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OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENT

GS-0462-04/05 SEASONAL 1039

THE SALMON HELI-RAPPEL MODULE ON THE SALMON / CHALLIS NATIONAL FOREST IS PLANNING TO FILL MULTIPLE HELITACK 1039 SEASONAL FIRE FIGHTER POSITIONS.

THE POSITIONS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE SALMON RAPPEL MODULE FROM MAY TO SEPTEMBER OR LATER OF EACH YEAR. THIS NOTIFICATION IS BEING CIRCULATED TO INFORM PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND HOW TO APPLY.

ABOUT THE POSITION

SERIES/GRADE: GS-0462-04 AND GS-462-05

TITLE: SEASONAL

DUTY LOCATION: SALMON-COBALT RANGER DISTRICT, SALMON, IDAHO.

TOUR OF DUTY: 1039

HOUSING: THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AVAILABLE.

HELITACK FIREFIGHTER DUTIES

THE INCUMBENT SERVES AS A FIREFIGHTER ON A 41 PERSON RAPPEL CREW, PROVIDING AERIAL AND GROUND SUPPORT IN THE SUPPRESSION OF WILDLAND FIRES. OPERATES RADIOS, TELEPHONES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION FOR FIRE WEATHER AND OTHER FOREST SUPPRESSION AND/OR PROJECT ACTIVITIES, COMPILES PAYMENT SHEETS FOR MILEAGE, SPECIALIZED FIRE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS AND WILL ENSURE THAT TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE.

THE INCUMBENT WILL PERFORM DUTIES IN FIRE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION, PRESCRIBED BURNING CREW DUTIES IN ORDER TO REDUCE FUEL HAZARDS AND DISEASE, WHILE PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND ASSIST WITH FIRE DISPATCH THROUGH OPERATION OF RADIOS, TELEPHONES, AND OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION FOR FIRE WEATHER AND OTHER FOREST SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES.
LAYS OR DIRECTS HOSE IN THE USE OF WATER. MOVES DIRT, CHOPS BRUSH, AND FELLS SMALL TREES TO BUILD FIRELINE USING VARIOUS HAND TOOLS SUCH AS AXES, SHOVELS, PULASKIS, AND MCLEODS TO CONTROL SPREADING WILDLAND FIRE AND/OR TO PREPARE LINES PRIOR TO CONTROLLED BURNING. CHOPS, CARRIES, AND PILES LOGGING SLASH. SEARCHES OUT AND EXTINGUISHES BURNING MATERIALS BY MOVING DIRT, APPLYING

WATER BY HOSE OR BACKPACK PUMP. PATROLS FIRELINE TO LOCATE AND EXTINGUISH SPARKS, FLARE-UPS, AND HOT SPOTS THAT MAY THREATEN LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE FIRE. CLEANS, RECONDITIONS, AND STORES SIMPLE FIRE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT.
THIS POSITION PARTICIPATES IN WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING ACTIVITIES. BASED ON THE TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED, TAKING AND PASSING THE **WORK CAPACITY TEST** AT THE **ARDUOUS LEVEL** IS A **"CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT"**. THE ARDUOUS FITNESS (PACK) TEST CONSISTS OF A THREE (3) MILE HIKE, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES, WHILE CARRYING A FORTY-FIVE (45) POUND PACK.

TO APPLY:

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBERS:

OCRT-462-4-HLTK-DT

OCRT-462-5-HLTK-DT-REL2

THIS IN AN OPEN CONTINUOUS VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING FOR THE POSITION ON THE USAJOBS WEBSITE AT WWW.USAJOBS.COM. THOSE WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION MUST APPLY TO THE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT BY JANUARY 2, 2013 (SELECT SALMON AS THE DUTY STATION) AND ATTACH A CURRENT IQCS MASTER RECORD TO THEIR APPLICATION IF APPLYING FOR THE GS-4 OR 5 POSITIONS.

CONTACTS

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSITION PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AT TOP OF ANNOUNCEMENT.

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 & 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 CREATING A HIGHLY COMPLEX LAND MANAGEMENT SITUATION. THE FOREST SUPERVISORS 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. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOREST OR DISTRICTS, VISIT THE WEBSITE- WWW.FS.FED.US/R4/SC/

ABOUT SALMON, IDAHO (WWW.SALMONIDAHO.COM)

THE CITY: 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 3,100 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. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY AND AREA, VISIT THE WEBSITE – WWW.SALMONIDAHO.COM

CLIMATE: SALMON 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. THE CLIMATE IN WINTER IS IDEAL FOR SNOW SPORTS, THE LOWEST 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 ART GALLERIES. SALMON ALSO HAS NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES, HOSPICE, CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND A SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL SERVICES. MOST SERVICE CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARE REPRESENTED. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS COMPUTER AND OTHER SERVICES, AND THERE ARE TWO INTERNET ACCESS PROVIDERS.

SALMON HAS A MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WITH ELECTED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND IS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE CITY POLICE, COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL FIRE STATION.

UTILITIES THAT SERVE THE CITY ARE THE IDAHO POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND THE CENTURY TELEPHONE OF IDAHO INC.

MEDIA INCLUDE AN AM/FM RADIO STATION, SATELLITE AND CABLE TV AND THE WEEKLY RECORDER-HERALD NEWSPAPER.

MEDICAL: THE CITY OF SALMON HAS A LOCAL 30-BED COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AFFILIATED WITH THE MAJOR HOSPITAL OF MISSOULA, MONTANA, AND PROVIDES LIFE-FLIGHT HELICOPTER, EMT, SEARCH AND RESCUE UNITS, PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS, OPTOMETRISTS, AND ALSO SPECIALIST AFFILIATIONS WITH THE WESTERN MONTANA MEDICAL CLINIC.

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, AND STRIVE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CREATIVE, ATHLETIC, AND SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

TRANSPORTATION: CART BUS TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED FOR SENIORS AND OTHER CITIZENS, IN-CITY AS WELL AS TO LARGER, DISTANT COMMUNITIES. TAXI SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. THE SALMON VALLEY AIRPORT PROVIDES SCHEDULED COMMUTER FLIGHTS AND CHARTER SERVICES, IS EQUIPPED WITH AN INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM AND CAN ACCOMMODATE EXECUTIVE JETS AND OTHER SMALL AIRCRAFT. MAJOR COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS ARE LOCATED WITHIN 160 MILES.

HOUSING: THERE ARE FIVE MOTELS IN SALMON AND VARIOUS BED AND BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE SURROUNDING VICINITY. HOUSING PRICES RANGE FROM

APPROXIMATELY $50,000 TO OVER $150,000. MONTHLY RENTAL FOR A TYPICAL THREE-BEDROOM HOME RUNS AROUND $700. SEVERAL REAL ESTATE OFFICES ARE AVAILABLE, SOME WITH NATIONAL AFFILIATIONS. THERE ARE ALSO MOBILE HOME PARKS AND TWO IN-CITY CAMPGROUNDS.

CHURCHES: SALMON HAS AN ACTIVE CHURCH COMMUNITY, A CHRISTIAN BOOK AND GIFT STORE, SCHOOL, AND FOURTEEN CHURCHES REPRESENTING A LARGE 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, ARTIST-IN EDUCATION RESIDENCES AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOLS. OTHER CELEBRATIONS INCLUDE FOURTH OF JULY SALMON RIVER DAYS, LIL' BRITCHES RODEO, LEMHI COUNTY FAIR AND IDAHO COWBOY POETRY GATHERING. SALMON ALSO HAS NUMEROUS RESTAURANTS, MOVIE THEATER, AND A FITNESS CENTER. RECREATION FACILITIES INCLUDE A NINE-HOLE GOLF COURSE, TENNIS COURTS, BOWLING ALLEY, BASEBALL DIAMONDS AND AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL.

RECREATION FOR SALMON AND CHALLIS AREAS: THE SALMON RIVER AND THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON RIVER 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 2.4 MILLION ACRES. THE PRIMITIVE MOUNTAIN AREA PROVIDES SPECTACULAR HUNTING (WHITE-TAILED AND MULE DEER, ELK, BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN GOATS, BEAR, MOOSE, AND COUGAR). MANY SPECIES OF GAME BIRDS AND ALSO WATERFOWL CAN BE FOUND. FISHING (TROUT AND STEELHEAD) IS OPEN VIRTUALLY ALL YEAR. MILES OF GROOMED TRAILS AND ROUTES ARE PREPARED FOR CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWMOBILING WHILE DOWN-HILL SKIING, ICE FISHING AND OTHER WINTER FUN CAN BE ENJOYED NEARBY. SALMON AND CHALLIS OFFER HIKING AND WILDERNESS WALKS, CAMPING AND PICNICKING, ROCK HOUNDING, PROSPECTING, BIRD WATCHING, PHOTOGRAPHY, HOT SPRINGS, BACK-COUNTRY AIR TOURS, GUEST RANCHES, MINING GHOST TOWNS AND MUSEUMS, ALL ADDING TO THE IMMENSE OPPORTUNITY FOR PLEASURE AND ADVENTURE TO BE HAD BY AVID SPORTSMEN AND CASUAL OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS ALIKE.