



Summer Employment Opportunity

Weed Management Technicians

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Weed Management Program is looking for qualified, interested individuals to fill temporary seasonal (maximum employment period of six months) Weed Management Technician positions. The following positions will be stationed at either the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District based in Salmon, Idaho or the Middle Fork Ranger District based in Challis, Idaho.*

- 3 GS-2 Forestry Aid (General) Positions**
- 4-5 GS-3 Biological Aid (General) / Range Technician Positions**
- 6-8 GS-4 Biological Technician (Plants) / Range Technician Positions**
- 4 GS-5 Biological Technician (Plants) / Range Technician Positions**
- 2 GS-6 Biological Technician (Plants) Positions**

Position Duties

- Perform weed control activities as part of Salmon-Challis National Forest weed management crews. Weed control consists primarily of herbicide applications, but also includes mechanical control methods and collection and placement of biological control agents.
- Identify weed species and native plants.
- Identify and collect biological control agents.
- Conduct weed inventory: mapping and data collection using commercial grade handheld computers/GPS receivers and GIS software.
- Perform quality control checks, download and process weed control and inventory data using several databases and various software.
- Operate four-wheel drive vehicles and ATV's, haul trailers and operate spray equipment.
- Travel using a variety of equipment and vehicles, including 4WD pickups, ATV's, pack and saddle stock, rafts and jetboats, small aircraft, etc.
- Perform routine equipment and calibration checks and perform basic maintenance on a variety of weed control equipment, including 4WD pickups, ATVs, backpack pumps, etc.
- Assist with implementation monitoring (Did we do what we said we would do?) and effectiveness monitoring (Were our treatments effective in controlling weeds?) in riparian and upland plant communities using a variety of techniques.

Do I Qualify?

- The pay grade at which a technician is hired depends on your experience and credentials.
- You must be in good physical condition and able to carry up to 40 pounds in steep, unstable terrain on a daily basis.
- Additional Qualifications for federal employment are addressed during the application process.

Strong Applicants Possess:

- A valid state driver's license
- A professional Idaho herbicide applicator's license OR a license from another state which has a reciprocity agreement with Idaho.
- Experience and an excellent safety record for operating 4-wheel drive pickups, ATV's, and pulling equipment trailers.

How do I Apply?

These positions are being filled through an open, continuous, on-line application process. There is no deadline for applying; however, interested individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 22nd**. The application process can take some time, so please plan accordingly to provide a complete application.

You must apply through USAJOBS. Only on-line applications are accepted. Applicants can go to www.usajobs.gov and enter the position title (listed below) under "Search Jobs" then click "Search". Click on the "Position Title" link and an "Apply Online" button will become available for creating a profile and applying to the job. ***Be sure to specify Salmon, Idaho and/or Challis, Idaho as the duty location.***

The following nationwide positions are available for your application:

TEMPOCR-0462-2-GEN-DT

TEMPOCR-0404-03-GEN-DT

TEMPOCR-0455-03-RANGE-DT

TEMPOCR-0404-4-PLANTS-DT

TEMPOCR-0455-4-RANGE-DT

TEMPOCR-0404-5-PLANTS-DT

TEMPOCR-0455-5-RANGE-DT

TEMPOCR-0404-6-PLANTS-DT

It is strongly recommended that you visit with the Salmon-Challis National Forest Weed Management Program Leaders before you apply. For more information, contact:

Salmon, Idaho – Diane Schuldt at dschuldt@fs.fed.us. Telephone – 208-756-5249

Challis, Idaho – Tom Gionet at tgionet@fs.fed.us. Telephone – 208-879-4116

*Note that there is no Forest Service housing available in Salmon Idaho. Employees will be required to find their own housing. Rental rates in Salmon generally range from \$500 - \$800/month. Government housing maybe available in Challis, ID on a first come first serve basis, slots are limited. The cost for government housing in Challis is approximately \$250/ month.

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