



## Fuels Crew Member Recruitment Notice Salmon-Challis National Forest North Fork, Idaho



This temporary seasonal position is part of Crew 7, a 10 person crew that supports the fuels, timber, silviculture and fire programs that work out of North Fork, Idaho. North Fork is a remote district on the Salmon-Challis National Forest of central Idaho. The surrounding area is adjacent to the vast Frank Church Wilderness and is extremely mountainous and sparsely populated. Outdoor recreational opportunities are virtually endless. The community of North Fork sits at 3,831 feet with a population of approximately 30 people. Originally a mining and timber town, recreation (primarily rafting, hunting, and fishing) and the local Forest Service are what now support the economy. The closest full service community is Salmon, Idaho located 22 miles to the south with a population of over 3,112 people and plenty of amenities especially during the summer months. Government housing may be available in bunkhouses located in North Fork and there are opportunities to rent in the town of Salmon.

As part of Crew 7, individuals gain experience in many aspects of forestry, fuels and fire programs. This crew supports the bulk of the field work for the North Zone and its projects include but are not limited to timber stand marking for timber sales, marking boundaries for thinning/fuels reduction contracts, executing field plots for silvicultural objectives, using hand and power tools to reduce slash and prepare prescribe burn units, felling and clearing hazardous trees and assisting with fire suppression as needed. The North Zone of the Salmon-Challis is rugged and the majority of the job consists of hiking and driving in mountainous terrain in all weather conditions. Individuals are expected to work as part of a cohesive crew while executing a variety of field based projects. Individuals will also have the opportunity to complete all necessary trainings to obtain a red card and be available for initial attack on the local forest or potentially for a national fire incident. If the crew is called to a national incident, individuals would be committed to work on a fire for up to 21 days at a time, at 12 -16 hours a day. Successful completion of the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the arduous level is required in order to obtain a red card. The arduous WCT consists of a three mile hike, within forty-five minutes, while carrying a forty-five pound pack. Availability for fire assignments will depend on the priorities and progress of project goals as well as fire staffing needs.

This position is a unique opportunity to gain experience in forestry management, field work and wildland fire within the US Forest Service. Duties may include but are not limited to timber marking, stand exams, fuel inventory, piling brush, thinning small trees, hazard tree removal, wildland fire suppression, prescribed burning, facilities work, and compound maintenance. Candidates must be in excellent physical condition to respond the physical demands of the job and should be comfortable living and working in remote areas.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid State Driver's License. Interested individuals can apply through: [www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com).

**Apply to the following vacancy numbers:**

TEMPOCR-0462-03-GEN-DT (Forestry Aid - General - GS-0462-03)\*

TEMPOCR-0462-4-FUELS-DT (Forestry Technician - Fuels - GS-0462-04)\*

TEMPOCR-0462-5-FUELS-DT (Forestry Technician - Fuels - GS-0462-05)\*

TEMPOCR-0462-5-TSP-DT (Forestry Technician - Timber Sale Prep - GS-0462-05)\*

**\*Be sure to choose North Fork, Idaho for the duty station.** For specific questions about the position email Dan Bill, Crew 7 Supervisor, at [dbill@fs.fed.us](mailto:dbill@fs.fed.us).