technician - Trails	Jim Upchurch	208 756 5200	OCRT-462-5-TRAIL-DT

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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. The Supervisors 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 a complete description of the Forest, including photos, see our WEB PAGE:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf/>.

The Communities:

Challis, Idaho is located a mile high in the mountains of central Idaho. The city has a population of approximately 900 and is the seat of Custer County which has a population of 4,300. Challis 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. There are a variety of shops and services including grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, etc and there is a full-service bank, credit union, Post Office, and a public library. For more information about the area, log on to the website - www.challischamber.com.

North Fork has a Post Office, small café, lodging and a small gas/convenience store. North Fork is located 24 miles north of Salmon, Idaho. The community of North Fork is built around the "North Fork Store" which also houses a post office and small liquor store. There are two hotels and a U.S. Forest Service Station. Lewis and Clark traveled through this area.

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 city has a population of approximately 3,000 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. Information on the community is available at <http://www.salmonidaho.com>