OUTREACH NOTICE

Position Title :	**Engineering Equipment Operator**
Number of Positions:	**2 to 3 Positions**
Opportunity Type:	**Vacancy Announcement**
Organizational Unit :	**R4 – Boise National Forest**
Series :	**WG – 5716**
Grade :	**8**
Tour of Duty:	**1039 Seasonal (Temporary)**
Duty Station:	**Boise, Idaho**
Primary Contact :	**Rich Young, Engineering Equipment Operator Supervisor, 208-384-3247**

Position and Workload: The Forest Road Crew not only performs road maintenance and repairs, road improvements and upgrades, but also works on a wide variety of projects for other forest resources. This includes campground and trailhead upgrades, and other miscellaneous projects for Range, Recreation, Fisheries, Hydrology, and Silviculture.

Duties: Operates a large backhoe/loader at a journeyman level, performing road maintenance activities in steep, mountainous terrain. Uses backhoe to excavate trenches and install culverts. On occasion operator will excavate to grade stakes. Cleans debris from culvert ends, and operates front-end loader to pick up material and load into a dump truck. Removes brush and debris from roadway. Operates dump trucks, water trucks, and truck/trailer combinations up to 80,000 GVW in support of other equipment operators. These trucks have non-synchronized transmissions with up to 13 forward speeds, and have air brakes. The operator must know proper techniques for loading heavy equipment onto an equipment trailer, and know how to safely secure and transport it. Performs operator inspections and maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Monitors fluid levels, tire pressures, and hose connections. Replaces filters and defective light bulbs, completes preventive maintenance service records, and reports any major problems to supervisor.

***Responsibilities*:** The Engineering Equipment Operator will be required to follow oral instructions or written work orders concerning the location of the job and the work to be done. The work maybe performed without direct supervision. The operator should be able

to assess the work site, understand what operations must be done to begin, be able to plan and organize the work operations in an efficient manner, execute, and complete the job. Incumbent maybe responsible for the leadership, safety, and work production of at least one other lower grade Equipment Operator or Motor Vehicle Operator. Leads by example on how to perform work; sets work pace; demonstrates proper work methods; insures that adequate materials, tools, etc., are available; provides safety equipment and insures that the team member(s) abide by safety rules; corrects unsafe acts on the spot; maintains written records of work in progress, and informs supervisor of problems encountered in the field. **Must possess a valid state Commercial Driver's License.** This position requires drug testing. Let us know if you have a Forest Service certification as a sawyer.

Performs other duties as assigned. Cutting, trimming, trees and brush, sign installations, digging, pounding, hand tools, and other road maintenance support duties.

***Physical Effort*:** Strenuous work conditions due to the operation of large pieces of equipment that require frequent adjustments under adverse operating conditions. Moderate physical effort in reaching, bending, turning, or moving hands, arms, feet, and legs. Exerting moderate physical effort in the frequent handling of objects weighing up to 50 pounds, and occasional handling of heavier objects while loading cargo, with assistance of other workers or weight handling equipment.

***Skill and Knowledge*:** The position requires the ability to operate one or more types of heavy equipment to excavate, grade, or level earth to rough specifications on trails, roads, or construction sites. Moves earth on mountains, steep slopes, graded curves and shoulders rocky or soft ground or hilly forests. Grades surfaces, compacts soils or rolls to exact specifications on flat or rolling terrain. Operates close to buildings trees, drop-offs, and rocks.

The position will report to the Engineering Equipment Operator Leader, WL 5716-10 or the Engineering Equipment Operator Supervisor, WS 5716-10. The incumbent will work as a team with other Engineering Equipment Operators and Motor Vehicle Operators in the field as needed. The incumbent will be required to camp out 3 to 4 nights per week in a Government provided trailer and would be shared with at least one other employee. A daily per diem rate will be paid. The position is temporary, not to exceed 6 months. The position will be full time during the 6 month period. This is an outstanding team to work with! The team is hardworking, dedicated, and fun!

About the Forest: The Boise National Forest includes about 2,612,000 acres of National Forest lands located north and east of the city of Boise, Idaho. Intermingled within the Forest are 348,000 acres of land either privately owned or administered of by the State of Idaho, or other federal agencies. The Supervisor's Office is located in Boise, Idaho, with district offices located at Emmett, Mountain Home, Lowman, Idaho City, and Cascade, Idaho.

To Respond: For more information regarding these positions, contact Rich Young at 208-384-3247 or email at ryoung01@fs.fed.us.

The positions will be advertised in USAJOBS and AVUE websites under the job series and location. FOLLOW THE HOW TO APPLY SECTION CLOSELY.

Job Announcement number is: OCRT-5716-08-OPTR-DT.

A qualified applicant list will be pulled April 2, 2012.

The start date for this position is tentatively set for May 7, 2012.