



OUTREACH

GS-401-11 Developed/Dispersed Recreation Program Manager SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST, IDAHO

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area is seeking interest in a full-time permanent position to be located either in Stanley, Idaho or Ketchum, Idaho. The position will be advertised under the USDA Forest Service Demonstration Authority and the Forest Service Merit Promotion System. If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity, please complete the outreach response form located below and send it to jtimm@fs.fed.us by close of business April 2, 2012. Be sure to indicate if you are interested in either the Stanley office duty station or the Ketchum office duty station. The position will spend most of the time during the late spring to late fall months working out of the Stanley Ranger Station, but the remainder of the year can be at either location. For additional information on this position or location information, please contact Sawtooth NRA Area Ranger, Joby Timm at (208) 727-5020 or Deputy Area Ranger, Barbara Garcia at (208) 774-3034.

Frequently in the spotlight, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (Sawtooth NRA) receives over 600,000 visitors annually. The staff at the Sawtooth NRA continually strives for superior stewardship through sound landscape practices and respectful relationships. The Sawtooth NRA is a congressionally designated area and has special legislation (PL 92-400) that guides its management.

Duties: This position will be a key leadership position on a recreation and lands team that has responsibility for all aspects of these programs including the planning, programming, budgeting, directing, supervision and performance of technical duties. The recreation and lands team on the Sawtooth NRA includes 15 permanent positions and a temporary workforce that fluctuates in size with budgets.

The Sawtooth NRA has a campground concessionaire permit that manages 35 campgrounds, 3 boat ramps, 8 day-use areas, and 3 RV dump stations. Forest Service crews maintain an additional 42 developed recreation sites including boat launches, picnic areas, trailheads, developed dispersed campsites, scenic overlooks, rest areas, interpretive sites, and river access sites. There are several large CIP projects (campground and road reconstruction) as well as numerous smaller grant projects that will need to be implemented over the next 2-5 years that are currently planned and funded. In addition, there are over 200 special use permits.

There are approximately 1,000 front-country dispersed campsites and the team's responsibilities include implementing a complex set of mitigation measures relating to all recreational pursuits along the Salmon River. These measures are in place to improve Chinook Salmon and steelhead spawning habitat.

The position will also oversee management and work with staff to administer all aspects of the 217,000 acre Sawtooth Wilderness.

In addition, this position will oversee the unit's river-based outfitters and guides (four floatboat permits and four walk and wade angling permits) and land-based outfitter and guides (seven packing/hunting, one mountain biking, two backcountry skiing, one snowmobiling, and one filming). It will also oversee the unit's road management program (seasonal road closures, signing, coordination with C&M crews and Forest Engineering staff, and act as the liaison between the Sawtooth NRA and the Idaho Department of Transportation), and be responsible for developing and managing the unit's OHV program as well as management of the winter recreation program in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin.

Staff responsibilities will include participating with the Sawtooth NRA's recreation staff (there are 15 permanent staff working in the field of recreation on the Sawtooth NRA), Rangers (the Sawtooth NRA has an Area Ranger based out of our Headquarters office and a Deputy Area Ranger stationed in Stanley), and other resource specialists in developing and implementing policies, short and long-range plans, and programs for the accomplishment of resource activities on the unit. Interaction and coordination with Forest level and adjacent unit recreation staff and permittees will also be required.

Landscape Stewardship: This job offers an excellent opportunity to learn the complexity of the largest National Recreation Area in the National Forest system, look at the big picture, and improve the "working" environment and ecosystems. Many

challenges await the successful applicant to balance the needs of this beautiful and fragile environment with the growing demands of our recreating public.

Build Strong Relationships: Respectful and solid working relationships are the key to successfully managing the recreation program on the Sawtooth NRA.

Communication skills are vital to sustaining a very high level of public contact, involvement, and partnerships designed to maintain strong community ties and develop positive relationships between central Idaho communities, our permittees, recreationists, and the public land we manage.

- Maintain cooperative relations with local, county, other state and federal agency representatives, civic groups, cooperators, permittees, volunteer groups and the general public.
- Accomplish Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights requirements, goals, policies, and objectives.

ABOUT THE Sawtooth NRA: The Sawtooth National Recreation Area has two offices: the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters (HQ) six miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley, and the Stanley Ranger Station located near the town of Stanley, 60 miles north of Ketchum/Sun Valley in the heart of the Sawtooth Valley.

The Sawtooth NRA is a unique place operating under its own legislation--Public Law 92-400--as well as Forest Service directives. We manage 779,000 acres of land with designated (217,000 Sawtooth Wilderness) and proposed wilderness, heavily used developed sites, water and land based recreation, timber, grazing and mining programs and administer 91 conservation easements which protect over 86% of the private land within the Sawtooth NRA from further development (these easements and the regulations supporting them are unique to the Sawtooth NRA and were created under Public Law 92-400). Threatened and Endangered species habitat management and compliance with the ESA involves all operations on the Sawtooth NRA and is a critical component in the management of recreation sites and activities on the Sawtooth NRA.

THE STANLEY COMMUNITY: Stanley, Idaho, is a remote rural community with a base population of 100, located at the foothills of the spectacular Sawtooth Mountains. It is known for its excellent recreation opportunities: hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, hunting, mountain climbing, white water rafting and kayaking, snowmobiling, snowshoe adventures, cross-country and backcountry skiing. If you are into winter recreation, Stanley offers up some of the best.

Stanley offers a good school for grades K-8. Higher grades commute via the Salmon River Scenic Byway (Highway 75) to Challis, Idaho, approximately 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours (in good weather) each way. There are no year round day care facilities available in Stanley at this time and babysitters are also in short supply.

Stanley has a year round Medical Clinic staffed with an excellent physician's assistant. Most major medical services are available 60 miles south in Ketchum, Idaho, or 140 miles south in Twin Falls or Boise, Idaho.

The same distances apply for shopping (clothes, groceries, hardware...just about everything other than basic food items). During the summer, Stanley offers several sporting good shops, hotels, resorts, and restaurants. From November through April, however, services are reduced to a couple of small grocery stores, two gas stations, a couple of hotels, and two restaurants.

During the winter, the climate in Stanley can be extreme. Snow may extend from mid-October through mid-May with temperatures dropping to -40(F) degrees for a week or so in January and February (average January low is -2). The star-filled evenings and sunshine-filled winter days help make up for the extremes in temperature, even on those days where the high only reaches 0 degrees. Spring is relatively short lived and brings with it lots of soggy ground, mud, and retreating snow drifts, along with the promise of warmer days to come. Our spectacular summers extend from approximately mid-June through Labor Day with stunning arrays of color from our native flowers and visitors that arrive by the thousands each day. Daytime highs rarely reach 90 degrees; although it is fairly common to have nighttime temperatures drop near freezing on any given night. The growing season in Stanley is approximately 30 days. Fall colors begin by mid-September and are generally lost by mid-October when the first flakes of winter once again line the valley floors. Fall is a time to cut firewood, hunt, hike, fish, and relax a little after the hectic summer period. Stanley frequently enjoys warm sunny weather (50 - 70 degrees) well into October.

Rentals in the local community are generally small and scarce. The price of homes to purchase is quite high (lots are around \$150K with homes starting around \$350K and up). **There is government housing available at the Stanley Ranger Station with rent currently ranging from \$375 to \$600 per month depending on unit.**

THE KETCHUM COMMUNITY: Ketchum, Idaho, is a resort community located in the heart of the Wood River Valley. The growing communities of Hailey and Bellevue are located 10 and 13 miles south of Ketchum, respectively. The area is known for its outstanding scenery and climate, as well as an unlimited number of recreation opportunities. Popular summer activities include whitewater rafting and kayaking on area rivers mostly on the Sawtooth Valley (Stanley side), backpacking, mountain biking, motor biking, climbing, trout fishing, hunting, and camping. Winter recreation includes skiing at Sun Valley's Bald Mountain Ski Area, backcountry skiing, nordic and skate-skiing on extensive trail systems, and snowmobiling. In addition to outdoor pursuits, the resort setting brings in a host of cultural events not normally found in small towns, including summer symphonies, jazz series, and arts festivals. Summertime temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees on the National Forest, but winter lows routinely dip below zero.

Schools are considered exceptional in the Wood River Valley for grades K-12. The area is also served with a regional hospital and most types of physicians. Shopping for all necessary goods can also be done in the valley. Larger services are available in Twin Falls (1.5 hours south) or Boise (3 hours west). The cost of living in the Valley is considered high, although prices of homes have dropped considerably in the past few years. Prices are extremely high in the north end of the valley but moderate somewhat towards the southern end. **There is NO government housing available at the Sawtooth NRA Headquarters location.**

MORE INFORMATION: If you are interested in living in this incredible environment and ready for the challenge of a lifetime, please submit the following outreach interest form to Joby Timm, Sawtooth NRA Area Ranger, at e-mail: jtimm@fs.fed.us or fax 208-727-5029. For further information about this position, you may email Joby at the above address or call him at (208) 727-5020; or email Barbara Garcia, Deputy Area Ranger, at bagarcia@fs.fed.us or call her at 208-774-3034.

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OUTREACH INTEREST FORM

GS-401-11 Recreation Program Manager, Sawtooth National Recreation Area

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GOVERNMENT AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS ___ BLM ___ OTHER ___

TYPE OF CURRENT APPOINTMENT: PERMANENT ___ TEMPORARY ___
TERM ___ OTHER ___

CURRENT AGENCY/REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

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- ___ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- ___ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- ___ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- ___ OTHER _____

Please indicate the location you would most be interested in:

- ___ SAWTOOTH NRA HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE OF KETCHUM, ID
- ___ SAWTOOTH NRA –STANLEY RANGER STATION, STANLEY, ID
- ___ I AM INTERESTED IN THE POSITION AT EITHER LOCATION

Completed form should be e-mailed to: jtimm@fs.fed.us or faxed to (208) 727-5029, or mailed to
Sawtooth National Recreation Area, 5 North Fork Canyon Road, Ketchum, ID 83340

No Later Than April 2, 2012

Thank you for your interest in our vacancy.

